



The role of writing skills in geoscience

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The role of writing skills in communicating geosciences and in the correct information of the public is quite important. A good quality of the writings available through reports, articles on newspapers, scientific journals, Internet and all the other communication means could make a significant difference. It could favor knowledge, understanding and application by both the public and the actors of the geoscience arena. A chance to improve the writing skills of professionals working in different fields, including geosciences, has been offered in Italy by the law that require lifelong learning for professionals (D.P.R. August 7, 2012 n. 137). Thus writing skills could be taught not only to young students through university courses but also through the Professional Associations of the different specializations, including of course geology and geoscience. The chance offered by the law with the D.P.R. August 7, 2012 n. 137 has been exploited through the setup of a specific course devoted to the teaching of writing skills to professionals. The course will be tested with the members of the Professional Association of Engineers (FOIT) of the province of Turin, as it occurred already for previous courses regarding the improvement of expressive and communication abilities.