

The IMSUT International Joint Usage/Research Center held its second Online English Seminar Series in the summer of 2021

The IMSUT International Joint Usage/Research Center (IMSUT IJURC) launched its Online English Seminar Series in 2020 with the aim of helping graduate students and young researchers to communicate their research results to the international scientific community. The instructor was Associate Professor Philip Hawke of the University of Shizuoka, who is also an English instructor at IMSUT and a specialist in the teaching of scientific English skills.

The three-day seminar series focused on three themes: Presentations, Oral Communication and Writing. These themes were selected by Prof. Hawke as areas of particular importance for learners of scientific English in Japan, based on his nearly 25 years of experience as an English teacher. In each seminar, Prof. Hawke gave a one-hour lecture with the materials he had prepared for this seminar series.

Associate Professor Philip Hawke
of the University of Shizuoka



In the Presentations seminar held on June 25, participants learned practical tips for improving the effectiveness of their English research presentation. Prof. Hawke advised the participants to clearly state the importance of their research, to use simple grammar and phrasing, and to put more information in their slide titles. He also highlighted the importance of practicing presentations repeatedly out loud, as correct pronunciation, stress, and intonation are the keys to intelligible oral communication in English.

Online English Seminar Series 2021

Hosted by IMSUT International Joint Usage/Research Center Project

Online via Zoom

1st	6/25 Friday	13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improving slide design and research storyScript writing, pronunciation, and performanceDiscuss your own presentation with others
2nd	7/2 Friday	13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation Q&A survival skillsDiscussion strategiesSelf-introductions and conference reception chat
3rd	7/9 Friday	13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structure and grammar patterns of academic papersEditing tense, collocations, and articlesAcademic emails and CVs

Individual Consultation Session

In each seminar, the Main Session will be followed by an optional 1-hour Individual Consultation Session in which participants can ask Prof. Hawke questions about their own presentations, speaking, and writing.

New!

Registration Free

Intended for Graduate students/researchers who belong to IMSUT or who are associated with the joint research organization of the project adopted by the IMSUT International Joint Research Project interested in learning and who have **intermediate to advanced scientific English communication skills.**

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Application Form

In the Oral Communication seminar on July 2, Prof. Hawke introduced tips on giving effective self-introductions, on handling Q&A sessions well, and on networking effectively with other researchers at conference receptions. Participants were split into Zoom breakout rooms to practice their self-introductions and work on small group activities.

The Writing seminar on July 9 covered the basics of writing academic papers, such as verb tense, word collocation, and grammatical articles. As many English learners have a particularly hard time in

understanding the difference between “a” and “the” and in using these articles properly, Prof. Hawke outlined the key article patterns to help participants grasp fundamental usage principles and gave participants quizzes to help them practice article usage.

This year, for the first time, individual consultation sessions were also held after each seminar, offering participants an opportunity to seek advice from Prof. Hawke on their English studies directly. During these one-on-one sessions, participants shared their screens with Prof. Hawke to receive advice on slide design, vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation, as well as tips on various other subjects such as how to convey an appropriate tone in emails and how to be friendly in an overseas working environment.

Feedback on the seminar from the participants, who ranged in experience from doctoral students to full professors, was very positive. The IMSUT IJURC office received numerous comments such as “It was very valuable because the seminar specialized in scientific English in medical fields”, “I was able to improve my presentation slides”, and “Prof. Hawke’s seminar materials were easy to understand”.

The next session of the 2021 Online English Seminar Series will be held between September and December. As the individual consultations were very much appreciated by this session’s participants, including requests for additional private sessions, the next Seminar Series will consist solely of individual consultations sessions. Participants will be able to book one-on-one sessions with Prof. Hawke at a variety of dates and times.

Details of the next sessions of the 2021 Online English Seminar Series and how to apply will be announced soon.