

TALK NERDY TO ME – A SCIENCE COMMUNICATION BOOTCAMP 13 and 14 October 2020, Goslar, Germany

Background

The [EIT RawMaterials Academy](#), together with RWTH Aachen University and TU Clausthal, is organizing a communication bootcamp and workshop – Talk Nerdy To Me (TNTM). TNTM will take place on 13 and 14 October 2020 (with arrival on 12 and departure on 15 October) in Goslar, Germany.

TNTM is for **PhD students and researchers carrying out research in raw materials and its related disciplines and fields**, such as (but not limited to) functional materials, materials sciences, mining engineering, the engineering sciences, geology, metallurgy and other related disciplines and fields. **Registration is open to both EIT RawMaterials partner universities and non-partner universities.**

We know that the current situation with COVID-19 makes events like this uncertain. However, we know that the nature of this event means the benefits for you, in terms of learning and networking, are increased when we can meet in person. That's why we remain positive and will try to keep this event as a physical meeting if we can. Of course, we will monitor the situation regularly and keep you updated on any developments – and if it turns out to be impossible to hold it in its usual format, we will offer a virtual solution. For now, we hope you will save the date and can look forward to TNTM in the autumn!

TNTM – What is it?

TNTM will be a 2-day communication bootcamp and workshop where you will learn how to effectively communicate and present your research to different target groups – e.g. policymakers, your peers in the scientific community and private funding organisations – thereby increasing the impact of your research.

The format of TNTM will be a mix of plenary training modules and interactive break-out sessions in smaller, more focused groups. The training will be led by experts providing tips and the do's and don'ts on body language, vocal cadence and how to capture and maintain the interest of your audience.

During the break-out sessions, there will be a strong emphasis on interaction with your peers in the smaller groups. In your groups you will learn how to apply the communication tools and tips from the plenary modules to your own research, have the opportunity to practice using them and obtain feedback from facilitators and TNTM participants. One of the results arising from the break-

out sessions will be updated presentations and pitches of your own research customised to different target groups.

How to secure a spot at TNTM?

Registrations are open until **24 May 2020, 23:59 CET**. All registrations will be reviewed by the TNTM Organizers; a maximum of 40 can be selected. The Organizers will aim to balance the participants so that the entire value chain and geographical locations are represented.

Those who are selected will be informed by **29 May 2020** and they will have to confirm their participation by **5 June 2020, 23:59 CET**. After that date, participants will receive next steps on transportation and logistics.

How much does it cost?

There is no registration or participation fee.

Accommodation will be provided by the EIT RawMaterials Academy for three nights – 12-14 October 2020. Your hotel room will be reserved by the Organizers and payment made directly by the EIT RawMaterials Academy to the hotel.

Your food costs – breakfast, lunch and dinner – will be paid for by the EIT RawMaterials Academy starting from dinner on 12 October 2020 until (including) lunch on 14 October 2020.

Travel costs from your location (within Europe) to reach Goslar will also be covered by the EIT RawMaterials Academy. Those who have been selected will receive a communication on next steps for booking their flights/trains and payment of the travel grants.

Register now!: <https://eitrm.eu/joinTNTM2020>

Click the link or scan the QR code to apply for a place at Talk Nerdy To Me 2020. There are 16 questions and it should take you max. 15 minutes to complete the application.



Any questions?

Do not hesitate to contact us!

Kind regards

The Talk Nerdy To Me Organizers,

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What do last year's participants say?

Goran Stojanoski



Goran is an PhD student and project assistant at the Chair of Automation, University of Leoben, Austria. His PhD thesis is on the topic 'Numerical methods for optimal control of hydraulic systems', dealing with different optimal control methods which will improve the performance of mining machines.

"I really liked the programme of the event and the opportunity to improve my presentation skills. I was very interested in presenting my work to many colleagues who do not work in my field of study and to receive constructive feedback. I expected to meet many new people and network-and I would say that TNTM is great for networking! I would like to point out the support and time we received for working on the packaging and presenting our research. All the experts and people who worked on this event were very encouraging and supportive. I also learned some very useful skills that gave me a different perspective for preparing my future presentations. If you are willing to improve your general presentation skills, meet many new people, have fun and outside of the box learning experiences, this is the right event for you. I personally enjoyed the experience and would definitely recommend this event to any student".



Camila Segura



After finishing her Master's, Camila is working independently as an external environmental consultant, where she meets new clients and communicates daily.

"I was enthusiastic about learning more about communication skills and interpersonal relations which I consider very useful. I liked the content of the sessions. The trainers explained how to interact with the public, and manage the pressure of being in front of an audience. They also provided us with useful tips about communication and presentation. I also liked the fact that TNTM was not only related to one specific field but different ones with different approaches. This allowed me to meet new people and gain their perspectives of the topics we worked on during the group activities. During the group work phases we learned to coordinate our opinions and to present a product in a short period of time by mutual agreement, a process that was not always easy. We had the chance to meet people from different fields, countries and perspectives. We had a lot of fun during the process and I assure you, you will too!"

