

VA PROMOTES DIALOGUE AND OPENNESS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND RESEARCHERS

VA (Public & Science) is an independent non-profit membership organisation for both organisations and individuals. Its overarching aim is to increase collaboration and the exchange of ideas between researchers and the public.

Since its foundation in 2002, VA has organised hundreds of activities and carried out more than 60 studies and surveys.

VA promotes interaction between science and society and is a knowledge hub for communication and dialogue about research. The organisation is funded through membership fees, project grants and a grant from the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research.



Vetenskap & Allmänhet

VA's main aims are

To increase knowledge through:

- Carrying out surveys into the public's opinion of science and research
- Studying how different societal groups view science and interact with researchers
- Mapping researchers' engagement with society
- Developing methods for science communication

To create new forms of **dialogue** and **activities** about research and science communication

To **communicate** and disseminate experience and knowledge gained

VA members in February 2013. For information on membership and a list of current members, see www.v-a.se/membership

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VA MAIN EVENTS 2012/2013

2012

March	VA's 10th anniversary
April	Science & Society seminar on the interaction between people and the environment
July	Activities at Almedalen , Sweden's largest political meeting, on public attitudes towards research Round table discussion on engagement at ESOF in Dublin
September	Stockholm meeting and Researchers' Night in 28 Swedish cities
October	Dialogue workshop on the interaction between politicians, researchers and the public in Esbo, Finland
November	Dance your PhD and seminar on the new VA barometer
December	Researchers' Grand Prix Finale and workshop on communication between researchers and the public at the Engage conference in Bristol, UK

2013

April	Forum for science communication in Gothenburg
May	Science cafés at HSS conference, Universities and Society, in Eskilstuna
July	Dialogue seminar and picnic with researchers at Almedalen week, Visby
September	VA day with Annual Meeting and Researchers' Night across Sweden
November	New VA barometer published
December	Researchers' Grand Prix Finale

VA REPORTS

2012

2012:1	10 years of dialogue! Publication to celebrate VA's 10th anniversary
2012:2	A decade of science in society Analysis of the SOM Institute's surveys 2002–2010
2012:3	Scientific Culture in Sweden — A report prepared for the Places EC FP7 project
2012:4	Research-based knowledge in Swedish public administration
2012:5	VA Barometer 2012/2013
2012:6	Science in Society Results from the SOM Institute's 2011 survey
	Researchers' Night Best Before Mass Experiment

VA carries out studies to gain deeper knowledge and understanding about the relationship between research and different parts of society.

As well as an annual barometer measuring public attitudes towards science, VA also conducts studies into the perceptions of researchers, teachers, journalists, politicians, young people and business leaders towards science and research.

All 64 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

JOIN OUR NETWORK!

Organisations as well as individuals are welcome to become members of VA. Membership benefits include regular information on forthcoming activities, invitations to events, influence in planning and taking part in VA's work, advice and guidance on science communication, dialogue activities and studies, as well as opportunities for new collaborations.

Find out more at www.v-a.se/membership

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