

ABOUT VA

2011–2012



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PROMOTES DIALOGUE AND OPENNESS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND RESEARCHERS

Public & Science (Vetenskap & Allmänhet, VA) is an independent non-profit membership organisation based in Stockholm, Sweden. Founded in 2002, VA's mission is to advance and encourage dialogue between researchers and the public. Since its foundation, VA has organised hundreds of dialogue events and carried out more than 30 studies into science-society interactions.

VA is a knowledge hub for collaboration between science and society. Members from the scientific community as well as from other sectors of society and the general public are represented in our organisation.



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VA's main aims are

To **increase knowledge** by:

- Studying the public's view of science and researchers
- Studying the interaction between science and different societal groups
- Mapping researchers' engagement with society
- Developing methods for science communication

To develop new meeting formats and organise **dialogues** and **workshops** around research and research communication

To **communicate** and disseminate experiences and knowledge gained

VA members in January 2012. For information about membership and a list of current members: www.v-a.se/membership/

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VA MAIN EVENTS: 2011/2012

2011

February	Science Café workshop
May	Workshop Science & Values International Science Festival, Gothenburg Science & Society seminar about research and schools
June	Session Science & Values AWWLI conference
September	Dialogue workshop about public – science interaction Researchers' Night in 23 cities across Sweden
October	ComScience dialogue workshop on stem cells ComScience dialogue workshop on asthma and allergies
November	ComScience dialogue workshop on obesity and diabetes
December	Member workshop about VA barometer ComScience dialogue workshop on GMO

2012

March	VA's 10th anniversary
April	Science & Society seminar
July	Activities at Almedalen , Sweden's largest political meeting Session about public – science interaction at ESOF
September	Researchers' Night and Researchers' Grand Prix
November	Release of new VA barometer
December	Researchers' Grand Prix Finale

VA REPORTS

* available in English

2011:1	Fudged and flaky...? A survey of public confidence in researchers*
2011:2	Public Engagement – International Review, Analysis and Proposals on Indicators for Measuring Public Engagement*
2011:3	Science in Society – results from the SOM survey 2010
2011:4	VA barometer 2011/12* Final report of Researchers' Night mass experiment 2010

VA researches different forms of science and society interactions. As well as the annual VA barometer which surveys public attitudes towards science, the perceptions of researchers, teachers, journalists, politicians, young people and business managers towards science and research have also been examined.

All VA reports published since 2002 can be found online at www.v-a.se/va-publikationer, and many are available in English at www.v-a.se/publications

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Organisations as well as individuals are welcome to become members of VA. Membership offers firsthand information about current studies, invitations to upcoming activities and events, advice and guidance on science communication, access to training, influence in planning and taking part in VA's work and the opportunity to find new collaboration partners.

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