

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION

Activities

2018 was an exceptionally busy year for the Science and Environment Communication Section.

First, in collaboration with IAMCR's *Environment, Science and Risk Communication* working group, we are preparing an edited volume for the Palgrave Global Transformations in Media and Communication Research book series. The title of the volume is *The Local and the Digital in Environmental Communication* and the co-editors of the volume are Joana Diaz Pont (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain), Pieter Maesele (University of Antwerp, Belgium), Annika Egan Sjölander (Umeå University, Sweden), Maitreyee Mishra (Heidelberg University, Germany and Manipal University, India) and Kerrie Foxwell-Norton (Griffith University, Australia). We received 19 proposals for papers. After an intense review process, comprising two rounds of reviews and revisions, 10 chapters with authors from all around the world have been accepted for publication. In addition, the editors are co-authoring an introductory chapter that focuses on the intertwining of the local and the digital in environmental communication, that will be submitted to an ISI-indexed journal in the future.

Second, and in connection to this, the biannual event of the section was organized in the form of a webinar. This travel-free, public event was held 15 March 2018 and included eight paper presentations with commentators on the theme *When the local meets the digital. Implications and consequences for environmental communication*. The webinar was co-organised with the IAMCR's Environment, Science and Risk Communication working group.

And last, but not least, the out-going management team organized the sessions at the 7th European Communication Conference in Lugano, Switzerland held in Oct/Nov 2018. This time, we received about 70 proposals for presentations, panels and/or posters, making this a record edition for the section. The 8 sessions we organized were very well attended and produced lively discussions. Furthermore, the section also presented its first ever Best Paper Award of the SEC section based on the evaluations of the submitted abstracts (highest score). It was given in the form of a so-called Clima Bottle to Dr Nuria Almiron, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain) and Dr Maxwell Boykoff, University of Colorado-Boulder (USA) for their paper "Dominant frames in think tanks on climate policy in Europe". We are also very proud to present the new SEC management team which was elected at a very well attended business meeting. The new team consists of:

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The new Team spent the concluding part of 2018 preparing for the coming events in 2019: Beside the interim conference/workshop, we are planning an ECREA panel at the Science, Risk & Environment Division at the Nordmedia Conference in Malmö in August 2019. More information on the coming events will follow.

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