



Environment, Science and Risk Communication (ESR) WG

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Enjoy the newsletter!

Kerrie, Maitreyee, Pieter and Joana (ESR leadership)

IAMCR Beijing 2022- ESR Abstract Reviews Completed

The Environment, Science & Risk Communication (ESR) WG has completed the reviews of abstracts. 55 abstracts were accepted from 75 submissions. We received a large number of high quality abstracts but were regrettably unable to accommodate them all.

The IAMCR conference will be held online, with a national hub in Beijing from 11-15 July, 2022. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

We are very grateful to all the reviewers for their time and effort in helping us with the reviews. Thank you so much!

CFP- “Communicating Complexity”- in honour of Sharon Dunwoody

Sharon Dunwoody, University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA) professor emerita, passed away 4 February 2022. Sharon was a former science writer who spent most of her career as a teacher and professor, conducting research on the communication of science, environment, risk, and health. Indeed, Sharon once described her specialty as “explaining complicated stuff in writing.” Her persona and scholarly work were absolutely critical to the emergence of science journalism and science communication as areas of global scholarship.

The journal *Science Communication* is devoting a special issue “Communicating Complexity” in honor of Sharon Dunwoody. This special issue of the journal is guest edited by Lee Ann Kahlor and Robert J. Griffin.

Research articles accepted for this issue will build on Sharon’s academic work and contributions. They should be based on both theory and empirical evidence from quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods approaches.

Manuscript submission deadline is 15 September 2022.

More details can be found [here](#).

Climate Communication Award 2022- deadline approaching!

Applications are now being received for the 2022 IAMCR New Directions for Climate Communication Research Fellowship. Initiated by the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) and awarded in collaboration with the International Environmental Communication Association (IECA), the US\$1,000 award seeks to encourage a wide range of researchers to think creatively about new research approaches for climate change communication. Media/communication researchers with interest in climate issues are encouraged to apply, from all fields

of media/communication, and all career stages. Interdisciplinary collaborations are encouraged.

The deadline to apply is **30 April 2022**.

[More information can be found here.](#)

IAMCR 2022 Pre-Conference in Suzhou, China

The IAMCR 2022 Pre-conference on science communication will be held on 10th July 2022 in a hybrid format- it will be on site in Suzhou for China-based participants and online for everyone else. Organized by the School of Communication at Soochow University (Suzhou, China) in partnership with IAMCR Environment, Science and Risk Communication Working Group and Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU, also located in Suzhou).

More information can be found [here](#).

Upcoming volume

Lastly, we have an upcoming volume! More details in the next newsletter.