# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

## Name of the Section: Science and Environment Communication (SEC) Section

## Management team:

Chair: Mette Marie Roslyng

Vice-chair: Anna Maria Jönsson

Vice-chair: Shai Kassirer

## Social media:

<https://scienv-com.eu/>

## Activities in 2021:

The postponed ECA Braga 2021 conference took place online 7-9th September. We had received 69 abstracts for the SEC Section in 2020, generally of very good or excellent quality. Due to the postponement, there were some cancellations which provided space in the programme for most of the abstracts on the waiting list. We finally had 41 presenters at the conference organised into 9 panels. This provided a full programme for all the slots we had available during the entire event.

Our business meeting took place during the conference during which the management team was re-elected. We moreover had the honour of awarding a shared first place for our *best conference paper price*. The papers awarded were: Miguel Vicente & Pablo López Rabadán: Spanish media framing analysis of CoP25 and Nadine Strauß: Framing sustainable finance: A critical analysis of op-eds in the Financial Times.

The SEC section were delighted that the ECREA Executive Board decided to focus one of the plenary interventions on the topic of climate and environmental impact in academia, including ECREA’s own role regarding this issue. The SEC Section was involved in the first part of planning this intervention.

During 2021 we have also worked towards submitting a book proposal for the anthology *Constructed Facts, Contested Truths. The Role of Media in Environment and Science Communication.* The anthology brings together SEC Section members to address the book topic through the analysis of different cases and problems regarding current environmental and scientific controversies and problems, all based on the latest research.

Shai Kassirer was appointed new Communication Officer for our section. He will be in charge of our website and of gathering and disseminating incoming information on events, publications etc. from our members via messages distributed from the ECREA secretariat and our own website.

## Plans for 2022:

The SEC section is planning an interim event in May 2022 entitled *Reframing Climate and Water Resilience in Theory and Practice*. The event takes place in collaboration with Reading University. Shai Kassirer is the main organising member from the management team.

We will moreover be busy preparing our stream at the ECC 2022 conference in Aarhus and online on 19-22 of October.

The SEC section hopes to offer a virtual preconference to ECC 2022. More information will follow.

The SEC Section will during 2022 continue the work towards the publication of the anthology *Constructed Facts, Contested Truths. The Role of Media in Environment and Science Communication.* The publication is expected to be published with Emerald during 2022 and will be edited by the section management team. The purpose of the project is to provide a research outlet for members in the SEC Section, also early career researchers. It gives our section the opportunity to contribute to the important research on how media play a role in the construction of facts and truths regarding controversies on issues regarding the environment, climate change, and science. The Covid-crises has further accentuated the relevance and timeliness of this project.

Mette Marie Roslyng (Chair)

Anna Maria Jönsson (Vice-Chair)

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February 2022