

# Executive Board Annual Report 2022

Name of the Section: Science and Environment Communication Section

## Management team:

Chair: Mette Marie Roslyng, Aalborg University

Vice-chair: Miguel Vicente Mariño, University of Valladolid

Vice-chair: Mikkel Fugl Eskjær, Aalborg University

## Social media:

We use our website for updates, news, and information about the section: <https://scienv-com.eu/>

## Activities in 2022:

The SEC Section focused on 3 main events during 2022:

### 1. The ECC general conference in Aarhus Denmark 19-22 Oct. 2022

For the conference we received 64 paper abstract submissions and 1 panel submission. After the review process, 45 papers were allocated to 9 sessions. This meant that we filled nearly all the panel slots during the conference. All panels were well attended with very active audiences full of questions for the panellists. We thank all reviewers and session chairs for their invaluable help in making the conference programme a success.

Congratulations to Lisa Gresser, Helena Blinadzic & Susanne Kinnebrock who received the Best Section Paper Award for their abstract/presentation entitled: The Functions of Narratives about Genetic Research in Television Science Magazines.

During the conference business meeting, we elected a new management team: Mette Marie Roslyng (chair), Miguel Vicente Marino (vice-chair) and Mikkel Eskjær (vice-chair). Thank you to the former management team members, Anna Maria Jönsson and Shai Kassirer, for their work and effort in the last 4 years.

### 2. Interim event: *Reframing Climate and Water Resilience in Theory and Practice*.

The SEC Section organized an online-symposium on climate and water resilience on 27 May 2022, in collaboration with the Institute for Development Studies (UK) and the University of Reading. It included 12 papers in 3-panel sessions with presenters coming from 15 countries (including Australia, India, USA and Nigeria) and two keynote lectures by Joanne Garde-Hansen (University of Warwick) and Filippo Menga (University of Bergamo).

### 3. Preconference: *Misinformation, Science Populism and the Role of Citizens*

The section organized the one-day online preconference on the topic of misinformation and science populism which took place on 17 Oct. 2022. We had a total of 11 papers allotted to 3 panels, leading to very interesting discussions on the topic amongst the attending audience, panelists, and chairs.

### Plans for 2023:

Our 2023 interim event will be a seminar/workshop on biodiversity and will take place in mid-October at the University of Valladolid. The risk to biodiversity has emerged as an overarching problem that has warranted global attention both politically as well as academically. We therefore wish to understand diverse challenges such as climate change, environmental deterioration, and the role of science in public spheres through the lens of biodiversity. At the seminar, we wish to combine academic work on biodiversity with experiences of nature and with local political work on nature preservation and nature appreciation.

More information will follow as the planning progresses.

The previous and the new Management Teams,

Mette Marie Roslyng (chair)

Anna Maria Jönsson (out-going vice-chair)

Shai Kassirer (out-going vice-chair)

Miguel Vicente Mariño (new vice-chair)

Mikkel Fugl Eskjær (new vice-chair)

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