

# Introductions

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EMBO Practical Course on Computational Molecular Evolution

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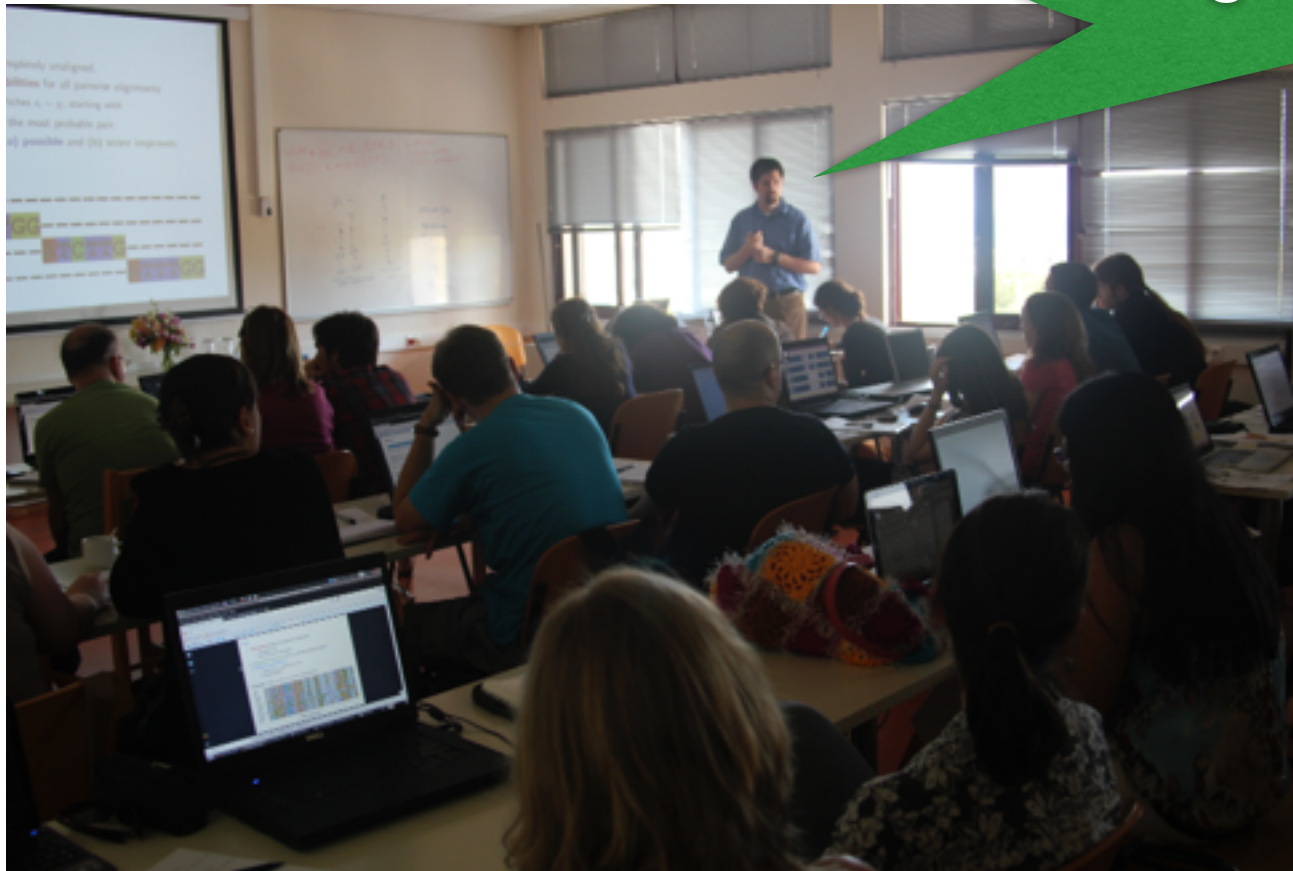
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# What You Get From a Course?

# I. knowledge & understanding

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## Presentations and demos



insightful comments about alignments and trees...



## Practical exercises and discussions

## 2. useful professional relationships

**a. with other trainees**

**b. with trainers**







**both (I estimate, on average) equally valuable**

**so we start with an activity...**

to help us get to know each other...

speed dating



# Speed Dating: Aims

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- facilitate the (for some of us) awkward “meeting/introducing ourselves to someone for the first time” by doing lots of them in a short time
  - hopefully makes it easier to start talking with each other later in the course
- quickly find people you have things in common with/get on with

# Speed Dating: Format

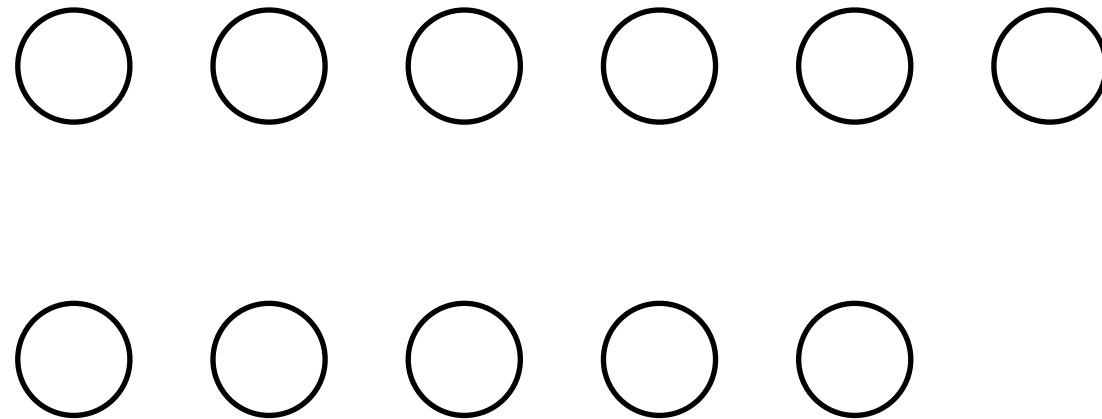
- meet other participants in many 1:1 chats
- tell each other
  - names
  - where you work
  - research topics
  - something surprising about you (e.g. I have three nationalities)
  - try and find someone you know or somewhere you've been that you have in common

# Speed Dating: Format

Stand, awkwardly, in two rows

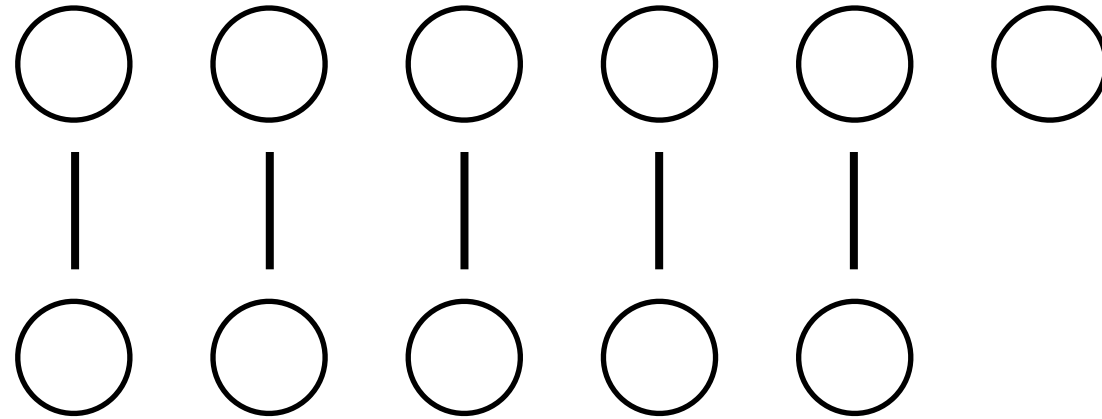
Face one person in the other row

If there's an odd number of you, one person stands alone at one end



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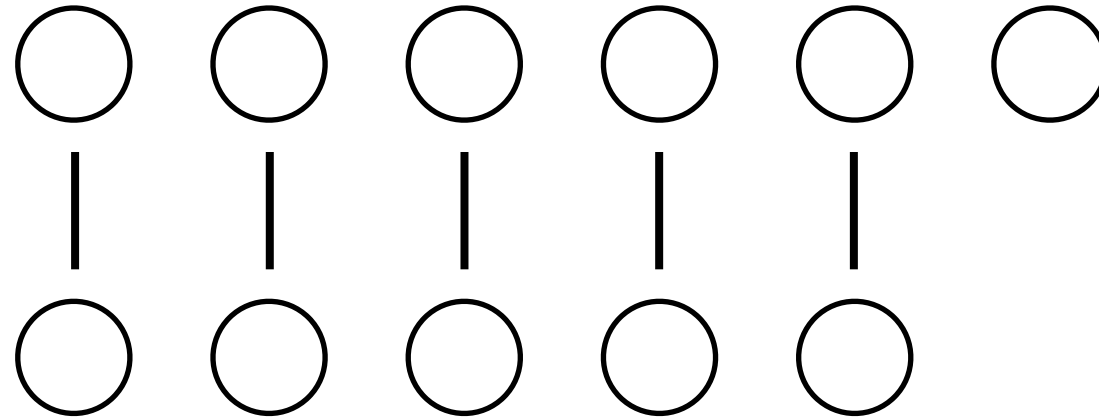
Chat!





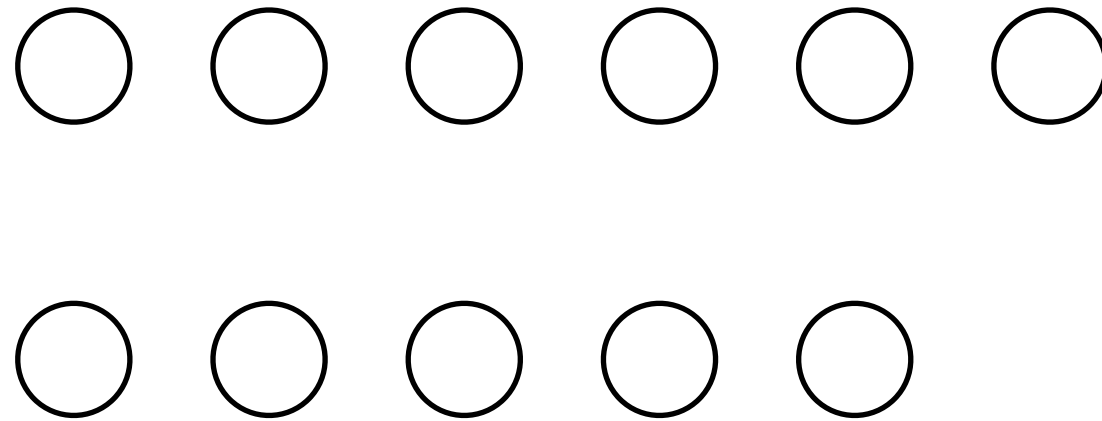
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**Change!**



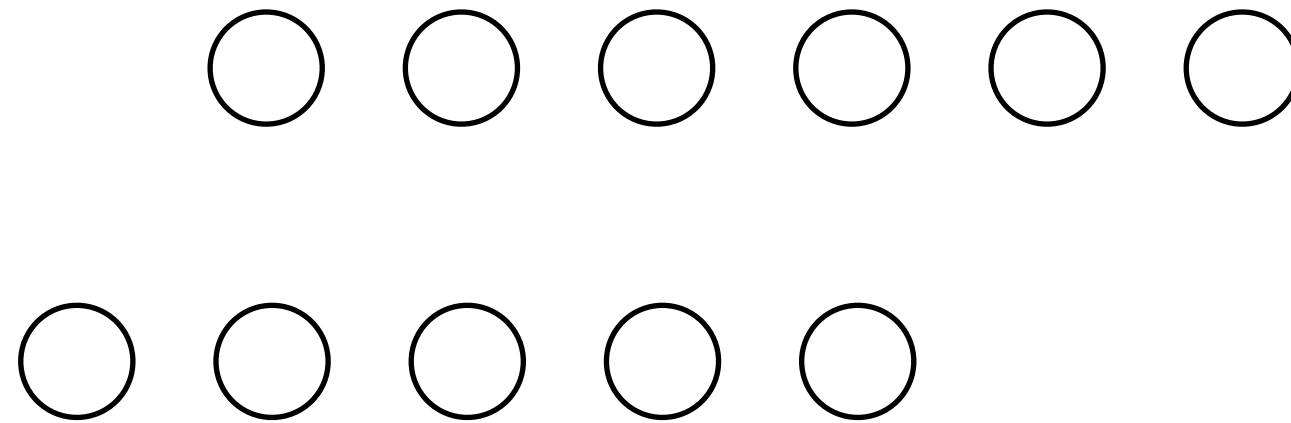
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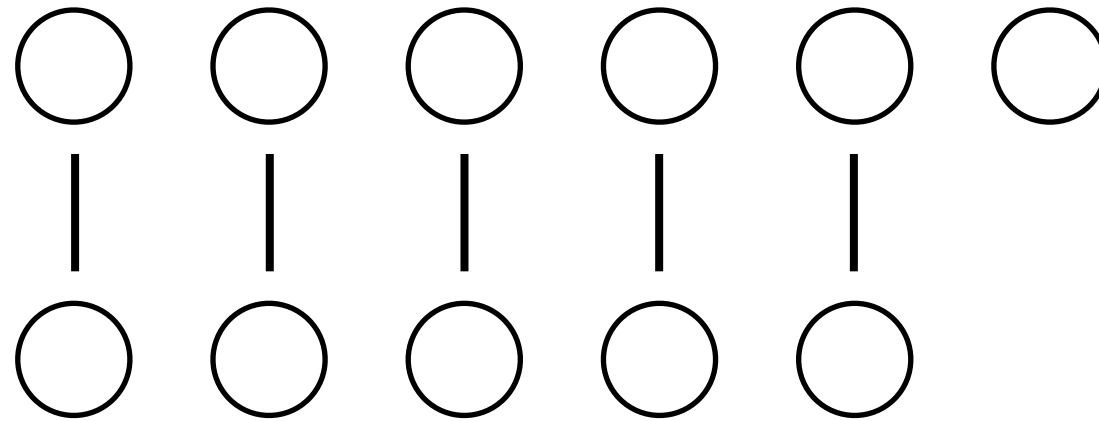
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# Speed Dating: Format

Chat!

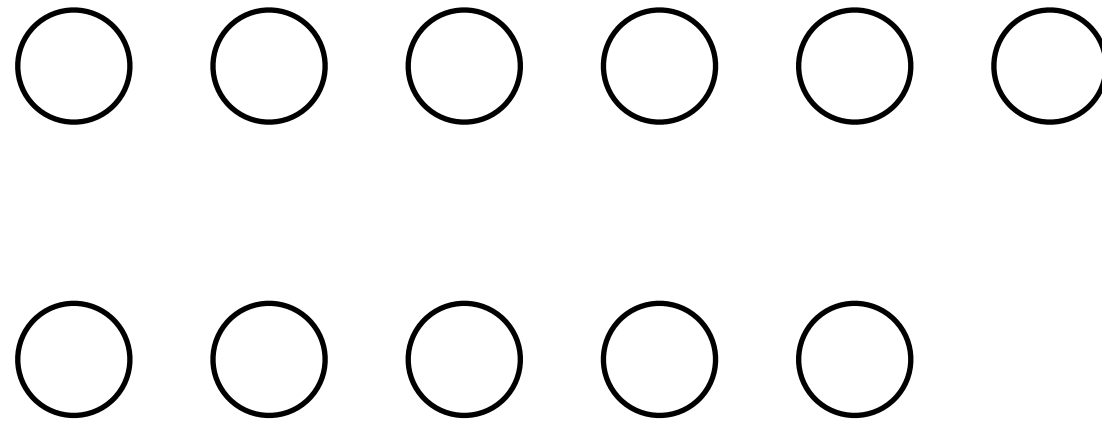


and repeat until you've met everyone in the other row...



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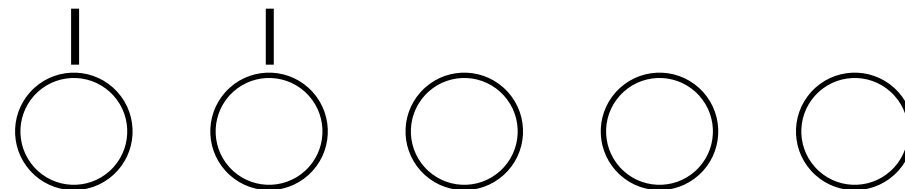
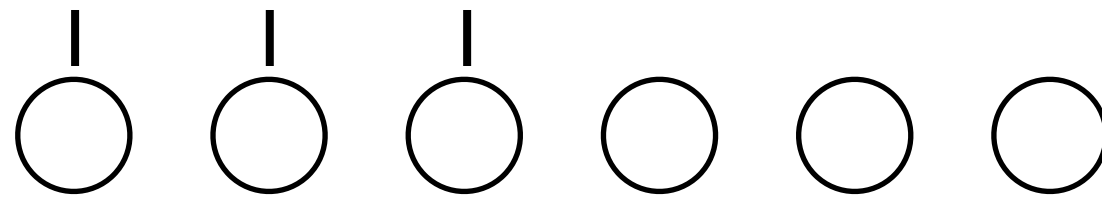
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then split each row into two new rows

# Speed Dating: Format

**Chat!**



make two new rows

and start again with the chat...

# Speed Dating: Format

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So... go outside now and form the initial two awkward rows

Face one person in the other row

If there's an odd number of you, one person stands alone at one end

