

Call for Papers
Participatory Communication Research
International Association for Media and Communication Research
(IAMCR)

IAMCR 2007, July 23 - 25, 2007, UNESCO, Paris, France
Media, Communication, Information:
Celebrating 50 Years of Theories and Practices

The Participatory Communication Research Section (PCR) invites submissions for its open sessions at the IAMCR 2007 Conference in Paris. Additionally, the section plans to organize two special events. It will organize a special session on the **history and future of participatory communication research**. The panel for this session will consist of previous section heads: *Jan Servaes* (University of Queensland, Australia), *Tom Jacobson* (Temple University, USA) and *Ullamaija Kivikuru* (University of Helsinki, Finland) and will be chaired by *Rico Lie* (Wageningen University, The Netherlands) and *Pradip Thomas* (University of Queensland, Australia). The second special event that will take place is a panel session on **assessing participatory communication projects**. For more information on this event you can contact Tom Jacobson (tlj@temple.edu).

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For the open sessions, the PCR Section invites submissions under the general theme of the conference “Media, Communication, Information: Celebrating 50 Years of Theories and Practices”. Under this umbrella, papers from a wide range of perspectives on communication, participation and change will be considered.

The work that is presented in the Participatory Communication Research Section is not based on any specific definition of participation. Rather, participation is a term used to refer to a variety of social and planning processes that occur in myriad ways and in many different contexts. This Section addresses issues related to communication within community and between stakeholders who are engaged in processes of social change. The sessions are meant to work toward theoretical and methodological clarification. Therefore, both papers and statements discussing theoretical or methodological perspectives and/or documenting specific case studies are welcome.

Topics that will be considered include a wide variety of issues that relate to research in relation to processes of communication founded on participation. This includes subjects and processes of democratisation, communication and information rights, ICTs for sustainable development, health communication, environmental communication, agricultural extension services, communication for advocacy, folk media and social movements, communication planning activities and interventions, national and cultural identities, community studies and the relationship between participation, empowerment and gender, community radio and participatory video production, non-formal participatory forms of education, participatory rapid appraisals, participatory action research, and so on.

Logistics

Joint sessions with other relevant sections and working groups can be organised. Please do not submit your abstract to several sections and groups.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts (500 words) is **January 15, 2007**. You will be informed whether or not your abstract is accepted by **March 1, 2007**. The deadline for full papers is **June 15, 2007**.

There are to be no biographical notes or references in the abstract.

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