

1. Talk timing and content

Talks are typically 20 minutes long followed by 5 minutes questions. They should be addressed to graduate students at different levels of training in RNA biology. A general introduction with emphasis on the importance of the topic of the research and its potential impact is encouraged. The RiboClub encourages all speakers to be innovative with their titles and try to convey the message in a funny or interesting way that may resonates with students at different levels of training. Talks will be broadcast across Canada and as consequence the speakers are encouraged to use the computer mouse rather than the pointer when they refer to their figures and slides. Talks should be stored in a USB memory card and will be uploaded to the main computer used for the video broadcast. The session hosts will ensure that all talks are clearly presented and encourage discussions after each talk. Recording the presentations is prohibited to encourage the use of unpublished data. All data shown in the RiboClub should be treated as confidential. Please, arrive at least 15 minutes before the session starts to load and test your presentation. Please, let the session host know as soon as you arrive. If you present from a remote site, you are invited to practice the presentation few days before the session to be sure that the remote connection works correctly. You also need to connect at least 30 minutes before the session.

If you have any question about logistics of the presentation, please contact Leandro Fequino Leandro.Fequino@USherbrooke.ca.

2. Practical advice to prepare your PowerPoint presentation

- Keep the design very basic and simple. It should not distract.
- Use a simple and readable font like: Times New Roman, Garamond, Verdana or Helvetica.
- The font size used should be at least 32 points.
- Consistently use the same font face and sizes on all slides.
- Colors used should be sober.
- Make a brilliant choice: match colors for design and good contrast to highlight your message.
- If you want to play with colors, keep it easy on the eyes and always keep good contrast in mind.
- Do not use a dark background, a plain and light background is recommended.
- Keep your pages simple, sober and uniform.
- Avoid dark animations, sound transitions and visual effects.