

**ANNUAL REPORT 2009**  
**ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION**

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**Activities**

The main activity of the Section in 2009 was the co-organization of the symposium titled *Exploring the Communication of Research across Contexts and Theoretical Perspectives*, which took place at the University of Copenhagen on 9 October 2009. The symposium was held under the joint auspices of the Network on Experts and the Communication of Knowledge funded by the Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, University of Copenhagen (<http://vidensformidling.mef.ku.dk/>), the Nordic Network for the Study of the Dialogic Communication of Research funded by NordForsk ([www.dialogue.ruc.dk](http://www.dialogue.ruc.dk)) and ECREA's Science and Environment Communication Section. The symposium explored how research within and across the humanities, social sciences and the natural sciences and technology is communicated in different contexts through the mass media and in dialogue-based activities with different social actors. It was attended by around 25 researchers, including a significant number of postgraduate students.

Pursuing its commitment to strengthen the field of environmental communication and develop links with akin organizations, the section has been associated to the *Environmental Communication Association Task Force*, a group of scholars that is preparing the creation of an international organization on environmental organization. Led by the Environmental Communication Division of the US National Communication Association (NCA) this project is also supported by the Working Group on Environmental Issues, Science and Risk Communication of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR).

The section created a mailing list in Google Groups ([secs-ecrea@googlegroups.com](mailto:secs-ecrea@googlegroups.com)) and throughout 2009 disseminated information about conferences, publications and other relevant issues to subscribers.

Regular updating of its website ([www.scienv-com.eu](http://www.scienv-com.eu)) is an important permanent task for the Section. In 2009 it continued to include data in the site about events in the fields of science and environment communication and links to relevant bodies and projects.

The section appointed Miguel Vicente as Section representative in YECREA, the Young Scholars Network.

### **Plans for the future**

The main focus of the Section's activities in 2010 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Communication Conference in Hamburg.

The Section also aims to prepare a book proposal for the ECREA series in 2010.

Finally, the Section intends to reinforce links with young scholars, in close collaboration with the Section's representative in YECREA.

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