

## Overview of the workshop programme

# English pronunciation for non-native scientists

## How to make yourself better understood

**Target group:** PhD candidates

Communication of ideas is of paramount importance in the academic world today. If you have some issues with your pronunciation in English, it can be problematic communicating successfully.

But this means identifying your own pronunciation problems and working on them to advance your communicative competence. What a fantastic difference if, as a result of this, you can make yourself easily understood.

In this two-day workshop the participants explore the sounds of the spoken English language to learn how to use it correctly. They identify their pronunciation problems and work on their individual issues in the academic context. Using a systematic and practical approach with simple exercises [and a lot of fun] participants will be able to improve their spoken English as well as confidence and ability. The workshop contents are:

- >> Basics of pronunciation:  
Breathing
- >> How individual sounds are made:  
Get those mouths moving
- >> From individual sounds to connected speech:  
Why do sounds change?
- >> Phonetics:  
An aid to your pronunciation
- >> Stress and intonation:  
How it affects meaning
- >> Tools of the trade:  
Limericks, tongue-twisters and other such silliness
- >> Pronunciation:  
My next steps

Three to six months later this workshop can be followed up by either individual coaching for each participant or by another workshop for the whole group.