

Guidelines for the Oslo-Tromsø joint seminars

The people working at the Hylleraas Centre conform two communities differing on the main focus of their work – method development and applications. Within these two communities, people with different backgrounds work on diverse topics. These two communities are not completely separated and there are already collaborations in place. With the aim of expanding these collaborations, this document recommends a set of guidelines that shall make the seminars more accessible to the whole Hylleraas Centre.

Introduction:

- Put the research in context, in the widest possible framework; give the ‘big picture’.
- Introduce the key concepts and tools that will be relevant in the discussion of the results – what is standard and well-known in your field, might be completely unknown by most of the audience.

Results and Discussion:

- Avoid too much technical detail – most people will not be interested anyway.
- Avoid going too deep – most people will get lost.
- Show both positive and negative results – this can stir discussions that may help you to solve problems.

Conclusions and Perspective:

- If you work in method development – Which applications do you envision for your methods?
- If you work in applications – Which methods can be used to increase the quality of your research or to solve puzzling problems?

Timing: In most Fridays only one time slot is used – In this case, 20 minutes is probably too short for a presentation satisfying these guidelines. Consider using more time, but keep it within a limit of 40 minutes, including 5-10 minutes for questions and discussion.