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ECREA'S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION SECTION

History

The Science and Environment Communication section was officially created in August 2007. Hence, it has been active for just over three months.

The composition of the section's Executive Team is as follow:

Chair: Anabela Carvalho, University of Minho, Portugal

Vice-chair: Julie Doyle, University of Brighton, United Kingdom

Vice-chair: Louise Phillips, Roskilde University, Denmark

Activities

In its short life, the section's main achievement has been the creation of its website: www.scienv-com.eu. Other activities include dissemination of information about the section and preparation of the 2nd European Communication Conference (ECC08).

The website aims to be a showroom for the section's activities as well as a useful source of information for anyone interested in science-related and environmental communication. It includes pages about the section and membership, an agenda of events, a "networking" area with information about section members, and links to relevant sites.

The Executive Team has also been committed to disseminating information about the section through a variety of mailing lists as well as by word of mouth.

Finally, preparations are under way for what we hope will be a successful participation in ECC08 (Barcelona, 25-28 November 2008). The section has sent out a Call for Papers and will attempt to attract a wide range of proposals.

Plans for the future

The main goal for 2008 is to put together a strong set of papers for ECC08. The section also intends to develop collaborations with akin bodies and consider the development of joint activities. Moreover, the section aims to keep on disseminating information about its goals and to recruit more members.

Anabela Carvalho, on behalf of SECs' Executive Team
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