

# Critical review: ‘*MUD in pipes, eccentric orbits and interesting facts*’

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The aim of this article is to analyse and discuss the different factors that are necessary in order to carry out an adequate presentation. This analysis is going to be done through the review of a seminar that I attended on December 21st. The topic of said seminar was ‘*MUD in pipes, eccentric orbits and interesting facts*’, and it was presented by Roberto Flores, an associate research professor at CIMNE. Nevertheless, the time provided was not sufficient to cover the whole content of the intended presentation, so just the first part about mud in pipes was presented.

To begin with I think it may be adequate to comment that he mentioned that taking part in the seminars would lead in him having some fun. These kind of comments are utterly advisable, since he then conveyed the idea that he is enjoying giving the presentation instead of doing it just because he was told to do so. He also mentioned that due to personal reasons he had not been able to spend as much time as he would have liked working on the presentation, which would totally excuse him provided he did any kind of minor mistakes.

Nonetheless, his phone rang several times and it took him longer than usual to realise he had to switch it to silent mode. If I had to choose a major mistake, this would definitely be it, since it comes across as very rude and careless. In addition, I would have to say that the eye contact with the public was kind of scarce. It is a key factor to connect with the public, convey the ideas that are intended to be conveyed, and engage the public to follow your presentation. He also moved around the surface he had available way too much, and leaned on the table countless times. The former could be just a way of expressing that he was nervous, which is utterly tolerable. However, leaning on the table conveys an informal attitude that in my opinion was not suitable for the kind of presentation he was giving.

On the other hand, it definitely has to be mentioned that the structure and organisation of his slides were remarkable, specially taking into account the personal problems he mentioned in the beginning of the presentation. The slides looked as if they had been worked on for a while, the fonts were adequate, and so were the range of colours chosen. They also include both text and images, which made it quite easy to follow the presentation in an engaged way. Nevertheless, some images did not include the source, and neither did some figures that were extracted from scientific papers.

All in all, I need say that this review evokes a remarkable scent of criticism, but this is so because this assignment consisted in carrying out a critical review, that is highlighting specially the flaws and mistakes made. Nonetheless, we all have to be understanding with each other and face the fact that everyone is made out from a different mould, and that one can deal with the nerves in countless different ways.