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## MISTRA EC

MISTRA Environmental Communication held its Annual Meeting on March 13th - 14th. It was an occasion to look back at the first successful program period and celebrate the official start of the newly approved phase two. It was an excellent opportunity to reflect and learn from past experiences while laying out the vision for the coming four years.

**Follow MISTRA EC on LinkedIn to learn more about the upcoming Environmental Communication days.**

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## IECA conference

As part of the work to reinvigorate the International Environmental Communication Association (IECA), a 24-hour marathon took place on the 3rd of May. During the day, events were spread out throughout the different time zones, meaning something was always going on. SLU's EC unit was one of the active participants, through direct presentations or simply listening in. **WECAN joined the conference in the afternoon (European time) with a session about the value of alumni networks.** Even if not a lot of people participated, it was a valuable opportunity to effectively represent WECAN and lay the groundwork for future collaboration.

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## Graduation

In June we had the pleasure to celebrate students graduating from the ECM program! In a lovely ceremony organized by WECAN we looked back on two wonderful years, filled with community and growth. Many students pitched in and helped create final happy memories. But the journey of ECM does not end with graduation, we stay connected through WECAN!



## Workplace Visit

WECAN was hosted by IVL (Stockholm Environmental Research Institute) at their HQ in Stockholm as part of our workplace visit. We are grateful for the opportunity to interact with some of the organization's staff and ask questions about their work. **"It offered lots of valuable and practical insights, from understanding waste as a resource to water management, energy efficiency to transportation and how all these are communicated to a wider audience,"** according to **Seyifunmi** who was part of the visit.



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WECAN's workplace visits are an initiative designed to help students and alumni come closer to the experiences of practitioners in the field of environmental communication. We look forward to arranging more of such educational and interactive workplace visits in autumn. If you are an alumni and happy to host us, kindly let us know!



## Students in focus

In May, SLU traditionally organized an event called "Thesis Day" where second year master students have a chance to present their work to a wider public as well as to compete in the category of the best research poster.

This year, a reward went to **Seyifunmi Adebote** - one of our WECAN board members - on his research: "I don't care about climate change" : Climate skepticism, knowledge and climate change engagement in Nigeria."



Read Seyi's blog post to find more about his project and the poster.

[Link to blog >>](#)

Link to Seyi's thesis project:

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## RESEARCH

### Project in focus

#### A Balancing Act between Swift and Slow Planning

When society faces forest fires or the need to find accommodation for refugees, finding the balance between fast and expert-driven action and taking the time to ground decisions through citizen dialogue can be tricky. **The Swift and Slow** project started investigating these tensions in 2020 and is nearing its end. To round things off, the research team organised workshops throughout the year, inviting city planners and dialogue facilitators to explore the dialogue system they are part of. This means mapping where decisions are taken, who has access to these activities, and whether the actions of different actors complement or mitigate one another.

This autumn, the team has explored citizen involvement in decisions in Uppsala, the way

towards a sustainable energy transition in Karlstad and the planning of elderly care in Åre. In addition to forming the basis of an upcoming research article, the idea is also that participants at these workshops use the system maps to pinpoint opportunities for communication and decision-making between public officials and citizens. Read Camilo Calderon's reflection on the workshop in Karlstad [here](#).



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### Recent EC Publications

**Fischer, A., Joosse, S., Hallgren, L. & Westberg, L. (2024).** How research on communication can help to understand the management of natural resources and sustainability transformations: practices, concerns and new perspectives on environmental communication. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 67 (9), 1871-1885.

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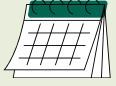
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## EVENTS



**8 October 10 - 18**

### **Film Week - 10th Anniversary**

Ulls hus - student lobby, Uppsala

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