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- Natalie Raeber
- Johannes Brunner
- Dr. Filippo Lechthaler
- Guest lecturers

**Entry Requirements**
- E1 recommended

**Learning Outcomes and Competences**
- After completing the module, students will be able to:
  - understand the ways scientific knowledge is produced, managed and disseminated both within and outside of the formal publication system;
  - present the acquired information effectively and discuss it with an interdisciplinary audience;
  - develop a strategy to valorize the outcomes of a research project and choose the appropriate tools for targeting the different stakeholders;
  - apply tools of knowledge sharing with practitioners (articles for print media, facilitation of workshops);
  - procure, understand and interpret scientific publications and assess their relevance for solving specific problems.
  - collate and analyze information on a current topic, presenting it concisely in a well-structured way.

**Module Content**
- Principles of knowledge management and sharing in science; forms, principles and processes of scientific publishing.
- Knowledge sharing: concepts and tools (examples):
  - Collaborative learning approaches
  - Facilitating group processes
  - Continuous education
  - Article for print media and cross-media linking
  - IT-supported knowledge sharing tools
- Students elaborate and deliver an article for print media and present it in a seminar. The presentation is moderated by a facilitator.
- Systematic literature search in forestry and agriculture: international bibliographical databases and their relevance, retrieval platforms; working efficiently with reference management software, especially with the knowledge management functions.
| **Teaching / Learning Methods** | Scientific writing: exercises in class; students select a narrow topic to deal with a state-of-the-art topic and write a systematic literature review. Students select a topic for review in consultation with their personal coach and the module coordinator. They receive short introductions to the different aspects of knowledge management and guidance through relevant knowledge management textbooks. The main learning method is self-study, properly introduced by lectures and accompanied by exercises. Students have the possibility to do their individual work in class with support by the lecturers. Additional lectures and skills labs on demand are possible. The module leads to tangible products:  
- an article for print media, which will be presented and debated in a facilitated seminar;  
- a systematic literature review presenting the state-of-the-art of the selected topic. |
| **Assessment of Learning Outcome** | 1) Article for print media and debate in seminar (40%)  
2) Literature review (60%) |
| **Language** | English |
| **Comments** | The following sequences are compulsory for students: Participation in the exercise on facilitation of workshops, participation in one full day of the knowledge sharing seminar. For details on compulsory sequences, please refer to the detailed schedule of the module, which will be uploaded on Moodle four weeks before the start of the module. |
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