



Our vision for 2009

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Science journalists face unprecedented challenges in serving the public's need for accurate and insightful reporting about science.

Audiences want stories round the clock, editors want stories faster and sexier. And many reporters are under pressure to convince their editors that science stories matter as much as stories about politics, economics or crime.

The Association of British Science Writers (ABSW) is proud to host WCSJ2009, on behalf of the World Federation of Science Journalists. The previous highly successful meetings in Montreal and Melbourne each drew more than 600 delegates from over 50 countries.

By bringing journalists, scientists and science communicators together from across the world WCSJ2009 will be a forum for debate on critical science journalism issues, and an opportunity for reporting about the latest developments in science and technology. WCSJ2009 will help to ensure science journalists shape the future of science reporting in a fast changing world

The programme of activities will include plenary, symposia and debates on science journalism issues, hot topics in scientific research, lunch and breakfast briefings, news briefings and post conference trips to sites of scientific interest in the UK and other parts of Europe, along with a full social programme to enable networking. Taking place right in the heart of London at Westminster Central Hall, the WCSJ2009 commences with skills building workshops and science briefings on Monday 29th June, full conference sessions from Tuesday 30th June – Thursday 2nd July 2009 and post conference trips on Friday 3rd July 2009.

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