

Interactive comment on “From geoscientific “matters of fact” to societal “matters of concern”: a transdisciplinary training approach to communicating earthquake risk in Istanbul (Turkey)” by J. Ickert and I. S. Stewart

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As a scientist who does science communication but is not trained or educated as a science communicator, I basically enjoyed reading the manuscript, which is well structured, well written, self-contained, and self-consistent. The ALerT program must be a nice opportunity for young earthquake scientists to learn how to communicate with lay people with various background. In addition, I advocate recommendations given by the authors in Section 6 (Discussion); the authors raised important points for an effective science communication on earthquakes or probably in general. With this, I have only few minor comments to be addressed before the eventual publication. Please find my comments as enumerated below.

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1. My only major concern is that the format of this manuscript does not look like a scientific paper I usually read, which are physics-based papers, but like an opinion article. For example, number of scientists participated in the project is 12, too few to do any statistics.
2. The ALerT program itself is nice and what ALerT program did is nicely described. However, motivations for this project is not described. I would like to know, for example, 1) whether there are previous projects similar to ALerT, and 2) why ALerT targets young scientists.
3. The authors nicely summarized the outcome of the ALerT project, I am not sure whether the output of the project can be generalized to a communication with people in other at-risk areas such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, or Tokyo. If there are similar previous studies, the authors may want to compare the result of the present study with previous studies.
4. Page 4 line 23 proscriptive: prescriptive?
5. Page 12 line 29 AFAD: What does AFAD stand for?
6. Page 15 line 25 in order t It was suggested...: Need a rerun of a sentence including this.

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