Week 9: Oral presentations I - The basics:

Instructor’s Outline:

Talking the Talk: Effective oral presentations
Sean’s powerpoint presentation which includes topics such as Understanding your audience, Achieving focus (preparing for a talk), and Tips on giving a talk.

Important Tools when starting to prepare an oral presentation: (20min)

“How To” Tool (20 min)

Hints & Tips

Presentation example of a graduate students talk (20min) from third year graduate students (Baudouin and Tina) – then have the students discuss the things that the students liked/disliked like as well as the things that could be changed.

Refreshment Break (15min)

Discussion Talk on "Effective Presentations"

Katinka’s powerpoint presentation which includes topics such as Oral communication basics, Preparation and delivery, Designing effective slides, and Concluding summary remarks on preparation (keep it simple, Clarity, and Printing - color, large format).

The Great Debate: Preparation
Assign teams and give the students the rules and topics for the debate, which will be held the following week.

Reading assignment for the students
Read chapter 10 in Graduate Research-A Guide for Students in the Sciences