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#### AUTHOR'S NOTE

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## PREFACE

Some say that science journalists distinguish themselves amongst journalists by a greater propensity 'at grouping and mingling together'<sup>1</sup>.

This Guide to associations of science journalists from all over the world is one more piece of evidence. In many countries, across several continents, and now worldwide, science journalists seek contacts with colleagues. They get together and form associations. Through these associations, they share experience, organize training sessions for their younger (and older) membership, and create awards programs to recognize the best of them.

Associations of science journalists are delicate. Some have collapsed with time, while others have entered into long periods of hibernation only to awaken again. This Guide is dedicated to the hundreds of volunteers who make these associations possible. You can now more easily find colleagues and exchange challenges and tips with other associations.

The World Federation of Science Journalists hopes that the next edition of the Guide will include many more associations from everywhere, but particularly from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

Jean Woo, Program Officer at the Innovation, Technology and Society program of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), deserves credit for initiating this Guide. She then found and convinced Jessica White to collect the information and shape it in this elegant publication. Thank you.

Please, send updated or complementary information to [info@wfsj.org](mailto:info@wfsj.org). WFSJ will post a pdf version of this document on its website: [www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org). We look forward to your comments – and information on many more associations!

Jean-Marc Fleury  
Executive Director, WFSJ

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<sup>1</sup> Les journalistes scientifiques: des éducateurs?, Philippe Marcotte and Florian Sauvageau, in *Les Cahiers du journalisme*, No 15, Hiver 2006, École supérieure de journalisme de Lille (France) and Université Laval, Québec (Canada).



# INTRODUCTION

Globally, the public communication of science and technology is expanding rapidly as a professional and academic field. Issues involving complex scientific information – atmospheric pollutants, prevention and treatment strategies for HIV/AIDS, sustainable energy options – affect everyone. Yet not everyone has the opportunity, the resources or perhaps even the interest to commit themselves to understanding advanced science, and how it relates to the well being of our families and societies. This makes crucial the role of science journalists, professional communicators who are trained to interpret, challenge and report in a relevant way the science and technology stories that are unfolding around us.

Science journalists, often isolated from their peers – and even from the scientists whose work they are reporting – have come to rely on each other for professional and personal support. While much of this support is provided through informal networks, many science journalists have come together in various places, at different points throughout the previous century, to establish lasting formal associations. The need for these national and regional associations to be linked on an international level has percolated over the years and has recently been acted upon. This evolving global network is the focus of this guide, which attempts to give a ‘snapshot’ view of the current state of science writers associations worldwide. It is hoped that this guide, despite its limitations, will serve as a useful tool for further collaboration between those wishing to advance the communication of science, both locally and globally.

## History

Science journalism associations have been forming slowly yet steadily since the 1950s. Long before the trend caught on, a group of German science journalists joined together to form the Journalists' Association for Technical-Scientific Publicism (TELI), in 1928. The next fledgling association to form was the National Association of Science Writers (NASW), started by roughly a dozen American journalists in 1934. The first regional association was formed in Latin America in 1963. Founded by Dr. Manuel Calvo Hernando, the Iberoamerican Association of Science Journalism (AIPC) brought together 23 national science journalists' associations.

*Dr. Manuel Calvo Hernando, 1963*  
<http://cienciaecultura.bvs.br>



Through the 1960s and 1970s, national associations continued to form in Europe and the Americas. In the 1980s, associations began to form in Asia and in Africa where, today, science journalists are actively networking and rapidly establishing national and regional associations.

This momentum in associating at the national level has been helped by the recent formation of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ). Beginning with a common vision first shared by participants at the First World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) in Tokyo in 1992, the concept was developed further at the Second WCSJ in Budapest in 1999. The “association of associations” was formally created at the Third WCSJ in São José dos Campos, Brazil, and finally consolidated at the Fourth WCSJ in Montréal, Canada in 2002.

## The Budapest Declaration

The concept of a truly international, non-political, all-inclusive organization – a World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) – is a direct response to the new awareness of science’s internationalism.

A proposal for such a federation was made at the First World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) in Tokyo in 1992 and later formally included as part of the statement issued by delegates to the Second World Conference of Science Journalists, held in Hungary in 1999.

This statement, known as “**The Budapest Declaration**”, specifically recognized Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights: *“Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression ... without interference ... and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”*

Source: [www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org)

The WFSJ has recently launched their flagship project, *SjCOOP*, to encourage partnerships between well-established science writers associations and newly established ones in the developing world. The first two associations to be twinned by the project – which is now jointly funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the UK Department for International Development (DfID) and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) – are the Arab Association of Science Journalists (AASJ), covering the Middle East and North Africa, and the National Association of Science Writers (NASW) in the United States. The Arab-American partnership will commence at the Fifth WCSJ in Melbourne in April 2007, where it is anticipated that more associations will be twinned by the program. Associations from Canada, France, Germany, Quebec and the United Kingdom have already come forward to participate in the program.

## Twining of Associations

*“We want to promote networking, and the creation of new associations in parts of the world where science journalism is not as well supported”*

**Jean-Marc Fleury, executive director, World Federation of Science Journalists**

Source: [www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org)

# OVERVIEW

## Finances

The annual budgets for science journalists' associations range widely, from €500(Ireland) to €250 000 (Finland). Membership fees are the most common source of revenue. Other sources of revenue include sponsorship for specific activities, government subsidies and grants, contributions from supporting individuals and organizations and legacy funds. Finland organizes a collective copyright fee, which earned nearly €250000 in 2005. Financial information for most associations was not made available.

## Governance

Most associations elect their leading officers at an annual general assembly, where all members have a right to vote. The Executive Office then meets regularly, or as needed, by telephone, email and in person. Details concerning constitutions and statutes are available on several of the associations' websites.

## Membership

The size of national association membership varies greatly, from nine in Colombia to thousands in China. Similarly, the make-up of membership in associations varies considerably. Some are exclusive to journalists (Belgium, Ireland, France, WPK in Germany), while most have a mix of journalists and public communication officers (Argentina, Australia, Chile, TELI in Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Québec, Spain and the United Kingdom). Some associations also include in their membership professionals from other backgrounds such as academics, teachers, and scientists (Argentina, Colombia, Spain, Cameroon, India and Japan). The Chinese Society for Science and Technology Journalism (CSSTJ) is unique in its size and make-up; it is a national association that has 40 group members, including 16 regional societies, as well as thousands of individual members.

## Activities

Science journalism associations organize a vast scope of activities, commonly including:

- Training workshops for members
- Public courses and lectures in science communication
- Science and technology conferences
- Public meetings with scientists and researchers
- Tours to research centres and field research sites
- Prizes and awards
- Awards for internships
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Directories of journalists
- Websites – including news and resources for journalists

# Information chart on science journalism associations

Name	Year created	Membership					AGM	EO	Budget (€)
		Journalists (staff)	Journalists (freelance)	PR officers	Other	Total			
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>									
International Science Writers' Association (ISWA)	1967	60	60	60	20	200	Y	Y	1 500-2300
World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ)	2002	-	-	-	-	30 associations	Y	Y	-
<b>REGIONAL</b>									
African Federation of Science Journalists (AFSJ)	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Journalists' Union for Science and Technology Advancement in Africa (JUSTA-Africa)	2003	80	80	-	-	160	-	-	-
Southern African Science Communication Network (SASCON)	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-
Arab Science Journalists Association (ASJA)	2006	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-
European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA)	1971	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	9 300-50 000
Iberoamerican Association of Science Journalism (AIPC)	1963	-	-	-	-	23 associations	-	-	-

AGM = Annual General Meeting  
 EO = Executive Office  
 PR = Public relations

NATIONAL										
Argentina: Argentinean Association of Science Journalism (AAPC)	1963	20	50	20	30	120	Y	Y	-	-
Australia: Australian Science Communicators (ASC)	1994	-	-	200	-	410	Y	Y	15 000	-
Austria: Austrian Science and Education Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh: Bangladesh Science Writers and Journalists Forum (BSWJF)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium: Belgian Association of Science Journalists (ABJSc)	2000	18	18	-	-	36	N	N	700	-
Brazil: Brazilian Association of Science Journalism	1977	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon: Cameroon Science for Life (SciLife)	2006	18	1	-	2	21	Y	Y	11 000	-
Canada: Canadian Science Writers' Association (CSWA)	1971	-	-	-	-	450	-	-	-	-
Quebec: Association of Science Communicators (ACS)	1977	60	40	40	65	205	Y	Y	52 000	-
Catalonia: Catalan Association for Scientific Communication (ACCC)	1990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile: Chilean Association of Science Journalism (ACHIPEC)	1976	30	6	9	-	45	-	Y	-	-
China: Chinese Society for Science and Technology Journalism (CSSTJ)	1988	-	-	-	-	1 000s	Y	Y	-	-
Colombia: Colombian Association of Science Journalism (ACPC)	1976	7	-	-	2	9	Y	Y	-	-

Costa Rica: Costa Rican Association of Science Journalism (APCCC)	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia: Croatian Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic: Czech Association of Science Journalists	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark: Danish Science Journalists Association	1976	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-
Estonia: Estonian Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland: Finnish Association of Science Editors and Journalists (FASEJ)	1985	232	78	232	232	232	774	232	Y	Y	Y	250 000	-
France: French Association of Scientific Journalists (AJSPI)	1976	122	138	-	-	-	260	-	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Germany: German Science Journalists' Association (WPK)	1986	96	96	-	-	-	192	-	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Germany: Journalists' Association for Technical-Scientific Publicism (TELI)	1928	36	45	90	-	-	180	-	Y	Y	Y	15 000	-
Hungary: Club of Hungarian Science Journalists	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-
India: Indian Science Writers' Association	1985	100	100	100	100	100	400	100	Y	Y	Y	-	-
Ireland: Irish Science Journalists' Association (ISJA)	1985	2	18	-	-	-	20	-	Y	Y	Y	500-5 000	-
Italy: Italian Association of Science Journalists (UGIS)	1966	112	-	28	-	-	140	-	Y	Y	Y	200 000	-

Japan: Japanese Association of Science and Technology Journalists (JASTJ)	1994	80	20	25	20	180	Y	Y	-
Japan: Medical Journalists Association of Japan	1987	100	70	-	70	240	Y	Y	-
Kenya: Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA)	2005	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-
Korea: Korea Science Reporters Association (KOSRA)	1984	-	-	-	-	450	-	Y	-
Mexico: Mexican Society for the Popularization of Science and Technology (SOMEDICYT)	1986	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands, The: Dutch Association of Science Writers (VWN)	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-
Nigeria: Nigeria Association of Science Journalists (NASJ)	2007	25	7	-	-	32	Y	Y	-
Norway: Norway Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines: The: Philippine Science Journalists' Association (PSciJourn)	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland: Polish Science Journalists' Association	2006	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Portugal: Portuguese Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian Association of Science Writers and Journalists 'INTELLECT'	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Slovakia: Slovakian Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia: Slovenian Science Journalists' Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain: Spanish Association of Science Journalism (AEPC)	1971	70	-	20	10	100	Y	Y	Y	6 000							
Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka Environmental Journalists Forum (SLEJF)	1987	764	-	55	101	920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden: Association of Swedish Science Journalists	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland: Swiss Association of Science Journalism	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda: Uganda Science Journalists Association (USJA)	2001	12	8	1	6	27	Y	Y	Y	-							
United Kingdom: Association of British Science Writers (ABSW)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States: National Association of Science Writers (NASW)	1955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



# Global Associations

# International Science Writers' Association (ISWA)

[www.internationalsciencewriters.org](http://www.internationalsciencewriters.org)

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**Established:** 1967

**About:** ISWA is the world's oldest international science journalists association. An organization of individual membership, it is of particular value to writers living in countries without national associations, and especially those wishing to be represented in the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ). It currently represents 200 individuals from 26 different countries. ISWA's objective is to provide an informal network of personal and professional contacts among science writers worldwide.

**Key activities:** ISWA maintains a website offering information regarding job, training and educational opportunities; publishes a newsletter and membership list providing up-to-date contact information and news of professional developments around the world; and assists in the planning, organizing and conducting of seminars and workshops on science communication.

**Membership:**

Journalists	120
Public relations officers	60
Others (researchers, etc.)	20
Total	200

**Affiliations:** World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ); National Association of Science Writers (ISWA president is an individual member and consultant on international affairs)

**Governance:** Executive Office is elected at the annual general assembly, which is held at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

**Financing:** Annual budget (USD \$ 2 000 - 3 000) is sourced from membership dues, various fees and honoraria

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# World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ)

[www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org)

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**Established:** 2002

**About:** WFSJ is an 'umbrella organization' representing national, regional and other international associations of science and technology communicators (journalists, writers, editors, broadcasters, film and video producers, academic and research press officers, etc.). The Federation serves as a means to further science journalism as a bridge between scientists and the public. It promotes the role of science journalists as key players in civil society and democracy. WFSJ's goals are to improve the quality of science reporting, promote standards and support science and technology journalists worldwide.

**Key activities:** WFSJ aims at organizing regular exchanges between its member organizations and their individual members, and encourages the foundation of associations where there are none. The Federation maintains a website to share information about advances and trends in science journalism. Training and networking for science journalists, especially in the developing world, are priorities. A major activity of WFSJ is the periodic convening of the World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ).

## Peer-to-Peer Development and Support of Science Journalism

The World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) manages an innovative mentoring scheme for science journalists. The 'Peer-to-Peer' mentoring project, now in its first year, has two main objectives: (1) mentoring of science journalists, and (2) establishment of associations of science journalists in Africa and the Middle East. The 2-year program has matched aspiring science journalists from 35 countries in Africa and the Middle East with experienced science journalists from Kenya, Cameroon, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, the UK and the USA. There are three groups of mentored journalists: Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa and the Middle East.

Following selection of the first 60 journalists to participate in the program, the mentors and participants met for the first time in Nairobi in November 2006 at the United Nations Climate Change Conference. This opportunity to exchange freely brought the Peer-to-Peer concept to life and also provided the opportunity to test the first two lessons of an eventual online course in science journalism. All participants left Nairobi intent to strengthen their science reporting skills, and several were inspired to establish science journalists' associations in their respective countries, another goal of the WFSJ program.

**Membership:** 31 national, regional and international member associations:

**International** | International Science Writers Association (ISWA)

### **AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Middle East** | Arab Science Journalists Association (ASJA)

**Africa** | African Federation of Science Journalists (AFSJ)

**Cameroon** | Cameroon Science For Life (SciLife)

**Kenya** | Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA)

**Nigeria** | Nigeria Association of Science Journalists (NAJS)

**Uganda** | Uganda Science Journalists' Association (USJA)

### **ASIA**

**Australia** | Australian Science Communicators (ASC)

**China** | Chinese Society for Science and Technology Journalism (CSSTJ)

**Japan** | Japanese Association of Science and Technology Journalists (JASTJ)

**Japan** | Medical Journalists Association of Japan

**Korea** | Korea Science Reporters Association (KOSRA)

**The Philippines** | Philippine Science Journalists Association (PSciJourn)

### **AMERICAS**

**Latin America** | Iberoamerican Association of Science Journalism

**Argentina** | Argentinean Association of Science Journalism (AAPC)

**Brazil** | Brazilian Association of Science Journalism (ABJC)

**Canada** | Canadian Science Writers' Association (CSWA)

**Colombia** | Colombian Association of Science Journalism (ACPC)

**Québec** | Association of Science Communicators (ACS)

**United States** | National Association of Science Writers (NASW)

### **EUROPE**

**Europe** | European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA)

**Catalonia** | Catalan Association for Scientific Communication (ACCC)

**Finland** | Finnish Association of Science Editors and Journalists (FASEJ)

**Germany** | German Science Journalists' Association (WPK)

**Germany** | Journalists' Association for Technical-Scientific Publicism (TELI)

**Ireland** | Irish Science Journalists Association (ISJA)

**Italy** | Italian Association of Science Journalists (UGIS)

**The Netherlands** | Dutch Association of Science Writers

**Russia** | Association of Science Writers and Journalists 'INTELLECT'

**Spain** | Spanish Association of Science Communication (AECC)

**United Kingdom** | Association of British Science Writers (ABSW)

**Governance:** The Executive Board will be elected biennially by the general assembly

**Financing:** The annual budget is sourced from membership fees

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# Regional Associations

# African Federation of Science Journalists (AFSJ)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AfricanScienceJournalists>

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**Established:** 2004

**About:** The African Federation of Science Journalists (AFSJ) was created by African journalists who attended the World Conference of Science Journalists in Montréal, Canada, in October 2004. The network aims to share experiences and information and, ultimately, to improve coverage of science news on the continent. It encourages members to focus their coverage on stories that further development of the region.

**Key activities:** The Federation provides African journalists with information about scholarships, training opportunities and awards. It also serves as a forum for members to share ideas, experiences and contact details of relevant individuals and institutions. An online discussion group is currently active.

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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\* Information about the African Federation of Science Journalists is sourced from [www.scidev.net](http://www.scidev.net)

# Journalists' Union for Science and Technology Advancement in Africa (JUSTA-Africa)

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**Established:** 2003

**About:** JUSTA is a regional African media organisation based in Tanzania and made up of practicing journalists who share a passion for applied sciences and appropriate technologies for sustainable development in Africa. The objectives of the organisation are to promote public awareness of science and technology; to popularise the accurate dissemination of scientific information in Africa; to support science writers; and to work to give a voice to individuals and communities, particularly those who have not had access to the media.

**Key activities:** JUSTA organizes workshops and seminars to expose the public to science- and technology-related issues; exchanges opinions and views with grassroots people, policy makers, journalists, scientists, technologists, and environmentalists on environmental management and sustainable development issues; disseminates information on science and technology through JUSTA publications and other media; networks with groups working on science and technology, environment, and sustainable development; and provides fora for people to learn and exchange opinions on science and technology issues.

**Membership:** ~ 160 journalists

**Affiliations:** N/a

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Southern African Science Communication Network (SASCON)

[www.saasta.ac.za/sascon/index.shtml](http://www.saasta.ac.za/sascon/index.shtml)

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- Established:** SASCON was established as an association from 1997 to about 2000. In 2002, it was revived as a virtual network.
- About:** SASCON is a free electronic network, organised by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA), which promotes interaction and collaboration in science communication in Southern Africa. While not a registered association, there are over 200 subscribers including journalists, communicators and researchers.
- SASCON believes that the way southern Africans understand, communicate and use science and technology significantly affects their economic, social and environmental wellbeing. Their objectives are: to provide a forum for the exchange of information between all people interested in promoting science communication; to promote public awareness of and interest in science among southern Africans; to increase the number of science communicators in southern Africa; and to promote the visibility of science and technology in the media.
- Key activities:** SASCON hosts a discussion list for science communicators and hosts "*media skills for scientists*" workshops to equip scientists, engineers and technologists with better communication skills.
- Membership:** Over 200 subscribers (journalists, communicators and researchers)
- Affiliations:** Organised by SAASTA
- Governance:** N/a
- Financing:** N/a
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# Arab Science Journalists Association (ASJA)

[www.arabsciencejournalists.net](http://www.arabsciencejournalists.net)

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**Established:** 2006

**About:** The Arab Association of Science Journalists brings together science journalists reporting in the Arab world to encourage high standards of professionalism and to promote a science culture in the region by developing the skills of journalists in communicating science. Some of its objectives are to form a network of science journalists in the Arab world, to play a role in developing skills of journalists, and to monitor Arab media for signs of both poor and excellent science coverage.

**Key activities:** The association has already set up an e-group through which members have been interacting, exchanging experiences, and informing each other of opportunities since 2003. In December 2006, the association will organize a session on Arab science journalism during a large conference organized by the Arab Science & Technology Foundation (ASTF) for Arab scientists in Damascus, Syria.

The association is planning on co-organizing with ASTF an annual award for Arab science journalism. They are also planning on co-organizing, again with ASTF, an annual conference for Arab science journalists. In addition, they have plans to create an Arab science news agency, a guidebook for science journalism in Arabic, and regular capacity-building workshops for Arab science journalists.

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); twinned with the National Association of Science Writers (NASW) in the United States

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by a general assembly and the Executive Office meets about once per month.

**Financing:** To be determined

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# Iberoamerican Association of Science Journalism (AIPC)

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**Established:** 1963

**About:** N/a

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (24):** AIPC is a member of WFSJ and has 23 national member associations, not all of which are currently active. These include the following:

**Argentina** | Argentinean Association of Science Journalism (AAPC)

**Bolivia** | Bolivian Association of Science Journalism (ABPC)

**Brazil** | Brazilian Association of Science Journalism (ABJC)

**Colombia** | Colombian Association of Science Journalism (ACPC)

**Costa Rica** | Costa Rican Association of Science Journalism (ACRPC)

**Cuba** | Cuban Circle of Science Journalists (CPCC) (in formation)

**Chile** | Chilean Association of Science Journalism (ACHIPEC)

**Dominican Republic** | Dominican Association of Science Journalists

**Ecuador** | Ecuadorian Association of Science Journalism

**Spain** | Spanish Association of Science Journalism

**Honduras** | Honduran Association of Science Journalism (AHPEC)

**Mexico** | Mexican Society for the Popularization of Science and Technology (SOMEDICYT)

**Nicaragua** | Nicaraguan Association of Science Journalists (inactive)

**Paraguay** | Paraguayan Association of Science Journalists (inactive)

**Peru** | Peruvian Society of Science Journalists and Communicators

**Uruguay** | Uruguayan Association of Science Journalists

**Venezuela** | Venezuelan Circle of Science Journalists

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA)

[www.eusja.org](http://www.eusja.org)

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**Established:** 1971

**About:** EUSJA is an umbrella organization of national and regional science journalist associations in Europe. EUSJA improves communication between the scientific community and society and promotes contacts among the various member associations and among journalists engaged in reporting science, medicine and technology.

**Key activities:** EUSJA's activities include regular study trips to research institutions and universities organized by a local national association for delegates from the other member associations; workshops and conferences about science communication in the media; and bilateral contacts between member associations.

**Membership:** EUSJA is a member of WFSJ, and includes the following national members:

**Austria** | Austrian Science and Education Journalists' Association

**Belgium** | Belgian Association of Science Journalists (ABJSc)

**Croatia** | Croatian Science Journalists' Association

**Czech Republic** | Czech Association of Science Journalists

**Denmark** | Danish Science Journalists Association

**Estonia** | Estonian Science Journalists' Association

**Finland** | Finnish Association of Science Editors and Journalists (FASEJ)

**France** | French Association of Scientific Journalists (AJSPI)

**Germany** | German Science Journalists' Association (WPK)

**Germany** | Journalists' Association for Technical-Scientific Publicism (TELI)

**Hungary** | Club of Hungarian Science Journalists

**Ireland** | Irish Science Journalists Association (ISJA)

**Italy** | Italian Association of Science Journalists (UGIS)

**Netherlands** | Dutch Association of Science Writers (VWN)

**Norway** | Norway Science Journalists' Association

**Poland** | Polish Science Journalists' Association

**Portugal** | Portuguese Science Journalists' Association

**Russia** | Russian Association of Science Writers and Journalists 'INTELLECT'

**Slovakia** | Slovakian Science Journalists' Association

**Slovenia** | Slovenian Science Journalists' Association

**Spain** | Spanish Association of Science Communication (AECC)

**Sweden** | Association of Swedish Science Journalists

**Switzerland** | Swiss Association of Science Journalism

**United Kingdom** | Association of British Science Writers (ABSW)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by the general assembly at every second annual meeting.

**Financing:** The annual budget (€50 000) is sourced from membership fees and European Commission project grants.

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# National Associations

# Africa

# Cameroon

## Cameroon's Association of Science Journalists and Communicators (SciLife)

[www.scilife.org](http://www.scilife.org)

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**Established:** 2006

**About:** SciLife is a professional association for Cameroonian science journalists, science communicators and science popularization facilitators. It represents about 90% of working science journalists in Cameroon.

The objective of the organization is to promote public interest in science and technology, and their impact in society, via better reporting and public communication. SciLife intends to help reporters explain science issues arising in Cameroon or abroad to the public, namely by providing training for its members with the help of international science communicator associations. SciLife also intends to contribute to a stronger democracy by making science and technology, education and scientific matters more accessible.

**Key activities:** SciLife hosts a “*café science*”, a public science conference which takes place in a café. The association also intends to organize seminars, workshops, studies on science in Cameroon, awards in science journalism and in science; and visits to laboratories and field research sites.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	19
	Others (scholars, teachers)	2
	Total	21

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); twinned with the French Association of Scientific Journalists (AJSPI)

**Governance:** The president and the general secretary are elected by the general assembly, which meets annually. The executive office meets once per month

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ €11 000) is sourced from membership fees.

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# Kenya

## Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA)

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**Established:** 2005

**About:** MESHA, officially founded in November 2005, is an organisation that offers support to science reporters covering agriculture, the environment, health and development. Their aim is to encourage networking, training, meetings and workshops among reporters in Kenya.

**Key activities** MESHA organises **trainings** and **meetings** for members and offers **consultancies** in areas such as media, science communication training and events. For the last two years, MESHA has been responsible for **fundraising** for a regional annual meeting held rotationally among members, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Members are often commissioned by various organisations to write topical science features on their behalf. MESHA is currently holding discussions with stakeholders in disability issues with a view of training journalists.

**Membership:** 37 members

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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### **MESHA joins WFSJ**

*MESHA became a member of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) on December 14, 2006. Secretary Aghan Daniel writes, "MESHA joined WFSJ so that we could find a global and wider forum that will act as an avenue for our members to share experiences by engaging in effective networking with colleagues from other parts of the world. We are convinced that we can learn from our more experienced colleagues from elsewhere, so that MESHA as an organization outlives its founder movers and shakers."*  
Source: [www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org)

\* All information about MESHA is sourced from [www.wfsj.org](http://www.wfsj.org)

# Malawi

## The Coalition of Journalists on Environment and Agriculture (COJEA)

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**Established:** 2004

**About:** COJEA is a network formed by science journalists in Malawi to promote both the discussion of science, environment, agriculture and food security issues in Malawi, and the dissemination of information to the public. COJEA aims to have a regional scope, seeking members from the 14 countries of the Southern African Development Community.

**Key activities:** COJEA will organize training for journalists in science-related aspects of national development issues; offer forums, group discussions, exchange programmes with other networks, regionally and internationally; and arrange field trips for journalists to areas of prime scientific interest, or where research of national importance is being conducted. They also plan to produce a magazine, The Green Environment, which will focus specifically on science and development and will be available to the general public as well as members.

**Membership:** ~ 30 members

**Affiliations:** N/a

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

**Contact:** N/a

\*Information about COJEA is sourced from [www.scidev.net](http://www.scidev.net)

# Nigeria

## Nigeria Association of Science Journalists (NASJ)

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**Established:** 2007

**About:** The Nigeria Association of Science Journalists (NASJ) is made up of science and technology, environment, health, and development reporters interested in providing a platform for interaction between the Nigerian scientific community and the media for the good of the public.

**Key activities:** NASJ organizes science round tables, seminars, an advocacy workshop as well as meetings between the Nigerian public and the media.

**Membership:** 32 journalists

**Affiliations:** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** The president and the general secretary are elected by the general assembly, which meets annually. The executive office meets once monthly.

**Financing:** N/a

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# Uganda

## Uganda Science Journalists Association (USJA)

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**Established:** 2005

**About:** USJA is a forum of journalists and scientists/researchers working for the development of science communication in Uganda. USJA's objectives are to enhance the quality of reporting of science through providing journalists with training opportunities, to provide a forum through which science journalists can discuss the development of science communication and to provide a professional link for journalists and scientists.

**Key activities:** USJA trains journalists through seminars, field excursions and short courses. It wants to build a database for scientific issues, and organize exchange visits with science journalists in others countries. It also hopes to hold public dialogues and expert debates, and create linkages between reporters, scientists and the public through various activities in print, radio and television.

**Membership:** 27 members

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** The leading officers are elected every three years at the annual general assembly.

**Financing:** N/a

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# Asia

# China

## Chinese Society for Science and Technology Journalism (CSSTJ)

www.csstj.org.cn

**Established:** 1988

**About:** CSSTJ is made up of reporters, editors and communicators, as well as entrepreneurs, government officers, and educators who are devoted to science communication. Its objectives are to bring science journalists and editors together to implement strategies for revitalizing the nation through science and education; to promote academic exchange on science communication; to improve the ability of its members to communicate about science; and to boost social progress in science and technology.

**Key activities:** CSSTJ holds **seminars** for journalists and editors; sponsors a biennial academic **conference** and an international conference on media; organizes a science news **competition**; and publishes three **journals**: *Chinese Information on Science and Technology*, *Science News* (academic journal), and *Popular Computer*.

CSSTJ cosponsors media postgraduate **courses** with the Department of Mass Media of Tsinghua University and the University of Science and Technology of China.

### Academic exchange

*CSSTJ organized the 1st (1992), 2nd (1999) and 3rd (2001) "Symposium on Newspapers (Media) and Science and Social Development of the Asian and Pacific Region". At these conferences, experts and researchers from both China and abroad discussed the characteristics, influence and trends of the media, as well as development strategies of traditional media in the new century.*

**Membership:** CSSTJ has 40 group members, including 16 regional societies, as well as thousands of individual members

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** CSSTJ's highest decision-making body is its national conferences and the Administrative Committee is the highest executive body.

**Financing:** N/a

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# India

## Indian Science Writers' Association

[www.iswaindia.com](http://www.iswaindia.com)

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**Established:** 1985

**About:** ISWA is a professional body of science writers, journalists, communicators and freelancers. Its objective is to develop the professions of science journalism, science communication, and science writing. It represents nearly all of the working science journalists in India.

**Key activities:** ISWA organises an annual **conference**; training **workshops** on science journalism; **visits** to scientific and media organisations; and **meetings** between scientists, policy makers and journalists.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	200
	Public relations officers	100
	Others (academics, researchers)	100
	Total	400

**Affiliations (1):** To become a member of WFSJ

**Governance:** ISWA holds an annual general assembly, the National Science Communication Congress (NSCC). Elections for Executive Office take place every two years and are based on voting by postal ballots. The Executive Office generally meets twice per year.

**Financing:** Revenue is sourced from membership fees and occasional activity-based sponsorship from government and others.

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# Japan

Japanese Association of Science and Technology Journalists (JASTJ)

[www.jastj.jp](http://www.jastj.jp)

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**Established:** 1994

**About:** The objectives of JASTJ are: to promote mutual understanding and friendship among science journalists, to raise awareness in support of journalists' activities, and to encourage young students and journalists.

**Key activities:** JASTJ organises **seminars**, produces **publications**, offers **prizes** for science writing, and advises on science communication as needed.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	100
	Public relations officers	25
	Others	20
	(editors, directors, producers, curators, researchers, government officers)	
	Total	180

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); Medical Journalists Association of Japan

**Governance:** The leading officers are recommended by themselves and others to the executive committee, which then elects the president. The executive office meets six to seven times per year, and an annual general assembly is held in May.

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ €26 000) is sourced from membership fees and contributions from supporting organizations.

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# Japan

## Medical Journalists Association of Japan (MEJA)

[www.cosmopr.co.jp](http://www.cosmopr.co.jp)

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**Established:** 1987

**About:** MEJA was founded by a group of journalists with an interest in medical science, medicine, and health care. The association is comprised of freelance reporters; staff reporters from newspapers, television, publishing agencies, and magazines; as well as editors, public relations officers, doctors, nurses and researchers. The objective of the association is to stimulate communication between members and other news sources, to enhance the quality of reports by medical journalists and communicators, and to deepen our insight and knowledge in the fields of medical science, medicine, and health care.

**Key activities:** MEJA publishes a quarterly newsletter “*Medical Journalists*”, convenes monthly seminars with medical experts, conducts visits to medical facilities twice a year and is involved in the publication of several books and documents. The association translated and published two US Academy of Science publications, “*To Err is Human*” in 2000 and “*A New Health System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” in 2002.

**Membership:**

Journalists	170
Others (editors, researchers, etc)	70

MEJA also has 20 corporate members

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); Japanese Association of Science and Technology Journalists (JASTJ)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by the annual general assembly, every two years, and meet together every two months. The president is elected by the officers, with final approval from the general assembly.

**Financing:** Annual budget is sourced from membership fees

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# Korea

## Korea Science Reporters Association (KOSRA)

[www.scinews.co.kr](http://www.scinews.co.kr)

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**Established:** 1984 (became a legal Organization by the Ministry of Science and Technology in 1994)

**About:** KOSRA is made up of reporters specialising in science and technology, information technology (IT), and medical science in domestic daily newspapers, broadcasting companies and news agencies. Its objectives are: to promote science journalism; to upgrade the skills of science reporters; and to enhance membership and protect the rights of journalists.

**Key activities:** Each year, KOSRA holds three to four **seminars** and **debates** either in Korea or abroad, and holds a **rally** to strengthen friendship. Each year KOSRA also awards the ***Pantech Science Journalist Prize*** to science reporters and the ***Scientist of the Year Prize*** to encourage scientists who have had significant achievements in science and technology, IT and medical science fields.

### ***Pantech Science Journalist Prize***

*KOSRA changed existent "Science Reporters Award" into "Pantech Science Journalist Prize" after it made a sponsorship agreement with Pantech Inc. in 2002. Journalists selected for the prize are given medals and gifts and are funded to train overseas.*

**Membership:** 450 members

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** KOSRA has five vice presidents, six directors, and two inspectors under the president.

**Financing:** N/a

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\* All information about the KOSRA is sourced from [www.scinews.co.kr](http://www.scinews.co.kr)

# Philippines

Philippine Science Journalists' Association (PSciJourn)

[www.pscijourn.wordpress.com](http://www.pscijourn.wordpress.com)

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**Established:** 2001

**Science Journalism Week**

**About:**

PSciJourn includes science and technology (S&T) media practitioners, communicators and advocates committed to creating a science-oriented culture among Filipinos. PSciJourn aims to: 1) support the government's effort in developing a science-oriented public; 2) promote public awareness, understanding and appreciation of S&T through vigorous and comprehensive information dissemination in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and other related S&T agencies; 3) serve as a catalyst of change by advocating S&T policies and issues affecting the people and the nation; and 4) create a pool of science journalists and organize trainings and scholarships for journalists committed to S&T.

*On August 11, 2003, Philippines President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed a proclamation authorizing PSciJourn to lead the observance of Science Journalism Week on the third week of July each year.*

**Key activities:**

PSciJourn has conducted two congresses, accorded lifetime achievement awards to four distinguished S&T journalists, and collaborated with other science societies to conduct S&T fora and seminars. PSciJourn national officers have also organized regional chapters to carry out the association's objectives more widely throughout the Philippines.

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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\* Information about PsciJourn is sourced from [www.static.stii.dost.gov.ph/sntpost/pscijourn/MainPscijourn.htm](http://www.static.stii.dost.gov.ph/sntpost/pscijourn/MainPscijourn.htm)

# Sri Lanka

## Sri Lanka Environmental Journalists Forum (SLEJF)

[www.environmentaljournalists.lk](http://www.environmentaljournalists.lk)

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**Established:** 1987

**About:** Established with support from the Sri Lanka Government and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), SLEJF is a media organization committed to influencing, encouraging and promoting sustainable human development, communication and awareness building among the public in Sri Lanka.

SLEJF's objectives are to build a stronger and more closely connected network of environmental journalists, science journalists, and public; to stimulate more and better coverage of a range of critically important environmental, science and development issues; to encourage environmental public awareness; to increase use of information resources, training, and educational events that are available to journalists and public interested in covering the environment; and to foster the creation of important new information resources and training opportunities.

**Key activities:** SLEJF organises environmental, science and development related media training workshops. Annually, they train nearly 1,000 journalists. They are also working to strengthen 76 community based journalists associations.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	764
	Public relations officers	55
	Others	101
	Total	920

**Affiliations:** SLEJF holds membership in 17 international media and environmental organizations, including the World Conservation Union (IUCN), and in 27 environmental and media committees. SLEJF also functions as the coordinator of seven networks of international environmental and media organizations in Sri Lanka, maintaining contact with 931 local NGOs, 1123 school environment clubs, 2973 schools and 2918 public libraries.

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Australasia

# Australia

## Australian Science Communicators (ASC)

[www.asc.asn.au](http://www.asc.asn.au)

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**Established:** 1994

**About:** The ASC is a network of over 400 people working in science and technology communication across Australia and overseas. Its members are drawn together by a desire to improve their skills, exchange ideas and build synergies, and in general to advance the profession of science communication.

Its objectives are: to foster professional communication of science and technology, especially through high standards in the crafts of journalism and other forms of communication; to promote national awareness and understanding of science and technology; to encourage discussion and debate of ethical, policy, economic and social issues related to science and technology; and to provide opportunities for meetings between science and technology communication professionals.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	n/a
	Public relations officers	~ 200
	Others (consultants, scientists, teachers)	n/a
	Total	410

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** The president is elected at the National Annual General Meeting by the National Council. Each branch with more than ten financial members is entitled to one representative on the National Council. The National Council then appoints two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer to the National Executive, which meets at least six times annually.

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ AUD 25 000) is sourced from membership fees.

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# The Americas

# Argentina

## Argentinean Association of Science Journalism (AAPC)

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**Established:** 1963

**About:** The Argentinean Association of Science Journalism was founded by Dr. Jacobo Brailowsky in Cartagena, Colombia, in 1963. The principal objectives of the organization are to build the capacity of science journalists, and to represent science journalists politically, for example, in congress.

**Key activities:** The association organizes workshops, conferences and capacity-building activities for its members.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	70
	Public relations officers	20
	Others (academics, researchers, etc)	30
	Total	120

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); member of the Latin American Association of Science Journalism (AIPC)

**Governance:** The association holds an annual general assembly at which the leading officers are elected. The Executive Office meets every four years.

**Financing:** N/a

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# Brazil

## Brazilian Association of Science Journalism

[www.abjc.org.br](http://www.abjc.org.br)

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**Established:** 1977

**About:** N/a

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); AIPC (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Canada

## Canadian Science Writers' Association

[www.sciencewriters.ca](http://www.sciencewriters.ca)

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**Established:** 1971

**About:** CSWA members include media professionals, communications officers in science and technology institutions, technical writers and educators. The association's objectives are: to promote and reward balanced and accurate science reporting in Canada; to create opportunities for members to meet and exchange ideas; to initiate educational and training opportunities for science communicators; to encourage communication between scientists and journalists; to encourage greater awareness among editors, producers and other gatekeepers of the need for science coverage; and to nourish the growth of a membership that reflects Canadian society with respect to gender, race and region.

**Key activities:** The CSWA operates several national programmes including the annual conference, which highlights current science and technology issues, bringing together scientists, engineers, journalists, educators, youth and the general public. CSWA's *Science in Society Journalism Awards* program recognizes excellence in Canadian science journalism in all media. On the local level, CSWA is also involved in events including *Word on the Street*, environmental workshops, and monthly public meetings.

**Membership:** 450 members (journalists, scholars, teachers)

**Affiliations (1):** WFSJ (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Chile

## Chilean Association of Science Journalism (ACHIPEC)

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**Established:** 1976

**About:** ACHIPEC was founded in Santiago, as a part of the National Journalist Organization to bring journalists, as well as students, together. It represents about 90% of science journalists in Chile. The objectives of the organization are: to increase vocational training for journalists; to encourage public interest in the advancement of science and technology; and to strengthen science education in Chilean society.

**Key activities:** ACHIPEC hosted the **VI Latin American Congress of Science Journalism** in Santiago, in 1996. The association also organizes **visits** to research institutes in Chile; **round tables** with researchers, professionals and academics; and national **seminars** on science topics such as medicine, physics, energy, geology, and biotechnology.

### ACHIPEC Publications

*¿Más Calidad o Cantidad de Vida en Chile (More quality or quantity of life in Chile?)*

*¿Cuántos debemos ser los chilenos y por qué? (How many are we, the Chileans, and why?)*

*Teoría y Práctica del Periodismo Científico (Theory and Practice of Science Journalism)*

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	36
	Public relations officers	9
	Total	45

**Affiliations (2):** AIPC (member); member of the National Journalist Organization, Chile

**Governance:** The executive office meets sporadically

**Financing:** Revenue is made up by contributions from scientific organizations and other enterprises. There is no fixed budget.

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# Colombia

## Colombian Association of Scientific Journalism (ACPC)

www.noticyt.org

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**Established:** 1976

**About:** The ACPC is a nonprofit organization made up of journalists, scientists, science broadcasters, research institutions and institutions that promote science and technology. Its objectives are to create, through the mass media, a national conscience that supports and encourages scientific and technological activities. It represents roughly 55% of Colombia's working science journalists.

**Key activities:** ACPC organizes science journalism **courses** in Bogota's universities, as well as **workshops** in science journalism and communication across the country. The association has supported Colombians to pursue graduate studies in science journalism in Spain, and its members have acted as thesis advisers to university students in Colombia. ACPC participates in **international events**, such as the Jack F. Ealy Workshops on Science Journalism, and publishes **articles** on science communication in national and international magazines. ACPC created the **Science and Technology News Wire Agency** and **National Academy of Medicine (NOTICyT)** in 2003.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	7
	Others	2
	Total	9

**Affiliations (3):** WFSJ (member); AIPC (member); member of Public Communication of Science and Technology (PCST)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by a general assembly and the Executive Office meets once per month.

**Financing:** The budget (n/a) is sourced from membership fees only

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# Costa Rica

## Costa Rican Association of Science Journalists (APCCC)

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**Established:** 2005

**About:** APCCC aims to promote a greater and more accurate disclosure of science and technology information in the Costa Rican mass media. They seek to support individuals in different disciplines who are interested in promoting the use of science and technology information by the public.

**Key activities:** N/a

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (1):** AIPC (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

**Contact:** N/a

# Mexico

## Mexican Society for the Popularization of Science and Technology (SOMEDICYT)

[www.somedicyt.org.mx](http://www.somedicyt.org.mx)

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**Established:** 1986

**About:** SOMEDICYT groups scientists and science communicators from different regions of Mexico to promote and to disseminate scientific and technological information to all sectors of the population, through the mass media.

**Key activities:** SOMEDICYT organises science communication conferences (including an annual congress), traveling science expositions, science education workshops, and science communication courses. They deliver a national science communication prize, participate in an annual National Week of Science and Technology, and produce a radio program called *The Answer is in Science*. In addition, they have also published a collection of 10 books on the environment for young people.

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (1):** AIPC (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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\*All information about the SOMEDICYT is sourced from [www.somedicyt.org.mx](http://www.somedicyt.org.mx)

# Quebec

## Association of Science Communicators (ACS)

[www.acs.qc.ca](http://www.acs.qc.ca)

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**Established:** 1977

**About:** ACS is an association of francophone professionals, from Canada and France, working to promote science awareness. Fields represented by ACS members include: journalism, museology, education, recreational science programming, science awareness education, public relations and research. The mission of ACS is to increase the quality and the quantity of scientific information throughout Québec and to promote a wider knowledge of science as an important part of its culture. ACS represents roughly 70 % of working science journalists in Québec and 30 % of working science journalists in Canada.

**Key activities:** ACS issues a weekly e-newsletter as well as a triannual newspaper titled *Omniscient* and organizes training sessions, networking activities, an annual symposium, and *Bourse Fernand-Seguin*, a fellowship contest on science journalism.

### ***Fourth World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ)***

*ACS co-hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> WCSJ in Montréal in 2004 with the Canadian Science Writers Association and the World Federation of Science Journalists. The event is recognized as a great success in raising the profile of science journalism, and being instrumental in creating a worldwide network for science journalists.*

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	100
	Public relations officers	40
	Others	65
	Total	205

**Affiliations (3):** WFSJ (member); in contact with the Canadian Science Writers Association (CSWA) and l'Association des journalistes scientifiques de la presse d'information (AJSPI) of France

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by the annual general assembly and the Executive Office meets ten times per year.

**Financing:** The annual budget (CDN \$ 80 000) is sourced equally from government, semi-public organizations, private corporate sponsors and membership fees.

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# United States

## National Association of Science Writers (NASW)

[www.nasw.org](http://www.nasw.org)

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**Established:** 1955

**About:** In 1934, a dozen pioneering science reporters established the National Association of Science Writers at a meeting in New York. They wanted a forum in which to join forces to improve their craft and encourage conditions that promote good science writing.

The association was formally incorporated in 1955 with a charter to “*foster the dissemination of accurate information regarding science through all media normally devoted to informing the public.*” Over the years, its officers have included both freelancers and employers of most of the major newspapers, wire services, magazines, and broadcast outlets in the country. Above all, NASW fights for the free flow of science news.

**Key activities:** N/a

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); twinned with the Arab Science Journalists Association (ASJA)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Europe

# Belgium

## Belgian Association of Science Journalists (ABJSc)

[www.abjsc.org](http://www.abjsc.org)

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**Established:** 2000

**About:** ABJSc brings together French-speaking Belgian journalists who report on science, health and technology, in the general or specialized press including print, online, radio, and television. Its objectives are: to promote contact between scientific journalists; to promote honest and accurate information about science and technology; and to support science journalists in their practice and represent them as needed. With this aim, the association encourages contact with universities, research centres and industries.

**Key activities:** ABJSc organizes monthly **Science Clubs**, friendly and informal luncheon meetings where a scientist is invited to present and hold discussions with association members. In April 2005, ABJSc hosted 12 European science journalists on a tour of the European Joint Research Centres in Brussels.

**Membership:** 36 journalists

**Affiliations (1):** Member of the European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA)

**Governance:** Decisions are passed by the president

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ € 700) is sourced from membership fees.

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# Catalonia

Catalan Association for Scientific Communication (ACCC)

www.accc.cat

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**Established:** 1990

**About:** The ACCC includes Catalan-speaking science journalists and communicators, scientists, and publishers that share an interest in communicating science in the media. The ACCC's main goal is to promote, broaden and improve science communication in Catalan speaking countries. Another goal is to focus on the social and political aspects of scientific information, while trying to contribute to social progress. The ACCC aims to facilitate training and to encourage debate and self-criticism among communicators of science, technology and innovation.

**Key activities:** The ACCC organizes **lectures** on popular topics by scientific experts; publishes a quarterly **newsletter** (*Papers de l'ACCC*) and **booklets** comprising the text of lectures and debates; organizes an **annual prize** for young researchers to promote popularisation of research (*Joan Oró Prize*); sets up and maintains **specialized groups** of communicators (for example, on environment, and health sciences); publishes **directories** of science communication professionals; participates in activities to promote the **public understanding of science**; and organizes science communication **courses** for scientists and science journalists.

## Popular science lectures

*Prestige Oil Spill | Michel Girin, 2003*  
*Stem cell research | Bernat Soria, 2004*  
*Malaria vaccine | Pedro Alonso, 2005*

*The ACCC organizes lectures on popular scientific topics so that journalists, other communicators and general audiences can hear directly from scientists and researchers.*

**Membership:** 106 members

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (in application process)

**Governance:** An annual general assembly is held and elections take place biannually. The Executive Office meets once per month.

**Financing:** The annual budget varies from year to year and is sourced from membership fees, institutional grants and private company funding.

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# Denmark

## Danish Science Journalists Association

[www.videnskabsjournalister.dk](http://www.videnskabsjournalister.dk)

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**Established:** 1976

### **Genius Prize**

**About:**

The purpose of the association is to support professionals working to communicate information on science and technology in public media. Members include journalists and editors at newspapers, radio, television and magazines as well as freelancers. Other members are information officers from universities and public research institutions as well as other professional communicators of science.

*The "Genius Prize" is awarded to individuals or media, who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of science journalism. The prize was awarded for the first time in 1996 to Joachim Jerrik, a radio and television journalist who has made science interesting for generations of Danes.*

**Key activities:** The association typically has five to eight events per year, for example a seminar on critical science journalism and a course on the proper use of illustrations in science features. The association also has an electronic mailing list

**Membership:** 150 members (journalists, public relations officers , editors)

**Affiliations (1):** EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** The annual budget (n/a) is sourced primarily from membership fees, as well as sponsorship for specific events.

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# Finland

Finnish Association of Science Editors and Journalists (FASEJ)

www.suomentiedetoimittajat.fi

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**Established:** 1985

**About:** FASEJ's objective is to promote science publication and communication activities, as well as the exchange of science information, not only within the scientific community, but also in society as a whole. By promoting the professional skills of science editors and journalists, it aims at enhancing the status and appreciation of creative editorial work. It also facilitates cooperation between scientific editors and journalists employed in different fields. It represents about 95 % of science journalists in Finland.

### **Copyright fees**

*Kopioisto ry, copyright organization for authors, publishers and performing artists, channels much of FASEJ's revenue. In Finland there has been a collective management of copyrights of photocopying since the 1970's. Kopioisto administers licenses for photocopying copyrighted material and collects and distributes remunerations to copyrights owners.*

**Key activities:** The FASEJ organises **visits** to places and sites of interest to its members, as well as **seminars** and **training** sessions to promote their professional skills. The association distributes the *Science Journalist Award* as well as **grants** to promote the professional competence of scientific editors and journalists. It's tools for internal and external communications include a mailing list, website and the *Tiedetoimittaja (Science Editor) magazine*.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	310
	Public relations officers	232
	Others (editors, etc.)	232
	Total	774

**Affiliations (5):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member); Federation of Finnish Learned Societies; Kopioisto ry; European Association of Science Editors (EASE)

**Governance:** The Executive Office is elected by the board and meets eight to ten times per year. A general assembly is held twice annually.

**Financing:** The annual budget (€250 000) is sourced from membership fees and funds collected by Kopioisto ry.

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# France

## French Association of Scientific Journalists (AJSPI)

[www.ajspi.com](http://www.ajspi.com)

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**Established:** 1976

**About:** AJSPI includes scientific journalists working with printed press, radio, television and Internet. It represents about 60% of science journalists in France. Its objectives are to create a network for science journalists and to strengthen the links between journalists and scientists. The association has also established the *AJSPI Club*, currently with 70 members including public relations managers, press agents, directors and CEOs of public organizations and private enterprises, and others who are concerned with problems relating to public information on scientific, technical or medical topics.

**Key activities:** AJSPI organizes **meetings** and **debates** between its members and with members of the research community; **colloquia**, and **press trips** (in France and abroad). It has launched a grant for researcher/journalist **exchanges**. The aim is for researchers to immerse themselves for one week, in a journalist team and to allow journalists to participate for a while in laboratory research.

**Membership:** 260 journalists

**Affiliations (3):** EUSJA (member); Association of Journalists for the Environment; twinned with SciLife (Cameroon)

**Governance:** The president is elected once every two years by the members of the association. S/he then appoints eight members to the Board of Directors, which meets monthly.

**Financing:** Sources of revenue include: membership subscriptions, trip sponsors and a subsidy from the Ministry of Research

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# Germany

## German Science Journalists' Association (WPK)

[www.wpk.org](http://www.wpk.org)

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**Established:** 1986

**About:** WPK is an association of active, competent, critical science journalists representing print, radio and television. The WPK's objective is to promote encounters, understanding and the exchange of information between science, the economy, politics and the public. Through its activities it hopes to contribute to responsible, appropriate and independent reporting on all the fields of science, medicine and technology in the entire publishing media.

**Key activities:** The WPK's main task is to create the right sort of framework for a fruitful exchange of information. Activities include: scientific press conferences, debates, background briefings, WPK "on site", investigative trips and workshops.

**Membership:** 192 journalists

WPK also has 30 trustees as well as 77 members in its 'circle of friends'. Colleagues – for example in the press offices of foundations, research establishments, universities and ministries – may join the circle of friends. They are eligible for the same benefits as WPK members but do not have the right to vote.

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected every second year at the members' annual plenary meeting and meet monthly

**Financing:** Sources of revenue include: membership fees and contributions from the circle of friends and from the board of trustees

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# Germany

## Journalists' Association for Technical-Scientific Publicism (TELI)

[www.teli.de](http://www.teli.de)

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**Established:** 1928

**About:** TELI is an association of science writers, science journalists and public relation officers. Founded in 1928, it is the oldest of its kind in the world and it represents about 5 % of science journalists in Germany. TELI's objectives are to promote a good and ethical style of publishing on science and technology in the public; to provide a neutral platform for all science and technology writers/documentary film makers; to build networks between its members; and to organize informal meetings and study tours.

**Key activities:** TELI's activities include workshops; press conferences with scientists and engineers; and study tours to scientific and research institutions, or development departments of science and technology-based companies (open to non-member guests).

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	80
	Public relations officers	90
	Other	10
	Total	180

According to TELI's constitution 51% of the members have to be science or technology journalists or science or technology editors and 39% can be communication officers (chairperson and vice chair person of the board have to be journalists, all in all at least 3 members of the board have to be science or technology journalists).

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected every second year by the General Assembly and meet at minimum two times per year

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ €15 000) is sourced from membership fees

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# Hungary

## Club of Hungarian Science Journalists

[www.tuk.hu](http://www.tuk.hu)

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**Established:** N/a

**About:** N/a

**Key activities:** The association holds monthly meetings, hosts a science café, and organizes an annual three-day seminar. It also delivers a ‘*Scientist of the year*’ award.

**Membership:** 44 members

**Affiliations (1):** EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# Ireland

## Irish Science Journalists' Association (ISJA)

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**Established:** 1985

**About:** ISTJA is an association of full time journalists in print, broadcasting and new media, who have a strong interest in science and/or technology. Its objectives are: to sustain and improve the quality of coverage of science andn technology by its members; to increase awareness of scientific and technological developments and issues; and to assist its members to network. It represents about 90% of working science journalists in Ireland.

**Key activities:** ISTJA organises an informal monthly **meeting** of its members, **training** for members, **public events**, and group **visits** to universities and research institutes. In September 2005, ISTJA co-hosted a visit of EUSJA members to Dublin with the Association of British Science Writers, their sister organisation in the UK.

**Membership:** 20 journalists

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected at an annual general assembly and the Executive Office then meets on an ongoing basis by e-mail and in person.

**Financing:** The annual budget ( €500 - 5 000) is sourced from membership fees and occasional activity-based sponsorship.

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# Italy

## Italian Association of Science Journalists (UGIS)

[www.ugis.it](http://www.ugis.it)

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**Established:** 1966

**About:** UGIS, a co-founder of EUSJA and WFSJ, is an association of science journalists working in news agencies, dailies, magazines, publishing houses, radio, television, and new media. Its objectives are to improve the communication of science and technology in Italy through the media and to support the professional development of its members. It represents about 70% of working science journalists in Italy.

**Key activities:** UGIS organises **workshops** in Italy and abroad on specific scientific topics, and international **exchanges** with similar associations. It also provides **grants** to young science journalists.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists	112
	Public relations officers	28
	Total	140

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected every three years by the annual general assembly. The Executive Office meets roughly three or four times per year.

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ €200 000) is sourced from membership fees and one legacy fund.

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# The Netherlands

Dutch Association of Science Reporters (VWN)

[www.wetenschapsjournalisten.nl/vwn/](http://www.wetenschapsjournalisten.nl/vwn/)

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**Established:** N/a

**About:** N/a

**Key activities:** The Dutch Association organizes discussions, excursions, workshops and parties.

**Membership:** ~ 200 members

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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\* Information about the Dutch Association of Science Writers is sourced from the minutes of the EUSJA General Assembly March 25, 2006, in Strasboug, Germany.

# Poland

## Polish Science Journalists' Association (Naukowi.pl)

[www.naukowi.pl](http://www.naukowi.pl)

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**Established:** 2006

**About:** Naukowi.pl was established in October 2006 and its founding members are in the process of working out legal and organisational details. Their mission is to integrate the environment of science writers and science journalists in Poland. There are roughly 100 to 150 science journalists working there.

Naukowi.pl would like to facilitate the exchange of information about professional trainings, scholarships, conferences and workshops for journalists. They want to promote both science (with emphasis on Polish achievements in the field) and journalism. One of their main goals is to collaborate with European and worldwide science writers organizations.

**Key activities:** Naukowi.pl's first activities will be to organise its first annual general assembly and to establish a prize for science journalists in Poland.

**Membership:** Naukowi.pl currently has 25 science journalists in its membership and expects to have from 50 to 70 members after its first general assembly.

**Affiliations (1):** EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected by the general assembly for a tenure of four years and will meet every two months.

**Financing:** Naukowi.pl has yet to determine an annual budget. Planned revenue will come from Polish government donations, membership fees, European donations and private sponsorship.

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# Spain

## Spanish Association of Science Communication (AECC)

[www.imasd-tecnologia.com/personales](http://www.imasd-tecnologia.com/personales)

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**Established:** 1971

**About:** The AEPC, founded in Madrid, brings together science and technology information professionals in mass media, as well as key figures in education and academia involved in the popularisation of science. Its objectives are to represent science journalists, communicators and popularizers; to create a climate of interest in Spanish society towards science; and to improve the professional quality of S&T journalism in Spain. It represents about 30% of science journalists in Spain.

**Key activities:** The AECC publishes *Periodismo Científico (Scientific Journalism)*, which is distributed in Spain and Latin America and is also online. In 2000 the AECC launched an annual publication, *Science and Technology of the AECC*, an extensive guide to S&T in Spain. The AECC has also organized two national congresses of science journalism and has hosted seven Latin American congresses of science journalism.

**Membership:**

Journalists	70
Public relations officers	20
Others (science museum directors, researchers, academics)	10
Total	100

**Affiliations (3):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member); AIPC (member)

**Governance:** Leading officers are elected at the annual general assembly, and the Executive Office then meets monthly.

**Financing:** The annual budget (~ €6 000) is sourced from membership fees.

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# Switzerland

## Swiss Association of Science Journalism (SASJ)

[www.science-journalism.ch](http://www.science-journalism.ch)

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**Established:** 1974

**About:** SASJ includes science editors working for newspapers, magazines, radio and television or as freelancers, as well as public relations personnel of private companies or scientific institutions.

**Key activities:** SASJ offers its members a range of professional services including forums on journalistic topics, seminars, excursions and study trips. Every few years the SASJ organizes for its colleagues of the EUSJA an event lasting several days during which highlights of Swiss research are presented.

<b>Membership:</b>	Journalists and editors	145
	Public relations officers	80
	Others	12
	(patron members from industry and media)	
	Total	250

**Affiliations (1):** EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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# United Kingdom

## Association of British Science Writers (ABSW)

[www.absw.org.uk](http://www.absw.org.uk)

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**Established:** N/a

**About:** The ABSW exists to help those who write about science and technology, and to improve the standard of science journalism in the UK. The association's members include print and broadcast journalists, authors, scriptwriters and producers, and others active in the field of communicating science and technology.

**Key activities:** Through briefings with prominent scientists and policymakers, facility visits, debates and social events, the ABSW helps to create links between science writers and their subjects and markets. The ABSW publishes a regular newsletter, *The Science Reporter*, and co-sponsors the annual Syngenta/ABSW Awards for outstanding science journalism.

The ABSW has introduced student membership to help those on full-time courses who are seeking to enter the profession. The association also manages the Wellcome bursaries for students on full-time 'science media' courses.

**Membership:** N/a

**Affiliations (2):** WFSJ (member); EUSJA (member)

**Governance:** N/a

**Financing:** N/a

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