



Code of Coexistence¹

Agreements to adhere to the Code of Coexistence

PCST 2024 Symposium and IX National Colloquium on Science Recreation – ZACATECAS

The purpose of the International Symposium on Public Communication of Science and Technology 2024 and the IX National Colloquium on Science Recreation is to disseminate, promote, and analyze initiatives that bring science and technology closer to all people, especially to sectors that traditionally have not had a voice in the discussions.

The central theme of this academic event is *New voices and new knowledge*. This theme, emphasizes partnerships and collaboration with people and groups involved in science and technology, seeking horizontal models of cooperation.

The Network for the Public Communication of Science and Technology (PCST Network) is strongly committed to fostering equitable, inclusive, diverse and accessible science communication ecosystems by highlighting the principles of social justice, intersectionality, reflexivity, and respect across our research, practice and teaching activities. As part of this commitment, the Scientific Committee of PCST introduced a Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness and Accesibility (DEIA) Subcommittee in 2023. The Subcommittee aims to raise awareness and promote more inclusive practices in the field, as well as identify and eliminate discriminatory practices where possible. The PCST Network membership aims to incorporate positive approaches of inclusion, diversity, and equity in all activities including in webinars, conferences and symposia.

“Recreación en Cadena”, the Mexican Network of Science Recreation, promotes inclusion, diversity, and equity in all the activities including workshops in public spaces (Suma Ciencia), training courses for science communicators, academic discussion seminars, and the National Colloquium of Science Recreation. These activities are developed putting emphasis on the values of peace and equity; fostering an environment of healthy coexistence among participants.

In line with these commitments, PCST and Recreación en Cadena ask that all participants of the PCST Symposium and Colloquium of Zacatecas commit to following the code of coexistence. The code includes 12 agreements that aim to ensure everyone at the Symposium and Colloquium is treated with respect and dignity and provides a reporting mechanism so that any inappropriate behavior can be addressed.

In registering for the Symposium and Colloquium of Zacatecas I agree to:

1. Maintain an empathetic attitude that demonstrates openness and active listening towards all participants.

¹ This document was developed based on the code of coexistence adopted at the National Sustainability Congress held in October 2023 in Michoacán, Mexico.



2. Create an atmosphere of equality and security for other participants in my environment.
3. Be aware of my privileges and, where possible, use them to support people who do not have them.
4. Protect all people from physical or emotional harm, to the best of my ability.
5. Ensure my comments to participants are constructive.
6. Consider that this is a bilingual event when I am communicating (i.e. speak clearly and slowly so that others can understand me, and be patient if or when someone might struggle to understand me).
7. Avoid making offensive comments or asking questions that may cause discomfort for another participant (e.g., comments about race, age, sexual preference, gender expression, religion, dis/ability, or other aspects of participants' identity).
8. Recognize authorship and ownership of the research products presented, including their post-event use.
9. When taking photographs, video, audio or any other type of personal data collection, I will make an ethical use of the materials that is respectful of the people who appear in them.
10. Recognize that Mexico is a multicultural and multiethnic country with differences in access to education, knowledge, and health, but with agents that develop projects of great value for personal transformation as well as for our professional field and society.
11. Respect the venues that will host the meeting and are part of the heritage site of the city of Zacatecas. All spaces are smoke-free, and food and beverages should be consumed only in spaces designated for coffee breaks.
12. Wear the event badge during all activities to facilitate access to designated areas and staff identification.

Complaint Mechanism

If you experience or observe any violations to the code of conduct and wish to report it, you may contact one of the persons listed below. The report of any fact can be made verbally or in writing to the e-mail addresses of such persons.

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