The Tripod of Science: Communication, Philosophy and Education.

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Communication in science is not just painted on after the science is finished: it is an essential aspect of both the process and understanding of science itself, even at the advanced research level.

This article sets out the arguments for enhancing scientists' training to include critical thinking and communication skills and suggests that all science undergraduates should do at least one philosophy course as part of their curriculum.

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