

ANNUAL REPORT 2012
ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION

Activities

At ECREA 2012 Istanbul, SEC organized a programme of 8 panels with Louise Phillips as Section Programme Chair. The panels covered a wide range of topics within the field of science and environment communication. The papers in the panels were selected from approx. 60 individual paper proposals and 3 panel proposals. Sessions were chaired by Louise Phillips (SEC Chair), Anabela Carvalho (Vice Chair), Maja Horst, Diana Ingenhoff, Pieter Maesele and Anna Maria Jönsson.

Another main activity was the publication of the edited volume, *Citizen Voices: Performing Public Participation in Science and Environment Communication* (Phillips, Louise, Carvalho, Anabela and Doyle, Julie [editors]) in Intellect's ECREA Book Series. *Citizen Voices* was published in time for ECREA 2012 in Istanbul and was distributed to ECREA members prior to the conference.

Citizen Voices is the product of collaboration between SEC and the NordForsk Network for the Study of the Dialogic Communication of Research coordinated by Louise Phillips. It builds bridges across the fields of science and technology studies, environmental studies and media and communication studies in order to provide theoretically informed and empirically rich accounts of how citizen voices are articulated, invoked, heard, marginalised or silenced in science and environment communication. Most of the contributors base their chapters on papers presented at the ECREA conferences in Barcelona in 2008 or Hamburg in 2010.

SEC collaborated with the Department of Journalism and Communication Studies, University of Hamburg in the organisation of a pre-conference on 23 October 2012 at ECREA 2012, "Communicating Climate Change III - the Audience Perspective: Changing Climate, Changing Media & Changing Audiences".

The Section has continued to collaborate with the International Environmental Communication Association, which was formally launched in 2011. Anabela Carvalho and Julie Doyle are elected members of IECA's Board of Directors.

Throughout 2012, 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 Istanbul on 26 October 2012

Around 20 members of the section were present at the meeting. The Executive Team reported on the activities developed in the two previous years. As mandated by

ECREA, an election for the Executive Team was held at the business meeting. A new executive team was elected consisting of Annika Egan Sjölander (Chair), Anabela Carvalho (Vice-Chair) and Pieter Maesele (Vice-Chair). The business meeting also included an open discussion of future plans for the section, where various ideas were aired.

Future plans

In 2013, the section plans to:

- organize a research meeting in the form of a one-day symposium or workshop;
- renew its website;
- look into the viability of organizing a side-event on environmental communication at the Conference of the Parties of one of the UN conventions (such as the Framework Convention on Climate Change or the Convention on Biological Diversity), possibly in collaboration with the International Environmental Communication Association.

SECs' Executive Team
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