



# Conference on Communication and Environment

6-10 June 2013

## Environmental Communication: Participation Revisited *Openings and closures for deliberation on the Commons*

The 12<sup>th</sup> biennial Conference on Communication and Environment (COCE) will be held in Uppsala, Sweden from 6-10 June 2013. The conference is being co-hosted by the Division of Environmental Communication at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and Uppsala University's Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Cemus Research Forum (CEFO).

### Conference theme

The conference theme is **Environmental Communication: Participation Revisited; Openings and closures for deliberations on the Commons.**

Twenty years after Rio 1992 declared that environmental issues should be "best handled by participation of all concerned citizens at the relevant level", calls are being made for the 2012 Earth Summit to renew the commitment for full implementation of these rights in all countries. Improvement of institutional frameworks and development of international instrumental means are being proposed today as ways for better environmental governance by nations and for giving legal force to the principle of public participation.

This conference views it timely to revisit participation as a process for deliberating on the commons and to re-imagine participation as citizenship rather than continue to reproduce the instrumental ways of the past decades such as stakeholder engagement. Questions of returning to the old commons and the need for crafting 'new commons' within and beyond natural resource contexts are of concern for environmental communicators. Which new forms of deliberation are needed and who takes care of discursive openings and closures on such commons are also relevant to be considered.

Submissions will be invited on all aspects of this theme while recognizing the diverse facets and interests within Environmental Communication as seen in past COCE events.

### Call for papers

Call for abstracts, papers and posters will go out 1 June 2012. Dead-lines for submissions will be 15 September 2012. More information available at IECA website: <http://theieca.org/conference/2013>

### Important dates

- 1 June 2012 Call for papers open
- 15 September 2012 Deadline for all submissions
- 10 November 2012 Acceptance notification
- 12 November 2012 Registration opens:  
<http://theieca.org/conference/2013>
- 15 February 2013 Early-bird registration closes
- 12 April 2013 Deadline for papers to be included in proceedings
- 26 April 2013 Deadline for cancellation with refund



### Uppsala, Sweden

Uppsala, home to approximately 200,000 inhabitants, is Sweden's fourth largest city. Although located close to the heart of Sweden, 40 minutes from Stockholm and 20 minutes from Arlanda's International Airport, Uppsala retains its small town charm, still offering a big city selection of shops, restaurants, and things to do. Unique cultural treasures and an exciting history are literally right around every corner.

### Conference fees

#### Full registration

By 15 February 2013	SEK 2000/US 297
After 15 February 2013	SEK 2350/US 348

#### Student registration

By 15 February 2013	SEK 1000/US 148
After 15 February 2013	SEK 1350/US 200

#### One-day registration

SEK 1000/US 148

\*Discounts apply for IECA members. See IECA website for details.  
\*US fee based on exchange rate as of April 2012.



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