

**2008 International Association of Media and  
Communication Research Congress  
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**Community Communication Section  
Call for papers**

IAMCR's Community Communication section is the premier international forum for community and alternative media studies. This is the place for research on media practices that differ significantly from government and market-dominated paradigms. These media originate, circulate and resonate from the sphere of civil society, yet may interact with both state and market. Community media serve specific cultural or geographic communities. The field includes do-it-yourself media, media for social change, and a wide range of non-governmental and non-commercial practices using all kinds of communication technologies.

We seek in-depth and cutting-edge research papers on:

- issues of media access;
- participation and evaluation of outcomes;
- media projects undertaken by marginalized and under-represented groups;
- the development and support of public and community-based media institutions and infrastructures;
- the production and distribution of community and alternative media;
- and theoretical and historical contributions to the field.

In addition to research papers, the section welcomes the submission of panel proposals on current issues and problems in the field, i.e. in relation to the Congress theme: "Media and Global Divides".

Applicants should submit a 500 word abstract that describes the topic of their research and its significance, their theoretical framework, and their methods.

Panel proposals should include a well-defined statement of purpose, a complete list of panel participants, and full abstracts for each presentation.

All submissions should include a paper title, as well as authors' names, institutional affiliations and full contact information (mailing address, email address, and telephone numbers).

Submissions in the author's native language must also include an English translation.

Submissions should be sent to the section chair and may not be submitted to more than one IAMCR division.

A joint session is planned with the Political Economy Section and more joint sessions with other sections might occur.

**Note:** Researchers examining community media for development purposes should apply to the Participatory Communication Research section.

Researchers studying ethnic community media within a Diaspora framework should apply to the Diaspora and Media working group.

**Deadlines:**

Submission of abstracts to the Section Chair: January 31, 2008

Submission results announced: March 31, 2008

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