

Training sessions by Principiæ

Thank you for your interest in Principiæ's training activities.

To give you a first idea of what we do, this compact overview presents our range of formats and their respective budgets, lists our current topics and possible formats for each of them, and sums up over 35 years of experience all over the world.

Needless to say, do not hesitate to contact us for more details or with any question you have. Let us know how we can help.

A range of formats

Fees listed here include all costs, but not tax—or travel expenses. In the European Union, we must add Belgian VAT unless the client has a valid intra-Community VAT number (and is outside Belgium). Elsewhere, we may need to gross up our fees in case of withholding.

For sessions followed by practice, you must add €1000 for copies of our book for all participants. For all other sessions, books are optional (list price: €80 per copy).



Lectures

2 hours (recommended) 50 to 500 attendees Interaction in Q&A only

€4000 per lecture

Workshops

½ or 1 day per topic 15 to 25 participants Interactive, customized

€6000 for half a day €8000 for a full day

Practice

An individual homework and one-on-one tutorial or ½ day per subgroup

€3000 per subgroup of ideally five participants

Our lectures are a time- and cost-effective way to motivate, educate, and entertain large audiences. By raising awareness, they help attendees open themselves to change and eventually develop new skills. They are perfect for groups of at least 50 and time slots of two hours (our preference) or less per topic. When gathering attendees in the same room is not an option, we deliver lectures remotely through our own Zoom account.

Our workshops are interactive, customized learning events: directed discussions based on the participants' experience and, when relevant, on samples (papers, slides, graphs, etc.) sent in advance. This approach is effective and appreciated: it is strongly rooted in the participants' reality, self-adapts to their current level, accommodates inhomogeneous groups, and makes for an engaging and pleasant learning experience. Our workshops work best for groups of 15 to 25 participants and durations of either half a day or a full day for each topic.

Individual practice—the ideal way to sharpen one's skills—is the perfect complement to our workshops for best results. Participants thus criticize and rewrite/redraw texts or graphs, or prepare and deliver oral presentations in small groups. For each exercise, they receive detailed personal feedback from the instructor and, if relevant, from other participants (who learn just as much, even if differently, from observing).

Our current topics

and possible formats for each of them

Half-day workshop
Full-day workshop
Practice in subgroups
Homework with tutorial

Over the years, we have also run sessions on gender stereotypes, effective meetings, teaching/learning, and statistical thinking. We're always willing to revisit these topics and to consider new themes upon request.

The classics

Oral

Written

Visual

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Making the most of your presentation Structuring and delivering presentations Creating effective presentation slides Delivering your presentation remotely

Structuring your research paper Clear, accurate, concise writing

Creating effective research posters Conveying messages with graphs Our flagship topic—always a good choice Each of these covers half of the above topic for a half-day workshop or in-depth lecture Delivered as a remote lecture—of course

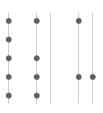
A powerful device to share and to network

The missing piece of the puzzle for most

The macrostructure
The microstructure

of documents

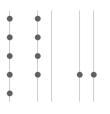
More on communication



Persuading other people
Getting the message across
The three laws of communication
Visual structure for rational minds
Communicating science to nonscientists

Getting our requests accepted more readily
A transversal approach valid for all media
A simple but solid conceptual basis for life
Layout for pages, slides, posters, graphs
Bridging the gap—not betraying the facts

Professional development



Everyone's favorite mistakes

Networking for researchers

Working efficiently during your PhD

Creating an effective curriculum vitæ

Doing it my way: creating your own career

Critical thinking through valid reasonings Demystifying networking for the like of us Managing what is desirable and achievable CVs for the different stages of one's career Jean-luc's reflections on his unusual path

Over 35 years of experience



Our various topics and training approach have broad appeal, resulting in a highly diverse client base. Universities remain a major segment for us, because grad students and postdocs mostly produce papers, talks, and posters (and must prepare for their further careers), but also because of a high turnover. Research institutions are similar: we were invited at CERN in Europe, TRIUMF in Canada, NASA in the US, to name a few. The corporate world regularly calls upon our services, too, with clients such as Apple, ENGIE, GSK, J&J, and Warner Bros.

> Dr Doumont is a popular speaker with audiences of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, not to mention faculty. So far, he has been invited to address them on 200+ campuses in 33 countries. He visits many campuses yearly, especially in the US, where he already delivered several hundred lectures at top-notch universities and research institutions.

In over 35 years of activity, we ran over a thousand sessions, from simple lectures to multiple-day programs, in Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas, mostly in English, but occasionally also in Spanish, French, or Dutch as needed. As further recognition of our unique expertise, we are often invited to deliver keynote addresses or facilitate workshops at conferences for such organizations as AAAS, OPTICA, SPIE, and the European Patent Office, not to mention student events.

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