Engaging and Using the Media to Promote Public Awareness of Biosafety

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Coverage:

1. The importance of maintaining good media relations and key points to consider in dealing with the media

2. Various types of media and factors to take into account in selecting the media type/channel to use

3. Tips on how to prepare press releases and how to run an effective press conference.

Importance

- Media has its own audience who believe or spend time to follow
- Reporters/Editors know what and how to make your news/information relevant or interesting
- Convey your message in the wider coverage

Keep in mind

- Media know their audience's taste
- Audience is persuaded or impacted by media





AN ANALYSIS OF ATTITUDES AND BEAR BILE USE IN RURAL AREAS OF VIETNAM

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Key points to consider in dealing with the media

- Journalists are not experts Less jargons and scientific terms
- Provide in detail what journalists request
- Some suggestions which are more relevant with your organization
- Arrange interviews with right persons

- Never say "No" even you don't know Request some suggestions:
- + Some clues
- + Information on your organization
- + Invite to join your mailing lists

Each kind of media has its own demands

- Radio: Voice and sound
- Online: Photos with small/medium sizes
- Print: Photos with large sizes
- Television: Activities and Persons

Each media has its own interests

- News desks in newspapers, radio and TV need fresh news each day
- Magazines and documentary producers need feature stories that go into a topic in depth
- Local radio stations and newspapers want stories that affect and interest their own listeners and readers
- International media seek stories that have a wider interest
- Press services (AFP, Reuters, AP) want highinterest stories
- Freelance reporters also want high-interest stories

Target audience

- Age
- Gender
- Locations
- Ethics

Each program/page has its own audience





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TIẾT KIỆM 401 MW ĐIỆN Theo EVN, sau 1 giờ hưởng ứng

- Short, 1–2 pages
- Publish:
- + Website
- + Mailing list
- + Networks

Inverted pyramid



-Answer questions—who, what, when, where, why, and how

-Valuable quotes

- Only one message
- Short sentences
- Three to five quotes

Tips

+ Most important info in the paragraph 1

+ Supporting details later

+ Make important information **bold**

News values

- Timeliness
- Proximity
- Interest
- Audience fit
- Impact
- Conflict



- Novelty
- Prominence
- Human interest
- Images

- Editorial policy

Timeliness



- Is the event new, or has it just happened?
- Is the information useful now, today or tomorrow?
- Can be seasonal (eg, in farming)
- Can your information be related to a current event (eg World Food Day)?

Proximity



- Is it about local events, people, places?
- Can readers identify with local angle?

Interest



- Is the story boring or interesting?
- Does it **say** anything?
- Does it make people **think**?
- Is it presented in an interesting way?
- Does it stop when it should, or does it go on and on and on...?
- Does it make someone want to read (or listen or watch) it to the end?

Audience fit



- Different groups have different interests
- What interests your audience?



Impact



- What are the consequences of the news?
- How many people are affected? How big an area?
- How serious are the effects?
- Does the news have economic or social consequences for the audience?
- Is the impact direct and personal?

Conflict



- Is there conflict involved?
 - People against people
 - People against nature
 - Disagreement, politics, crime, war
 - (in agriculture: farmers against weather, pests, diseases, government regulations)

Novelty



- What is different about this story? What is out of the ordinary?
- What is unique, rare, strange, bigger or better?

Prominence



- Who is involved in the news?
- Fame, notoriety
- High position
- Major achievement

Human interest

- Adventure
- Age
- Animals
- Children
- Food
- Health/illness
- Humour
- Progress

Sex

Suspense

- Sympathy
- Tragedy
- Etc.



Images



- Good photography makes it more likely the editor will use the story
- People look at pictures first, then read text
- Use eye-catching photos or video footage
- Only use excellent photos or video
- Develop a library of suitable photos and video

- Avoid scientific or technical jargon
 - + Use language understandable of a grandmother
 - + Rewrite jargon in plain language, then get it approved by scientists
- Technical terms with a clear explaination

- Media contacts
- Brief history and achievement of your story
- Brief introduction of persons whose quotes are presented

- Location: easy to find
- Time: Biodiverity day or Environment Day
- Confirm the journalist to come by phone or email
- Request questions from journalists in your list

Materials

- Printed materials
- USB: + Photographs in
- + Video footage of your organisation for TV crews
- + Information you would like to share
- More than enough! Journalists compete: they will not share
- Sign-up sheet for media people, with column for phone numbers and email addresses
 - Use to update your address list

- Manage the time
- + Allow time at start for latecomers to arrive
- + Short welcome and introduction
- + Presentations from the most important to the least
- + 45 to 60 minutes

- Q& A: 45 60 minutes
- Take three questions for a turn
- Give media contacts when time is over

Back at the office

- Have someone at office to answer questions during press conference
- Reporters who cannot attend may call to ask for press kits

Thank you very much!

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