

Survey: Communicating science during the Covid-19 pandemic

Results

Overall 30 participants (but differs for each quesion)

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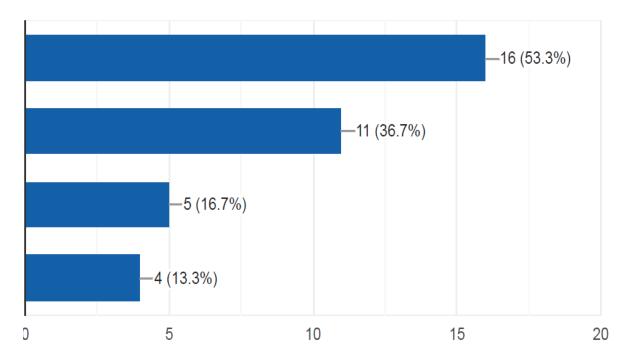
1) How is science communication managed within your Academy? (multiple answers possible)

dedicated professional Press and Communications officer(s)

general staff member with some responsibility for Press and Communications work

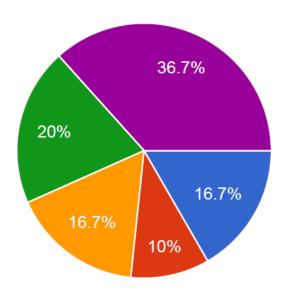
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no provisions





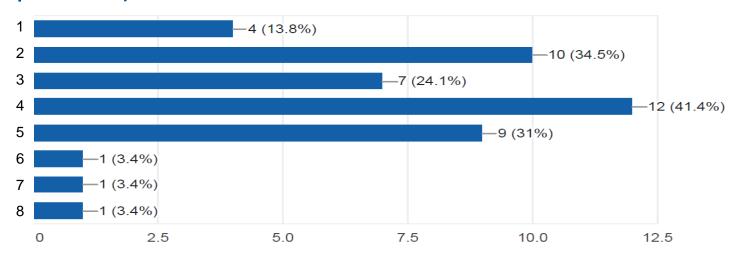
2) Has either the amount or the style / strategy of science communication of your Academy changed over the past six months, since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in Europe?



- No, neither.
- Less communication activity.
- Same amount of activity as before, but different in style or strategy.
- More communications activity, but not different in style or strategy.
- Both, more communication activity and different in style or strategy.



3) What specific challenges are you experiencing in communicating about COVID-19 scientific knowledge? (multiple answers possible)

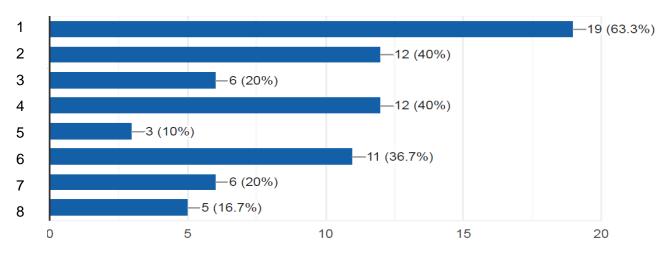


- lack of support for communication activities on COVID-19 within the Academy
- lack of structure within Academy to enable fast and flexible communications work
- pressure to deliver fast, correct and complete statements and recommendations on COVID-19
- general high demand for information/material on COVID-19 and resulting high work load

- 5) amount of information in the public domain from other sources, with which it is hard to compete
- 6) We are not specifically communicating about the COVID scientific knowledge
- 7) Lack of consensus within the scientific community concerning recommendations.
- 8) Lack of reliable data



4) What do you think are the two biggest obstacles in ensuring citizens have correct scientific information about COVID-19? (Please choose not more than two options.)



- confusion caused by pseudoscientists and conspiracy theories
- 2) ambiguity in scientific messaging by experts
- 3) lack of visibility/'audibility' of scientific voices
- 4) huge variation in quality and truthfulness of media reporting
- 5) lack of interest in scientific information
- 6) lack of scientific understanding in the population
- 7) lack of awareness of risk from COVID-19
- 8) language and culture of specific social groups

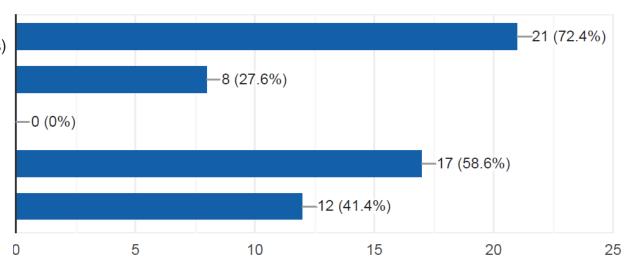


5) In your opinion, which channels does the general public in your country rely on most to get information about COVID-19?

public service TV and radio (including their online features) private TV and radio channels (including online features) print media

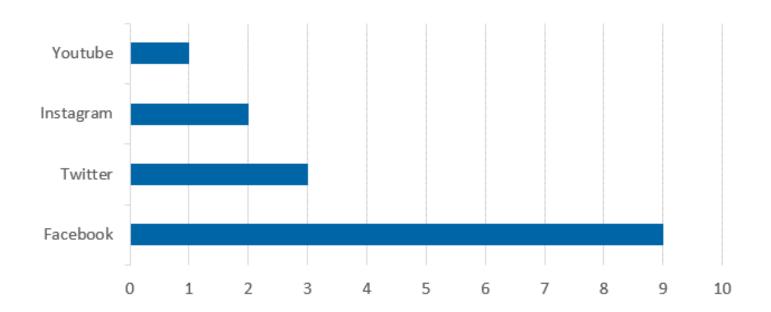
the internet

social media



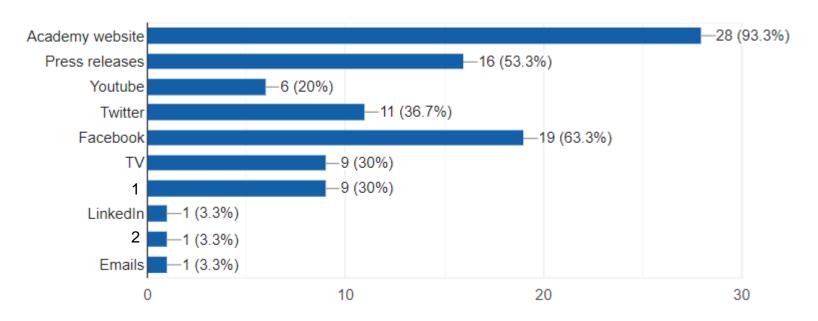


If applicable: Please specify social media for question 5)





6) Which channels does your Academy use for spreading information about COVID-19? (multiple answers possible)



- 1) Personal networks (e.g. of Academy members)
- 2) Instagram, Instagram TV, Instagram and Facebook stories