

Viola Egikova – CV

Almost all my professional life is connected with science. I am fortunate to carry out this task in various forms - to work for decades as a science journalist based in Moscow, to represent Russian science journalists in EUSJA (European Union of Science Journalists' Associations) and Russian science communicators in EUSEA (European Science Engagement Association), to be Coordinator of the Program committee of All Russia Science Festival since 2006 and Deputy Director of the Center of Neural and Cognitive Sciences in Lomonosov Moscow State University since 2016.

For my work in science journalism I was awarded different prizes - The Prize of Lomonosov Moscow State University (2005), the Medal of Excellence from the City of Moscow (2009), Prize for Journalism from the Government of the city of Moscow (2011). Being President of Russian association for science writers and journalists I was organizing trainings for young journalists and science communicators, competition in science journalism and science communication, science café and science debates with the attendance of scientists, science journalists and policy makers, visits of international science journalists to Russian science centers, study trips of Russian journalists to European science centers. The activities of the association helped to establish a new tradition in Russia – science festivals that are very popular today and cover more than 80 regions of the country.

In 2008 I was elected to be Honorary Secretary and in 2012 – Vice-President of EUSJA. My task is to organize international study trips to European science centers. During last 10 years I was happy to organize interesting study trips for science journalists, especially for young colleagues who could attend CERN, Cadarache (ITER project), EMBL, DKFZ, science centers of Berlin, Barcelona, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Heidelberg, Vienna, Helsinki, Prague, Budapest Ljubljana, Tallinn, Trieste, Grenoble, Moscow, Dubna, Dublin, Leiden, Girona, Strasbourg, Lund (ESS) and so on, science journalists could meet outstanding scientists to Lindau Nobel Laureates Meetings, Heidelberg Laureate Forum, European Forum Gastein in Austria, Falling Walls Conferences in Berlin and other.

I participated myself to many international conferences as science journalist and as speaker. I was panelist to ESOF in Stockholm, Barcelona, Turin, Dublin, Manchester, to World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) in Budapest, Montreal, Helsinki, to European Conference of Science Journalists (ECSJ) in Copenhagen, Budapest, Manchester, speaker and participant to conferences organized by EC in Brussels, Paris, Barcelona, I was invited not once to be a panelist of International Round Table Conference in Beijing (2015, 2016, 2017) that discussed evaluation of science communication. I was the organizer of the panel “Science journalism in totalitarian countries” to WCSJ in Helsinki (2013), the shared science session “Creating a better future for health in Europe - journalists and experts in dialogue” to European Health Forum Gastein (2013), panel discussion “New reality for media: challenge or failure?” to 4-th ECSJ in Copenhagen (2017).

For many years my professional career is inseparable from the Lomonosov Moscow State University, where in 2016 I was invited to be Deputy Director of recently organized Center of Neural and Cognitive Sciences. One of my tasks is the development of international collaboration for research and teaching. Having good contacts in different European science centers, many International science centers in Moscow like DAAD, Russian branch of Helmholtz Association, The British Council and so on, I try to use my knowledge and experience for development of international cooperation, invitation scientists to give a talk to seminars and science festivals in Russia, to organize joint science events and better collaboration.