



Skills sessions for researchers



## An introduction to IOP Publishing and *New Journal of Physics*

**Date:** Friday 20 November 2015

**Time:** 3.30 p.m.

**Venue:** M212, Physics Building, Peking University

This talk will give an overview of IOP Publishing (IOP) and the portfolio of journals and ebooks that we publish. A particular focus will be *New Journal of Physics* (NJP), IOP's broad scope, open-access physics journal.

With early career researchers in mind especially, the talk will feature advice on how to get your work published, and how to progress your career by acting as a referee. The talk will also outline the features of NJP that make it a leading venue for communicating high-impact physics research, and how these can benefit you.

### TALK OUTLINE

**Speaker:** Ben Sheard PhD, Associate Editor, IOP Publishing, Bristol, UK

**Duration:** 45 minutes ( with 15 minutes for questions/discussion)

**The following points will be discussed:**

- Brief introduction to IOP;
- An overview of New Journal of Physics;
- Tips for writing your paper;
- Deciding which journal to submit your paper to;
- An overview of the peer-review process in IOP journals;
- Guidance on effective refereeing

### Speaker Bio

**Ben Sheard** is an associate editor working on NJP. His main duties are the day-to-day management of the peer-review process in NJP, together with the general editorial development of the journal.

Ben has worked at IOP Publishing for 4 years. Before this he did a PhD in experimental atomic physics at the University of Oxford (2010) following a Master's degree in physics at Imperial College London (2004).

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