

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

### ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION

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#### Activities

2019 has been a busy year for the Science and Environment Communication Section with activities mainly focused on two events:

First, in collaboration with the Nordmedia Risk, Science and Environment Communication Division the SEC Section has organised an ECREA panel at the Nordmedia Conference on 21-23 August 2019 in Malmö. The panel entitled *Citizen Engagement and the Role of Publics in Science and Environment Communication* consisted of four paper presentations and was well-attended.

Second, we spend a good part of 2019 preparing for the section's biannual interim event which took place in the early days of January 2020. This was a collaboration with the UK Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Association (MeCCSA) and took the form of a workshop: *Constructed Facts, Contested Truths: Science and Environment Controversies in Media and Public Spaces*. The workshop was conducted as part of the MeCCSA's general conference under the general theme 'Media Interactions and Environments' in Brighton on 8-10. January 2020. Issues relating to the environment and climate change were prominent for the general events at the conference.

The workshop event included eight paper presentations and each paper was assigned a discussant. The event was well-attended by an engaged audience in Brighton. In addition, the workshop was organised with the possibility of on-line attendance to make the event accessible for members and paper-givers who were un-able to travel. This also allowed us to try new and more environmental formats, following in the footsteps of the previous webinar organised by the SEC Section in 2017.

We have been in contact with publishers and plan to submit a book proposal for an anthology on the workshop topic.

Cooperating with MeCCSA furthermore gave us opportunity to liaise with the MeCCSA Climate Change Network and to discuss further possibilities of working together in relation to our common interests on climate change communication and media studies.

Moreover, we have completed the work on the new and redesigned webpage which will be online in the next few weeks. We would like to thank Robin Tschötschel for all his help making it happen.

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