

How to use the supplementary resources

We have provided video clips and slides to illustrate key points in slide design and presentation techniques that are described in *Presentation Skills for Scientists*. This includes exercises that can be used to deal with specific problems such as nervousness and poor articulation.

The speakers in the video clips present different parts of a single short talk based on one typically delivered at a conference. We have adhered to the basic principles of presentation design that we cover in the book, and have tried to make the terminology and layout as realistic as possible despite the obvious fiction of the subject matter. It is important to note that while the presentation material will be unfamiliar to those who are not molecular biologists, the design and delivery concepts behind it are applicable to all scientists whatever their discipline.

Navigation of the resources

We have provided pdf files (slides and text) and video files presenting good and bad presentation techniques. These are sectioned under the headings of *Content*, *Example talk*, and *Exercises*.

Content

Static images used to illustrate different aspects of slide design. This section contains subcategories that deal with background colours and effects, fonts, graphics and simple examples of builds.

Example talk

Video clips of speakers delivering parts of a short presentation and dealing with questions as specified by the submenu. Each item is presented as a “Bad” presentation and a “Good” one. As the video proceeds, specific comments are displayed in the overlaid text boxes. Some items contain video files of specific exercises that are designed to remedy some of the poor techniques shown in the bad presentations.

This section also contains links to the slides and complete script of the presentation used by the speakers. The slides are overwritten with comments highlighting particular aspects of their design and layout of material.

Exercises

Video clips of speakers demonstrating a range of exercises to help correct common problems encountered with presenting in public. These are breathing and muscle relaxation exercises to control nerves, and word exercises to improve articulation and variety in the voice.