

NUFS Workshop 2018

Newsletter No. 11

Final Presentation

Date: March 30-31, 2019, 14:00-17:00, 9:00-12:00

Venue: Hotel Takeshima (Gamagori, Aichi)

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The number of participants: 11



Comments from the participants

1. What did you think about the final presentation? What did you learn/notice?

- The research method which I did not use is good input for me. Especially writing classes result could be good source to teach the same subject.
- Very interesting. The quality of presentations was much better than in the past.
- I truly enjoyed being able to see the work of so many teachers whose AR we weren't able to see earlier in the year. It's clear that many MA students' presentation skills have improved immensely through this program's focus on collaboration.
- I was inspired by how others doing action research. Additionally, their attitude and enthusiasm toward AR taught me something important as a teacher.

2. How do you feel of a monthly workshop? Did you learn any good ideas from the instructor? Which one(s) did you like the best? What kinds of topics do you want for future workshops?

- Usually great. I usually enjoy the brain-focused ones best, for example, Curtis Kelly. Lem was good, too. I want workshops that provide classroom styles and new technology. Assessment would also be good.
- I found February workshop (Joseph Falout) useful as I could be introduced to new web site related to science communication.

3. What do you think of the action research project you have participated in 2017? Did it help you to improve your teaching skills?

- It was a difficult effort to prepare monthly AR reports while at the same time writing the thesis in the final semester. I feel that my reports' quality suffered from a lack of focus. However, during year one, AR was invaluable in helping me to discover my areas of interest.
- We cannot improve our ways of teaching if we don't want to change.

4. How can we improve this action research/ monthly workshop project? How can we attract more teachers? Please write your comment/advice.

- Encourage presenters to manage time in effective ways. I felt that many workshops were 90 minutes of real content stretched artificially to fill three hours. Presenters should come prepared with enough material to make all three hours useful and engaging.
- I think there are still many teachers who don't know about this workshop. I think advertising is important.
- If possible, I'd like special lectures to use public junior/high schools' textbooks and present examples of classes.



Thank you for your cooperation to NUFSS Workshops in AY2018.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in AY2019.