

ANNUAL REPORT 2010
ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION

Activities

The highlight of the Science and Environment Communication Section's activities in 2010 was the 3rd European Communication Conference, held in Hamburg, Germany, between 12 and 15 October. The Section received 72 paper submissions, one panel submission and four poster submissions. It held nine panels and one poster session in Hamburg, all with a significant attendance (around 60 people in many panels). Julie Doyle acted as Section Programme Chair for the Hamburg conference.

At the ECC conference in Barcelona, in 2008, members of the Management Team first put forward the idea of preparing a book proposal that would showcase the research developed by members of the section. Such a proposal has now been prepared and brings together authors that presented papers in Barcelona and Hamburg on the theme of 'Citizen voices in scientific and environmental matters'.

The Section has continued to collaborate with the Environmental Communication Association Task Force, an international group of researchers that has been working towards the creation of an International Association of Environmental Communication. The Task Force held a meeting at the University of Maine on 22-23 May 2010 and has invested efforts in the preparation of organizational documents and in outreach. There has been significant progress in 2010 towards the creation of the association with numerous expressions of interest from academics and practitioners and the constitution of a launch team. The formal launch of the Association is due in June 2011.

Throughout 2010, the Section continued to disseminate information to its members and to wider audiences by means of its website and mailing list.

Minutes of business meeting held in Hamburg on 14 October 2010

Around 25 members of the section attended the business meeting.

The Management Team reported on the activities developed in 2009 and 2010.

Members of the section approved an amendment to the Section's Modus Operandi that establishes that, in accordance with ECREA-wide rules, 'the maximum term for members of the Management Team are 6 consecutive years.' A change in the designation of the Team in the Modus Operandi was also approved: from 'Executive Team' to 'Management Team'.

Elections for the Management Team were held at the business meeting. The only candidate was the outgoing team, with different roles played by two of its members, and it was re-elected without opposition.

The new Management Team's composition is as follows:

Chair: Louise Phillips, Roskilde University, Denmark

Vice-chair: Anabela Carvalho, University of Minho, Portugal

Vice-chair: Julie Doyle, University of Brighton, United Kingdom

The following plans for future activities were made at the business meeting:

- Organize an event in 2011 that brings together the authors that contribute to the section's proposed book. This event would comprise a symposium open to members of the section and the general public on the book's theme ('Citizen voices in scientific and environmental matters'), as well an authors' workshop to work collectively on the book chapters.
- Consider the possibility of developing an application for funding to form an international network, possibly within the COST framework.
- Develop collaborations with other sections of ECREA.

Anabela Carvalho, on behalf of SECs' Executive Team

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