WORKSHOP: PRESENTATIONS LIVE AND THROUGH THE WWW

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ABSTRACT: How to create a better presentation, supported with slides? This skill is applicable in situations like presenting a conference paper, teaching in general and library instruction in particular, proposing a research topic or a budget, and public speaking in general.

How to create slides by using only word processing software and a printer? Using the more dedicated program to create and maintain series of slides for presentations, Microsoft PowerPoint, in its most recent version (2000), you can

- create slides to support live presentations (of course),
- print these for distribution as a printed book or as more simple take-away handouts,
- make these also accessible through a web (an intranet or the WWW),
- In the web version of the presentations, active hyperlinks can be included easily and these can be checked by Microsoft Frontpage, together with the other parts of the web site.

The complexity of this type of software is growing. Hints and advice can be offered based on experience with these tools in the creation of educational materials in the areas of information technology and information retrieval, all included in a web site of more than 100 MB, with thousands of files and hundreds of hyperlinks, in teaching a course on this subject for postgraduate students in ecological marine management

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You can find the most recent version of slides used in my presentation ABOUT presentations, in the format of a Microsoft PowerPoint 97 / 2000 show (.PPS file) online at http://www.vub.ac.be/BIBLIO/nieuwenhuysen/courses/chapters/present.pps