Coffee Lectures
Science & Medicine

New and valuable information for researchers in enjoyable 15-minute sessions

Red flags and tips and tricks for international collaborations: Export controls at the University of Bern

Collaborations with researchers in sensitive countries or studies dealing with sensitive goods, especially goods that can be used for both civilian and military purposes, are subject to export control restrictions. Learn how to deal with these by working with the Export Control Contact Point at the University of Bern.

Thursday, 02.05.2024, 13:00
Dr. Hannah Brodersen, Export Control Contact Point, University of Bern

Publishing in a Special Issue: New SNSF policies

The large increase in articles being published in Special Issues and the inconsistent editorial processes being used in these publications have caused problems in scholarly communication. Therefore, the SNSF has decided to no longer fund open access articles in Special Issues. In this Coffee Lecture we will look at these new regulations, which came into effect in February 2024, and discuss the implications.

Tuesday, 07.05.2024, 13:00
Manuela Bamert, Open Science Team, UB Bern

Research data management guideline – what's up?

With the Research Data Management (RDM) guideline, the data stewards of the Open Science Team aim to support researchers from all faculties at the University of Bern and Inselspital in research data management throughout the project life cycle.

Thursday, 16.05.2024, 13:00
Dr. habil. Olga Churakova & Dr.-Ing. Federico Grasso Toro, Open Science Team, UB Bern

Virtual laboratory Labster for teaching at Uni Bern

Ever thought about using a virtual setting to supplement your lab courses? In this Coffee Lecture, get to know Labster.com and see how you can use simulations of experiments for teaching. This lecture is especially useful to those involved in teaching lab courses in biology, pharmacy, or chemistry at the University of Bern. We have unlimited access to Labster’s virtual laboratory until March 1, 2025 – try it out.

Thursday, 23.05.2024, 13:00
Dr. Sebastian Knüsel, Institute of Cell Biology, University of Bern
Questionable publishing practices

Open Access brought fundamental changes to the academic publishing process: many of them positive, and some problematic. Researchers are often stuck between publishing in prestigious venues and fulfilling obligations and expectations of their funders, institutions, and communities. This Coffee Lecture will highlight some of the current pitfalls to watch out for when publishing scholarly manuscripts.

Wednesday, 29.05.2024, 13:00
Dr. Andrea Hacker, Open Science Team, UB Bern

Review Commons

Speed can be an important factor to consider when publishing an article, and publishing on preprint servers is quick. But preprints are not peer-reviewed, are they? New initiatives offer peer review of preprints and the opportunity to publish in a journal.

Thursday, 06.06.2024, 13:00
Dr. Elio Pellin, Open Science Team, UB Bern

Reboot your Google Scholar searching: Quick tips

There is no denying it: you use Google Scholar. But is there a way to do it well? How can you enhance your search experience? Join us to learn a few tips and tricks.

Wednesday, 12.06.2024, 13:00
Tania Rivero, Research Support Services, Medical Library, UB Bern

RefHunter: Database of databases

So much information to search, but where to start? Try RefHunter. RefHunter has grown from a manual for systematic literature searching into a valuable online resource for bibliographic databases and search interfaces. Learn how to use RefHunter to search for sources in medicine and the health sciences.

Wednesday, 19.06.2024, 13:00
Dr. Marc von Gernler, Research Support Services, Medical Library, UB Bern