

Lecture Review

Yesterday, we reviewed your conference abstract submissions; fundamentally judging them on the basis of how they presented their topic to the audience. This was done by comparing each submission to published abstracts in various disciplines as well as to the other submitted abstracts. The reviewed process highlighted the importance of editing before submission. Special attention was given to the difference between English editing and editing for physics. In particular, we discussed the pros and cons of using an editing/translation service for English writing assistance.

Relevant Websites

<http://www.quicktranslate.com/univcoop/>
<http://journals.aps.org/prl/50years/timeline>

Homework Four

We now are going to move into the explanation phase (we've completed assessment) of the class. What I'd like from you by next week is the following. **In no less than 200 words, but no more than 300, explain to me your dissertation topic. In detail, I want to know the background of your research (*who and why*), your research theme (*what*), an assessment of your current research progress (*how*), and what you expect to find/conclude (*expectations*).** Please make all effort to edit for English grammar and spelling before submission, using your previous homework as guides. If you wish to use the on-line editing resource discussed in class and lack funds, you may contact me for assistance.

Submission is to be done electronically (either MS Word or PDF), via OCW, no later than 12:00 Tuesday, 17 May.

For Next Class

For 18 May, please make sure to bring your laptop and journal notebook. We will review your 17 May submissions, focusing on what questions are generated by your written explanation of your dissertation topic.

(If you have any problems accessing the above websites or videos, please let me know).