Scoring Rubric for Oral Presentations

Content and Scientific Merit (80 points)

*Introduction:*

○ Defines background and importance of research.

○ States objective, and is able to identify relevant questions.

*Body*:

○ Presenter has a scientifically valid argument.

○ Addresses audience at an appropriate level (rigorous, but generally understandable to a scientifically-minded group).

○ Offers evidence of proof/disproof.

○ Describes methodology.

○ The talk is logical.

*Conclusion*:

○ Summarizes major points of talk.

○ Summarizes potential weaknesses (if any) in findings.

○ Provides you with a “take-home” message.

Speaking Style/Delivery (10 points)

○ Speaks clearly and at an understandable pace.

○ Maintains eye contact with audience.

○ Well rehearsed (either extemporaneous or scripted presentation).

○ Limited use of filler words (“umm,” “like,” etc.).

○ Speaker uses body language appropriately.

○ Speaker is within time limits.

○ Speaker is able to answer questions professionally.

○ Speaker is dressed appropriately.

Audio/Visual (10 points)

○ Graphs/figures are clear and understandable.

○ The text is readable and clear.

○ Audio/Visual components support the main points of the talk.

○ Appropriate referencing of data that is/was not generated by presenter

General Comments