Scientists' motivation to communicate science and technology to the public: Surveying participants at the Madrid Science Fair ¹

María José Martín-Sempere, Belén Garzón-García, Jesús Rey-Rocha

Address: Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), Joaquín Costa 22, 28002

Madrid (Spain); Fax: +34-915642644; e-mail: sempere@cindoc.csic.es

This is an author pre-print (ie final draft before peer review) of the article published in *Public Understanding of Science*, 17(3): 349-367 (July 2008)

Abstract

This paper investigates what motivates scientists to communicate science and technology in a science event involving a direct relationship and interaction with the public. A structured questionnaire survey was administered through face-to-face interviews to 173 research practitioners (researchers, technicians, support staff and fellows) at the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) who participated in the Madrid Science Fair in the years 2001 to 2004. The motivations of members in each professional category are discussed. The most important motivations have to do with the desire to increase the public's interest in and enthusiasm for science, the public's scientific culture, and public awareness and appreciation of science and scientists. Senior researchers were also highly motivated by a sense of duty. Personal satisfaction and enjoyment were important motivations for younger scientists. This research will help to understand the mechanisms of scientists' motivation, with thus foster and encourage greater and better participation in events of this kind.

Keywords

Public Communication of Science and Technology, Role of Scientists, Motivation, Science Fairs

1. Introduction

Bringing science closer to society has been claimed at different times to be one of the responsibilities or "duties" of scientists, particularly of those who receive grants from public funds. Scientists, and in general the whole scientific community, should play an essential role in the process of Public Communication of Science and Technology (PCST) (Bodmer, 1985; Royal Society, 1990; Wolfendale Committee, 1995; Pearson et al., 1997; Gregory and Miller, 1998; Miller, 2001; Pearson, 2001a; Burns et al., 2003). Scientists themselves also recognize a public duty, but to varying degrees (Gascoigne and Metcalfe, 1997; Pearson et al., 1997; Corrado et al., 2001; Bonfil Oliveira, 2003). In this regard, scientific practice and the profession are evolving in a way that should make scientists respond more positively to the need to improve the general public's access to science. Scientists should train themselves not only as researchers, but also as communicators with the public, and should become involved in the communication of science and technology to the public. In short, they should take part in activities to improve the public understanding of science (PUS), and even consider it their duty to do so (Bodmer, 1985; Wolfendale Committee, 1995; Rutherford, 2002; Burns et al., 2003). The understanding of science is, among other things, a task of social identification with scientific institutions and their actors, which is dependent upon reciprocal trust (Blanco, 2003) in the line of the so-called "contextual approach" to PUS (regarding the "deficit" and the "contextual" models of PUS, see for instance Gross, 1994; Miller, 2001; Michael, 2002; Burns et al, 2003; Sturgis and Allum, 2004). Scientists should be aware that the opportunity to carry out research depends upon the economic support of society through policy makers, and that society needs to recognize the importance of scientific research in order to decide whether to support research financially. As pointed out by Pearson (2001b), the participation of scientists in PUS activities functions to "create awareness and, in time, an appreciation of science and its relevance to society" rather than fulfilling a teaching function, in the sense of achieving understanding of science among the citizens.

Nevertheless, many scientists are still reluctant to become involved in PCST activities. ² Little evidences exists to explain this reluctance, although this situation is most likely the result of a combination of reasons (Bodmer and Wilkins, 1992; Gascoigne and Metcalfe, 1997; Goodell, 1997; Miller, 1998; Corrado et al., 2001). Communication to the public is generally not seen by scientists as a basic part of their work, and it is an activity regarded by scientists as neutral or even counter to their prospects for promotion, as it is little recognized and poorly rewarded in terms of assessing a scientists' career (in comparison to other scientific activities such as the publication of papers in international journals). There are concerns that colleagues do not react favorably or have negative attitudes towards scientists involved in PCST activities. Moreover, many researchers lack training in PCST and consequently may not be very proficient at PCST activities. Even when scientists are aware of the importance of public understanding, awareness and appreciation of science, participation in PCST requires an efforts to adapt their work habits and communication skills to a public about whom they don't know much (Levy-Leblond, 1992; Miller, 1998). These efforts are often not seen by scientists to be legitimized, recognized or rewarded.

Despite the importance of scientists in the chain of knowledge dissemination and science communication, few studies have dealt with the role of scientists in the process of PCST, their patterns of communication with the public, or their motivations for

participating in PCST and PUS activities (Corrado et al., 2001). Scientists have rarely been asked about the process of communicating science to the general public. Since the early 1990s, when Bodmer and Wilkins (1992) pointed out how limited existing knowledge was on scientists' attitudes and noted the need to improve our understanding of "how we can best help and encourage more members of the scientific community to become involved," few relevant studies have been undertaken. Among the most enlightening publications are the survey conducted by Market & Opinion Research International (MORI) (Corrado et al., 2001) commissioned and funded by The Wellcome Trust, and articles by Gascoigne and Metcalfe (1997) and by Pearson (Pearson et al., 1997; Pearson, 2001b).

The MORI study (Corrado et al., 2001) interviewed a randomly selected sample of over 1600 scientists working in universities and research institutes in Great Britain. The aim of this study was

"to investigate whether scientists consider themselves to be people most responsible for and best equipped to communicate their scientific research and its implications to the public, what benefits and barriers they see to a greater public understanding of science and what needs to change for scientists to take a greater role in science communication."

A notable finding of the study was that most scientists interviewed "feel that scientists themselves should have the main responsibility for communicating the social and ethical implications of scientific research to the nonspecialist public" (the vast majority of them believed it is their duty to do so), although "fewer feel that scientists are the people best equipped to do this."

Gascoigne and Metcalfe (1997) examined the factors that encourage and discourage scientists to communicate their work through the media, surveying a selected sample of Australian scientists. This study found that communication through the media was seen as an optional activity for scientists, not a basic part of their work, and that they regarded media activity as neutral or harmful to their promotion prospects.

Although these studies provide data on scientist's perceptions of different aspects of their role in public debate, they do not specifically deal with the issue of motivations that prompt scientists to become involved in communicating their research to the public. This was addressed to some extent by Pearson et al. (1997), who analyzed the attitudes and opinions of 168 scientists and engineers who took their research work into a shopping mall in Bristol for two days. The results with regard to the reasons scientists gave for taking part in this event show that "most of the scientists took part because they were told by senior colleagues," and after the event 94 percent of them "wanted to take part again mainly because they had found the experience enjoyable." Public duty was found to be another important reason for taking part. In this connection, the only significant difference between participants was that "staff had the highest sense of public duty to communicate science" (in comparison with undergraduate, postgraduate, postdoctoral fellows and research assistants). In a later study Pearson (2001b) surveyed a selected group of 147 "PUS-active" scientists in the UK, and found that they were not motivated primarily by a sense of duty but by their enjoyment of PUS activities and their desire to increase the public's interest in, awareness of and excitement for science together with their understanding of basic science.

In connection with this situation it is important to consider the human and social capital that the scientific community represents not only as the main generator of scientific knowledge, but also as an important actor in the process of its dissemination. The "scientific community" is understood to be the whole population of "science practitioners," that is, people who are directly involved in some aspect of the practice of science (Burns et al., 2003). The scientific enterprise itself and the involvement of scientists in hands-on science events such as science fairs requires the participation not only of researchers, but also of all the professionals who make up the research teams and the staff at research centers, including technical and support personnel, pre- and postdoctoral scholars and contracted personnel. If scientists are to be encouraged to become involved in PCST activities, it is crucial to find out more about their role and how they view communication with the public. In the words of Pearson et al. (1997), information is needed on "what inspires them, what encourages and motivates them to be involved, and what benefits they can expect."

The research reported here aimed to investigate what motivates scientists to communicate their work to the general public through hands-on experiments in a PCST event involving a direct relationship and interaction with the public. We surveyed personnel of the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) who has actively participated in the Madrid Science Fair in the years 2001 to 2004 to investigate their motivations for becoming involved in this event. Here we try to answer some relevant questions about what motivates and encourages science practitioners to participate in this kind of science event. To what extent are they motivated by intrinsic or extrinsic factors? To what extent are they motivated by personal or professional factors? Do they feel communication of science to the public to be part of their job, i.e., do they feel

motivated by a sense of duty to communicate science? To what extent do they participate as a result of their commitment to PCST and their concern for the public understanding of science and scientific culture? Do motivations differ depending on the individuals' professional category and age?

The research was carried out within the framework of the "Scientific Culture and Communication of Science in the Community of Madrid. A study to encourage participation of scientists in PCST activities" project. The project is part of a research line aimed at analyzing the personal and professional profile of scientists who participate in PCST activities, and at identifying the factors that motivate them to become involved in these activities. The ultimate purpose is to obtain a greater understanding of how scientists act as social agents of the dissemination of knowledge, and of their attitudes towards the public communication of science and technology. This study sheds light on the motivations that led practitioners to get involved in the Fair and the mechanisms that underlie this motivation. It is hoped that our findings will help foster these motivations in a way that increases participation in this event by CSIC scientists.

2. The Madrid Science Fair

Among the actions and initiatives aimed at raising the level of public understanding of science, "Science Weeks" and more specifically "Science Fairs," are perhaps the events that foment the closest interaction between scientists and the public. Science fairs in particular bring science to the citizens in an interactive way. Research groups bring to

an interactive space a small sampling of the experiments conducted in their laboratories, and participants run experiments targeted at visitors of all ages.

In Spain the first science fair was held in A Coruña in 1996, and since 2000 annual fairs have been held in seven different locations: the Balearic Islands, Barcelona, Castilla-La Mancha, Madrid, Murcia and Seville. The institution responsible for organizing the fairs is normally the regional government (Balearic Islands, Castilla-La Mancha, Madrid and Murcia) or the city council (A Coruña, Barcelona and Seville). A variety of other institutions participate in the fairs. The event at A Coruña is the only one in which participation by educational centers predominates almost exclusively. In contrast, educational centers are not involved in the fairs at Barcelona, Castilla-La Mancha and Murcia. All fairs are held annually and last from one to four days.

In Madrid the Science Fair has been an annual four-day-long weekend event since 2000. It is organized by the regional government of the Community of Madrid within the framework of the Scientific Culture and Citizen Participation Program as a local initiative involving some 500 activities based on hands-on experiments and demonstrations. Overall, 200 organizations belonging to different institutional sectors are involved: universities, research centers, museums, educational centers, scientific societies, organisms from the local, regional and national governments, foundations, and private companies related with science. In 2004, 200 researchers and university lecturers participated, together with 200 teachers, 2000 primary and secondary school students and 100 professionals. Visitors numbered some 122 500 (25.2% of them children, 35.9% young people and 38.9% adults) (Comunidad de Madrid, 2004a). The Madrid Science Fair makes special efforts to raise the public's interest in science and

technology as well as to encourage scientists to be more sensitive to the needs of the public.

Participation by CSIC personnel in the Fair is organized on a top-down basis. Staff members in charge of organizing the CSIC's participation in the Fair contact the directors of different research centers and institutes, and in some cases individual researches whose research lines may be especially appropriate for presentation at the Fair are contacted. In some cases, directors coordinate the participation of their centers or institutes in the Fair. In most cases, directors transfer information to researchers, who then make the decision to participate along with their teams. Although fellows and technicians can influence the decisions made by their team leaders, in general they do not have sufficient autonomy or decision-making capacity to arrange for participation of their own accord.

3. Methods

The population we studied consisted of CSIC personnel who actively participated in the Madrid Science Fair in the years 2001 to 2004. The first fair in 2000 was included in this analysis because of its experimental nature, and because the researchers' participation consisted mainly of poster presentations. In other words there was little direct interaction with the public, although such interaction was a more prominent feature in the following years.

We did not include participants from two CSIC centers: the National Museum of Natural Sciences and the Royal Botanical Garden. Both centers, in addition to their research activity, have stable programs in scientific communication and specialized staff members whose institutional participation in the Fair is arranged through a very different process to the rest of the CSIC personnel. The present study did not take into account personnel who participated in purely organizational aspects of the Fair such as physical set-up of the stands or transport and installation of equipment.

The population thus consisted of 220 individuals belonging to 21 CSIC research centers and institutes.

The CSIC is the largest public research organization in Spain. As a multidisciplinary body it covers all fields of knowledge from basic research to advanced technological development. The CSIC has 125 research centers and institutes throughout Spain, and almost half of them are located in Madrid, where the national headquarters are also situated. More than 12 000 people work at the CSIC, including tenured scientists, technicians, administrative staff and research fellows. About 2000 doctoral students are currently carrying out research for their thesis at CSIC institutes. CSIC researchers are responsible for 20% of the scientific output of Spain, and for 0.55% of the world's scientific publications. CSIC is also the leading applicant from Spain to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

All five professional groups of CSIC research practitioners are represented in the population we studied. These groups differ in academic level, professional category and contractual link with the CSIC. Senior Researchers (SR) are permanent staff members of the CSIC with a full-time research position. Technicians and Support Staff (TSS) also belong to the permanent staff, and their main task is to provide support for the

researchers at the center to which they belong. Postdoctoral fellows (POS) are personnel who hold a PhD degree and work at the CSIC on contract or with a postdoctoral fellowship, and whose tasks are similar to those of senior researchers. Predoctoral fellows (PRE) are personnel whose main duty is to carry out research oriented towards obtaining their doctoral degree. Technicians with a temporary position (TEC) hold and undergraduate or graduate university degree and are temporarily linked to the CSIC through a contract or fellowship to support research.

The Madrid Science Fair provided an ideal opportunity to carry out research into what motivates science practitioners to get involved in PCST activities involving direct interaction with the public. In addition, CSIC personnel constitute a consistent, well-defined population which is representative of the different research practitioners doing full-time scientific research in Spain. Nevertheless, this sample must not be considered representative of the whole Spanish scientific community, which includes scientists working in different institutional contexts (university, private companies, etc.) with different objectives and work patterns in terms of the research work and their attitudes towards communication of science. For example, whereas CSIC researchers hold full-time research positions, university lecturers have a mixed teaching and research position, which in principle would make them more accustomed to communicating science to the nonspecialist public.

The study was carried out as a detailed structured questionnaire survey. The questionnaire was administered to most of the participants through face-to-face interviews. Among the many advantages of this method (Lahlou et al., 1992) was its suitability for our purposes in that it allowed a complex questionnaire to be developed, a

structured procedure for data processing, and control over timing of the fieldwork. Although this is a costly information-gathering procedure, in this case the size of the population, together with its geographical concentration, facilitated the use of this technique. In contrast to the more commonly used mail or electronic surveys, face-to-face surveys make it possible to gather more abundant and more thorough information, which in turn yields better results and a more reliable interpretation of the data.

The structured questionnaire, tested on a selected group of scientists from the population, included questions requiring scaled responses and a number of free response questions. Respondents were offered the chance to express their opinions on any particularly sensitive aspect of the questions posed. Interviews were scheduled to last between 20 and 30 minutes.

To reduce interviewer bias due to interviewer variance, all interviews were performed by the same two researchers (authors of this paper). In connection with the issue of social desirability bias, experimental studies have demonstrated that the interpersonal interaction between the interviewee and the interviewer can influence the results, thus different interviewers can obtain different (biased) results (Lahlou et al., 1992; Kvale, 1996). Participants were aware that the interviewer was a colleague and that the data would be handled confidentially. Thus we do not think surveyees had any reason to skewing their responses (to items that inquired about their altruism and motivation, for examples) to make them sound more favorable.

Due to the small size of the population to be studied, no sampling strategy was used. A letter was sent to all participants stating the reasons for the survey and the

principle of the study. Shortly thereafter they were contacted by telephone to make an appointment for the interview. A total of 167 individuals were surveyed, accounting for 75.9% of all participants in the Fair. The rest of the participants either could not be contacted (51 individuals) for different reasons (retired, moved to another institution, abroad, etc.) or refused to participate (2 individuals).

The composition, by professional status, of the population and the sample surveyed is shown in Table 1. This table summarizes the personal and professional profile of the CSIC personnel who participated in the Fair and of the sample we surveyed. The participants represented all scientific and technical areas of the CSIC, with the exception of Food Science and Technology. The areas represented were Materials Science and Technology, Biology and Biomedicine, Natural Resources, Physics Science and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Chemistry Science and Technology. The percentage response rate was lower among nonpermanent staff (fellows and contracted personnel), as is logical due to the temporary nature of their job at the time of the Fair. This resulted in a significant number of these individuals not being locatable at the time of the interview.

Table 1. Profile of the population of CSIC staff participating in the Madrid Science Fair, and of the sample surveyed.

	Popu	ılation	Sample					
Professional status		%	n	%	Response rate (%) (n/N)	Age(*)		
Permanent staff	97	44.1	79	47.3	81.4			
Senior researchers	52	23.6	45	26.9	86.5	51.4 (37-69) 50		
Technicians and support staff	45	20.5	34	20.4	75.6	47.1 (27-61) 49		
Nonpermanent staff	123	55.9	88	52.7	71.5			
Postdoctoral fellows	18	8.2	14	8.4	77.8	35.3 (26-47) 35.5		
Predoctoral fellows	64	29.1	44	26.3	68.8	28.2 (24-35) 28		
Technicians with temporary position	41	18.6	30	18.0	73.2	29.7 (23-45) 29		
Total	220	100.0	167	100.0	75.9			

^(*) Average (Range) Median

Information was gathered regarding (among other aspects) the motivations that encouraged research practitioners to take part in the Fair. Items in the survey required participants to respond to the question, "Please indicate to what extent the following motivations influenced your decision to take part in the Fair" on a five-point scale ranging from 1 (not important at all) to 5 (very important). These items reflect "values" or "self-attributed needs," in the sense that they are conscious states that the person recognizes and may describe (i.e., they are openly acknowledged by the actor), as opposed to the "motives" or "implicit needs" which affect behavior without conscious awareness on the actor's part (McClelland et al., 1953, 1989). In this sense values are better predictors of conscious choices of conduct, such as decisions on how much effort to put into a task, and may predict specific answers concerning a particular situation.

Statistical analysis was performed with the SPSS (v. 12.0) for Windows. Categorical principal components analysis (CATPCA) was used to investigate the

relationships between the variables, as well as relationships between the data and professional category. This analysis uses optimal scaling to generalize the principal components analysis procedure so that it can accommodate variables of mixed measurement levels (scale, ordinal and nominal). This makes it possible to find and summarize the relationships between variables (relationships that can not be extracted directly from data tables), reducing the original set of variables to a smaller set of noncorrelated components that represent most of the information found in the original variables.

The outcome of CATPCA is interpreted by reading a two- or three-dimensional plot in which component loadings are shown as the orientation of lines along the principal axes. The relationships between ordinal variables represented by their correlations with the principal components are displayed as vectors pointing towards the category with the highest score. The length of a vector reflects the importance of the variable: the longer the vector, the more variance is accounted for. The angle between two vectors reflects the correlations between the variables they represent: the more orthogonal the vector, the less correlated the variables are.

Two levels of CATPCA were used. First the relationships between the values assigned to the different motivations were analyzed, as well as their correlations with professional category. Once the relationship between variables (motivations) was determined, a second analysis was performed using an index created from the original variables. A model was obtained to reduce the information to a smaller number of variables and to account for the largest possible percentage of the variance. This index

was calculated by adding the values given to variables that were related, and dividing this sum by the number of variables, according to the formula:

$$I = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i} P_{i}}{n}$$

where Y_1 is the value given to each variable (from 1 to 5), P_1 the weight assigned to the variable (in this case all were equally weighted, hence P=1), and n the number of variables used to calculate the index.

4. Results

Figure 1 shows the three-dimensional object scores plot obtained with CATPCA to summarize the relationships between the different motivations, as well as the relationships between motivations and professional category. Annex 1 shows the CATPCA model summary, the variance accounted for each variable, correlations of transformed variables and chi-squared values.

The first dimension of the CATPCA plot separates a first group of closely correlated motivations that formed a bundle with negative component loadings in this dimension. This group, called "personal commitments," comprises the motivations "personal commitment" and "told to by someone else." The remaining motivations formed three bundles that were separated mainly in the second dimension. The first bundle, called "personal and professional motivations," comprised motivations with a personal or personal-professional aspect ("enjoyment," "professional relationships," "professional promotion" and "personal satisfaction"), together with two motivations

related to short-term personal rewards ("economic reward" and "days off"). The second bundle, called "scientific culture and communication of science," represents researchers' commitment to the communication of science and their concern for the public's scientific culture. This bundle comprised the motivations "desire to increase the public's scientific culture," "arouse or increase the public's interest and enthusiasm for science," "increase public appreciation for the scientist's work," and "make their center better known or more visible." The third bundle comprises only the "sense of duty" motivation and stands alone in the figure.

All motivations within the same bundle are highly (positively) correlated. In other words, the higher the value given to one motivation, the higher the value likely to be given to the rest of motivations within the same bundle. Because variables within a given bundle are highly correlated, they behave in the same manner with respect the scores they receive by members of different professional categories.

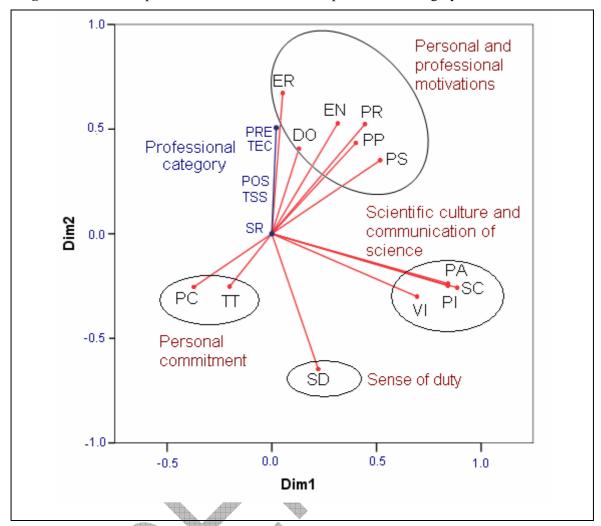


Figure 1. Relationships between "motivations" and "professional category"

Professional categories: SR: Senior researchers; TSS: Technicians and support staff; POS: Postdoctoral fellows: PRE: Predoctoral fellows; TEC: Technicians with a temporary position. *Motivations*: PI: arousing or increasing public's interest in and enthusiasm for science; SC: increasing public's scientific culture; PA: increasing public's appreciation of scientist's work; VI: make my center better known or more visible; SD: Sense of duty; TT: Told to by somebody else; PC: Personal commitments; PS: Personal satisfaction; EN: Enjoyment; PR: Professional relationships; PP: Professional promotion; ER: Economic reward; DO: Days off reward. The CATPCA model summary is shown in Annex 1.

Table 2. Distribution of responses (expressed as percentage of respondents) to the question "please indicate to what extent the following motivations influenced your decision to take part in the Fair."

	Motiv	ations	•										
	PI	SC	PA	VI	SD	TT	PC	PS	EN	PR	PP	ER	DO
Senior res	search	ers (%	5)										
1	2.2	6.7	.0	4.4	2.2	51.1	44.4	15.6	48.9	48.9	77.8	97.8	100.0
2	2.2	0	8.9	13.3	2.2	8.9	11.1	13.3	11.1	17.8	11.1	2.2	0
3	6.7	11.1	13.3	13.3	13.3	11.1	17.8	22.2	20.0	22.2	6.7	0	0
4	35.6	22.2	42.2	37.8	42.2	17.8	22.2	33.3	15.6	11.1	2.2	0	0
5	53.3	60.0	35.6	31.1	40.0	11.1	4.4	15.6	4.4	0	2.2	0	0
Average	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.0
Technicia	ns and	l supp	ort sta	ff						4	-		
1	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	8.8	44.1	64.7	8.8	47.1	20.6	76.5	76.5	76.5
2	5.9	8.8	2.9	14.7	23.5	8.8	8.8	11.8	8.8	26.5	11.8	5.9	11.8
3	20.6	14.7	17.6	11.8	11.8	17.6	5.9	20.6	11.8	23.5	8.8	5.9	2.9
4	44.1	44.1	38.2	35.3	35.3	20.6	11.8	29.4	17.6	23.5	2.9	5.9	2.9
5	26.5	29.4	38.2	35.3	20.6	8.8	8.8	29.4	14.7	5.9	0	5.9	5.9
Average	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.3	2.4	1.9	3.6	2.4	2.7	1.4	1.6	1.5
Postdocto	ral fel	lows				A				1			
1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	42.9	64.3	14.3	35.7	14.3	57.1	64.3	92.9
2	0	0	7.1	14.3	7.1	0	21.4	7.1	35.7	42.9	28.6	14.3	7.1
3	0	0	7.1	21.4	21.4	35.7	7.1	35.7	7.1	28.6	7.1	7.1	0
4	21.4	42.9	35.7	35.7	35.7	21.4	0	21.4	14.3	7.1	0	7.1	0
5	71.4	50.0	42.9	21.4	28.6	O	7.1	21.4	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	0
Average	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.7	2.4	1.6	3.3	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.8	1.1
Predoctor	al fell	ows	A										
1	2.3	2.3	4.5	13.6	20.5	25.0	59.1	6.8	20.5	13.6	50.0	45.5	93.2
2	4.5	4.5	4.5	6.8	15.9	13.6	11.4	4.5	11.4	18.2	20.5	11.4	4.5
3	9.1	18.2	20.5	25.0	27.3	36.4	13.6	25.0	27.3	38.6	13.6	25.0	2.3
4	43.2	40.9	34.1	22.7	27.3	18.2	15.9	40.9	29.5	18.2	6.8	11.4	0
5	40.9	34.1	36.4	31.8	9.1	6.8	0	22.7	11.4	11.4	9.1	6.8	0
Average	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.7	1.9	3.7	3.0	2.9	2.0	2.2	1.1
Technicia	ns wit		npora	ry pos	ition								
1	6.7	6.7	6.7	16.7	16.7	10.0	53.3	6.7	13.3	26.7	53.3	43.3	90.0
2	3.3	3.3	6.7	10.0	13.3	26.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	30.0	20.0	6.7
3	16.7	16.7	30.0	23.3	33.3	23.3	16.7	13.3	36.7	40.0	6.7	23.3	3.3
4	33.3	33.3	20.0	16.7	26.7	26.7	13.3	40.0	30.0	16.7	6.7	13.3	0
5	40.0	40.0	36.7	33.3	10.0	13.3	10.0	33.3	13.3	6.7	3.3	0	0
Average	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.2	3.9	3.2	2.7	1.8	2.1	1.1
1 Notes	7.0	y .	-11. 2			J.1	2.14		1 :	4.7		:.1 :	1,1

1= Not important at all; 2=Slightly important; 3=Moderately important; 4=Fairly important; 5=Very important.

Motivations: PI: arousing or increasing public's interest in and enthusiasm for science; SC: increasing public's scientific culture; PA: increasing public's appreciation of scientist's work; VI: make my center better known or more visible; SD: Sense of duty; TT: Told to by somebody else; PC: Personal commitment; PS: Personal satisfaction; EN: Enjoyment; PR: Professional relationships; PP: Professional promotion; ER: Economic reward; DO: Days off reward.

Below we analyze these motivations in some detail, beginning with those scored highest by surveyees. The response distribution to the questions asked in the survey is summarized in Table 2.

The responses reveal a high level of concern and commitment by CSIC personnel concerning Communication of Science, Public Understanding of Science, and Public's Scientific Culture. The motivations that received the highest scores from the surveyees are directly linked to these aspects. Most surveyees stated that they were fairly or highly motivated by the desire to "arouse or increase the public's interest in and enthusiasm for science," and to "increase the public's scientific culture." This characteristic is common to all groups; however, it was scored highest by senior researchers (89% of whom consider the first motivation fairly or very important, and 82% of whom accorded this status to the second motivation), predoctoral fellows (93% for both motivations) and postdoctoral fellows (84% and 75%).

Two other important motivations related to the two leading motivations noted above were identified, both of which involved a personal aspect. First, the motivation for "increasing public appreciation of the scientist's work" was scored highly by all groups. More than three-quarters of senior researchers, technicians and support staff, and postdoctoral fellows considered this motivation very of fairly important, and more than 70% of predoctoral fellows held the same attitude. This motivation reflects scientists' desire for their work not only to be well known, but also socially recognized. Second, participants expressed a strong desire to "make their center better known or more visible." This reflects their motivation to make science known to the public, not only through the dissemination of scientific knowledge, but also by introducing

scientists and research centers to the public. Although it also received high scores, this motivation was less important than the ones noted above, and was associated fundamentally with permanent staff (senior researchers, and technicians and support staff), who seem to be more committed to gaining visibility for their centers.

"Sense of duty," in terms of considering scientific popularization and communication of science as part of a scientist's job or a duty, is a motivation that is closely related to awareness of the need to communicate science, as well as to the set of values represented by motivations in the "scientific culture and communication of science" group.

Senior researchers appeared to be highly motivated by a "sense of duty" (82.2% of them considered it a fairly or very important motivation for participating in the Fair). This was also an important motivation for postdoctoral fellows and technicians and support staff, whereas the youngest individuals in the sample (predoctoral fellows and technicians with a temporary position) were not primarily motivated by a sense of duty.

Most of the senior researchers surveyed were concerned with the importance of communicating science to the public as an activity that should be considered a scientist's duty. Some of them offered specific explanations:

- "Communicating science to the public is a duty [of scientists], but should be recognized by the institution [the CSIC]."
- "We must show solidarity with society, since after all we work with public funds."

- "We should present our work to society, so that society demands greater support for science."
- "I think that popularization of science is more important than any research
 we set out to do. And communicating to the public well is more difficult than
 writing a scientific article."

Although other researchers participated in the Fair, they were of the opinion that PCST need not be one of the activities or tasks of the scientists, but that it should be left in the hands of other professionals:

 "There should be an intermediate echelon between the scientist and the public; a professional in science communication to the public."

On the other hand, some scientists expressed doubts regarding the use of science fairs and similar activities to bring science closer to the public:

"I believe that caution is needed in handling the image of the CSIC. A
 balance needs to be found between combining activities for children with
 other activities that highlight the high scientific and technological level of the CSIC."

Some participants expressed clear reluctance, believing that these activities might "trivialize" science to some degree. Different opinions were offered by CSIC staff who participated in the Fair regarding the extent to which science should be displayed in an event involving a certain element of entertainment. Among these reluctant scientists, one surveyee noted with regard to the potential entertainment value of science:

"Science should not have to be displayed at leisure events. Places exist for science dissemination, such as museums, technical fairs, etc. Museums, science documentaries, and especially teachers play important roles in bringing science closer to children."

The "personal commitments" group of motivations represents the extent to which individuals feel motivated or committed to attend the Fair because of their professional relationship or sense of commitment to another person. This person might be their supervisor, a colleague, one of the coordinators of institutional participation by the CSIC in the Fair, or even a representative of the regional government of Madrid, the organizer of the event. Both variables in this bundle ("told to by somebody else" and "personal commitment") showed a weak, inverse correlation with professional category (-0.02 and -0.04, respectively).

The youngest members of the population (predoctoral fellows and technicians with a temporary position) are those for whom being told to participate by somebody else had the highest motivational value. For these individuals participation in the Fair depended in most cases on the decision of their supervisor, i.e., the senior scientist and leader of the research team. In contrast, personal commitment seemed to affect the decision to participate mainly among senior researchers, on the one hand, and technicians with a temporary position on the other. For senior researchers, participation in the Fair was sometimes induced by a personal rather than professional commitment to the director of their research center or to the organizers of the event. In the same vein, some technicians with a temporary position felt a personal commitment to comply with their supervisor's instructions.

Finally, within the "personal and professional motivations" bundle are purely extrinsic motivations such as "economic reward" and compensation in the form of "days off" and "professional promotion," in addition to other fundamentally intrinsic motivations such as "personal satisfaction," "professional relationships" and "enjoyment."

This bundle includes two motivations of medium-scale importance in terms of how the surveyees scored them: "personal satisfaction" and "enjoyment." These motivations, which can be considered strictly personal in nature, were relatively important for the youngest members of the population (predoctoral fellows and technicians with a temporary position), and slightly less important for technicians and support staff, in comparison to the groups of senior researchers and postdoctoral fellows.

Personal motivations wane in importance when they overlap the professional sphere ("professional relationships" and "professional promotion"), and factors such as "economic reward" or rewards in the form of "days off" were considered motivations of little importance by most of the people we surveyed. In this regard senior researchers indicated that they were not motivated to any degree by either reward. "Economic reward," the variable that showed the highest correlation (0.46) with professional category (i.e., the one that best discriminated among categories) was judged fairly or very important by a small percentage (ranging from 10% to 20%) of technical and support staff, postdoctoral and predoctoral fellows and technicians with a temporary position, whereas "days off" was a motivation only for technical and support staff.

However, the limited motivational capacity of these two rewards may be conditioned to a large degree by previous knowledge of institutional regulations with regard to days off, as well as the modest amounts involved in economic rewards. In this connection, further research is needed to find out to what extent these types of extrinsic motivation could affect science practitioners' current attitudes towards PCST.

Despite the motivations included in the questionnaire, some of the surveyees noted other motivations. Some individuals specifically mentioned the satisfaction of working with children and watching them enjoy science. A closely related factor was motivation by the opportunity to reach out to a young public—the pipeline of future scientists—and to stimulate interest in science as a vocation among young persons.

Other aspects that were mentioned were helping to communicate the participation of women in science, getting away from the research routine, a change of scene and chance to meet other colleagues in another environment, and the decision to participate in place of other colleagues who showed no interest in taking part in the Fair, to ensure that a particular research center was represented at the event.

According to comments offered by the participants during the interview, two aspects of their own or their colleague's motivation for participating in the Fair stood out: "professional promotion" and "lack of turnover."

First, professional promotion" was not a factor in general, and indeed, in many cases participation in events of this nature was considered to have negative repercussions on the participant's career. According to some respondents, certain colleagues consider that those who participated in this type of PCST event "have

nothing better to do" or "aren't good enough for more important activities." This is an opinion that extends to any activity other than carrying out funded research and the subsequent publication of results in prestigious international journals. Some of the senior researchers surveyed made specific mention of this perception:

- "Participation in the Fair is unfavorable because there is an assumption that those colleagues who do take part have nothing better to do."
- "Scientists are conscious of the value of popularization of science, but they would rather let others do it, that is, others who they assume are less skilled [in scientific research] or 'less clever' because they themselves have more important things to do. Nevertheless, it is true that prominent scientists are involved in popularizing science, because for them it is 'the cherry on top' of their career."

Second, "lack of turnover" often acts as a negative motivator since some of the participants are unenthusiastic due to the lack of interest and collaboration from their colleagues. This means it is "always the same people" who participate.

Once we had identified the motivations characteristic of each professional category and the relationships between these motivations, an index was created to represent each group of motivations obtained with CATPCA. The four resulting indexes were called "personal commitments," "personal and professional motivations," "scientific culture and communication of science," and "sense of duty." This last index consisted solely of the variable of the same name.

A second CATPCA was then carried out to determine motivational behaviors of the sample according to individuals' professional status. The results of this analysis were consistent with the previous one, although the second CATPCA explained a significantly higher percentage of variance (89.6%). The model is summarized in the three-dimensional graph (Figure 2) that displays the relationships between the indexes and the different professional categories. Annex 2 shows the CATPCA model summary, the variance accounted for by each variable, and correlations among variables.

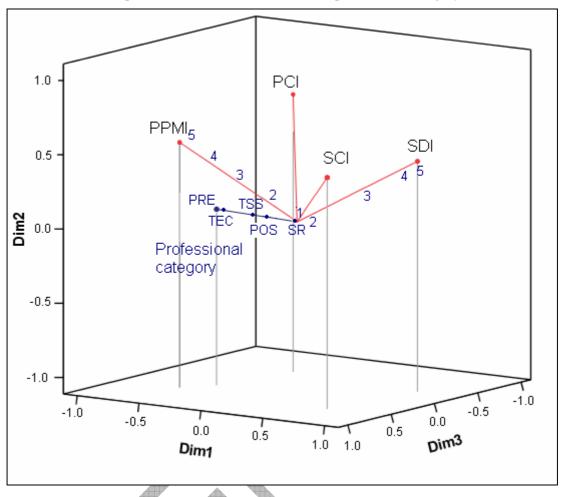


Figure 2. Relationships between motivation indexes and professional category

Professional categories: SR: Senior researchers; TSS: Technicians and support staff; POS: Postdoctoral fellows; PRE: Predoctoral fellows; TEC: Technicians with a temporary position. *Indexes*: PCI: Personal commitment index; SDI: Sense of duty index; SCI: Scientific culture and communication of science index; PPMI: Personal and professional motivation index. The CATPCA model summary is shown in Annex 2.

All indexes accounted for a similar amount of variance (eigenvalues ranging from 0.85 to 0.92). "Personal and professional motivations" together with "sense of duty" were the indexes that showed the highest correlations with professional category. The "personal and professional motivations" index, which included motivations with a highly personal or individual component, correlated well with professional category (0.46). These motivations were accorded less importance as position on the professional scale rose: they were considered least important by senior researchers and most

important to the technicians with a temporary position. The opposite was found for the "sense of duty" index (correlation -0.39), which was the most important motivation mainly for senior researchers whereas technicians with a temporary position and predoctoral fellows seemed to be less motivated by this factor. The vectors of the "personal commitments" and "scientific culture and communication of science" indexes were orthogonal to the professional category vector, reflecting a low correlation (0.1 and -0.15, respectively) and thus a limited ability to discriminate between professional categories.

As noted above, "sense of duty" showed a high correlation with professional category. Closely related with the individuals' sense of duty was the manner in which they got involved in the Fair, which also varied significantly depending on professional category. The greater degree of professional autonomy of senior researchers was reflected in the high percentage of individuals (more than 50%) who participated in the Fair of own initiative, regardless of whether they considered participating in the Fair as a duty (Table 3).

In all professional categories, most individuals took part in the Fair because they were told to by somebody else. The differences here were substantial not only quantitatively but also qualitatively. Among senior researches, 60% of whom stated that they participated because they were told to, the initiative normally came from administrators or managers responsible for coordinating CSIC participation either personally or through the director of the center to which the researcher belonged. In the remaining categories, particularly in nonpermanent personnel (where the percentage of individuals who participated because they were told to was notably high), the initiative

or request usually came from the research team leader. Several individual noted that although they took part initially at the behest of somebody else, they ultimately considered that they participated of their own initiative, accepting in some cases that the task was part of their job. Three members of the technician and support staff group participated in the Fair because it was their duty, as they belonged to a department or unit that was in charge of their center's participation in the Fair. Senior researchers, who gave the highest scores to "sense of duty" as a motivation for participating in the Fair, were the only group in which a number of individuals for whom communication of science to the public is not among their "official" duties nonetheless claimed to consider this part of their job. Nevertheless, only five individuals (11% of the senior researchers surveyed) made this claim, a reflection that although a personal "sense of duty" was considered an important motivation, researchers rarely consider popularization or communication of science to the public a *de facto* duty.

Table 3. Manner in which individuals got involved in the Fair

	(% Individuals surveyed (*)							
	SR	TSS	POS	PRE	TEC				
Own initiative	51.1	32.4	35.7	18.2	26.7				
Other person's initiative or request	60.0	73.5	85.7	86.4	93.3				
Part of my job	11.1	8.8	0	0	0				

^(*) Multiple choice question. Because individuals could get involved in the Fair in different manners, total percentages can add up to more than 100%.

The "sense of duty" correlated highly with the "scientific culture and communication of science" index (0.38), and particularly with the variable "make my center better known or more visible" (Figure 1). This latter is the motivation that showed the highest direct correlation (0.3) with sense of duty, indicating that

individuals' sense of duty was largely associated with their commitment to making their research units or centers more visible.

The motivations within the "scientific culture and communication of science" index reveal a high level of concern and commitment on the part of CSIC personnel to the communication of science, the public understanding of science, and the public's scientific culture. This concern and commitment are also reflected by the number of individuals who participated repeatedly on two or more annual Fairs. Among permanent staff members (whose participation in successive annual fairs can be traced), the percentage of individuals who participated in more than one annual fair was noticeably higher among senior researchers (51.2%) than among technicians and support staff (41.2%). These figures do not include persons who participated for the first time in the 2004 fair. The decreases in the percentages of postdoctoral fellows (35.7%) and especially predoctoral fellows and technicians with a temporary position (13.6% and 13.3%, respectively) were most likely due to the temporary nature of their positions at the CSIC.

Nevertheless, repeated participation in PCST activities does not always depend solely upon ones own motivation, but may also depend upon external factors such as the willingness of their superiors to authorize such activities. Thus, the interest in PCST and particularly the communication of science to the young public is also reflected by individuals' willingness to take part in outreach programs aimed at schoolchildren. Participants were asked specifically about their willingness to make school presentations of the same or a similar activity as at the Fair. Although their attendance at the Fair was irregular, nonpermanent staff (postdoctoral and predoctoral fellows and

technicians with a temporary position) showed a notable interest in participating in activities at educational centers (Table 4).

Table 4. Willingness to present at primary or secondary schools the same or a similar activity as at the Fair

Professional category		% Individuals surveyed							
	Yes	No	Perhaps						
SR	82.2	8.9	8.9						
TSS	76.5	11.8	11.8						
POS	78.6	7.1	14.3						
PRE	93.2	0.0	6.8						
TEC	80.0	10.0	10.0						
Total	83.2	7.2	9.6						

5. Discussion and Conclusions

The results presented here reveal how the engagement of CSIC research practitioners in the Madrid Science Fair is influenced, to different extents, by an ensemble of extrinsic and intrinsic motivations which involve aspects related to personal or professional benefit along with other, more altruistic considerations. These latter center on the desire to communicate science to the public and increase scientific culture either by transmitting scientific knowledge or providing a better knowledge of research centers and the work carried out by scientists.

The motivations of research practitioners at the CSIC for getting involved in the Madrid Science Fair seem to reflect something more than the simple desire to communicate scientific knowledge. Their motives go beyond public communication of science and technology, which implies a one-way, top-down communication flow from

scientists to the general public, where the public is often seen as a passive and sometimes poorly qualified receiver, in accordance with the so-called "deficit model" of public understanding of science. The researchers we surveyed seemed to be concerned with "scientific culture," in line with the "contextual approach" or "contextual model" of public understanding of science which depicts communication as a two-way interaction and dialogue between science and its public Gross, 1994; Miller, 2001; Michael, 2002; Burns et al, 2003; Sturgis and Allum, 2004). Thus the most important motivations were related with the desire to stimulate the public's interest in and enthusiasm for science, to increase the public's scientific culture, and to enhance public awareness and appreciation of science and scientists. Our results are consistent with those of Pearson (2001b), who surveyed a selected group of 147 "PUS-active" scientists in the UK. These scientists were found to be motivated mainly by the desire to stimulate the public's interest in, awareness of and excitement for science, together with their understanding of basic science.

In this regard the vision of science communication held by CSIC research practitioners seems to be in the line with the "vowel analogy" proposed by Burns et al. (2003), according to which science communication aims to produce one or more of the following personal responses to science: "Awareness of science; Enjoyment or other affective responses to science; Interest in science; the forming, reforming or confirming of science-related Opinions (or attitudes); and Understanding of science."

In addition, senior researchers where highly motivated by a sense of duty, and noted the scientist's commitment to communicate science to the public. The extent to which scientists should consider it their duty to communicate with the public has been a

central point in recent discussions of the role of the scientific community in the cause of greater public understanding and awareness of science (Bodmer, 1985; Royal Society, 1990; Wolfendale Committee, 1995; Pearson et al., 1997; Gregory and Miller, 1998; Miller, 2001; Pearson, 2001a; Burns et al., 2003). The few published studies that have investigated this issue reported different results. On the one hand, the vast majority of staff research scientists interviewed by MORI (Corrado et al., 2001) believed it was their duty to communicate their research and its social and ethical implications to policy makers (91% agreed) and to the nonspecialist public (84% agreed). Different results were found by Pearson et al. (1997), who reported a low percentage (15%) of scientists participating the UK's 1995 National Week of Science, Engineering and Technology as a result of their sense of public duty to communicate science, and 28% of them citing public duty as the reason they would take part again. On the other hand, they found that the only significant difference between participants was that "staff had the highest sense of public duty to communicate science." Similarly, in the survey of "PUS-active" UK scientists conducted by Pearson (2001b), only 10% of surveyees got involved in PUS activities because a sense of duty, and only 5% considered these activities as part of their job. There are interesting parallels between these results and the CSIC sample with respect to both the sense of duty reported by staff research scientists and the different perceptions of this duty between staff and nonstaff individuals.

In any case, participation rarely results solely from personal initiative, which once again reflects the reduced awareness of the importance of this activity. Our results are again consistent with the findings of Pearson et al. (1997), who reported that most of the scientists who took part at the UK's 1995 National Week of Science, Engineering and Technology did so because "they were told to: the edict had come from on high." It

must be keep in mind that establishing a reputation through publishing in prestigious international journals and research achievements that will yield professional recognition constitute, for many scientists, goals that are more important than science popularization and other activities that gain them less recognition.

Therefore the motivations of the group we analyzed involve both a cultural and an aesthetic dimension. In the former, science popularization is seen as an activity important not only to society, but also to the scientist itself, as one of the activities that should distinguish an "integral scientist." This conception of PCST considers such activities in their social, informative, educational and useful aspects not only for the public, but also for science and scientists (e.g., PCST as a call that awakens a new vocation, as a booster of public interest in scientific topics, and as a factor that might increase the public's demand for science programs from politicians). The aesthetic dimension involves the notion that science communication to the public may not be seen by the scientist as something "compulsory, necessary or even useful," but simply as something "interesting, beautiful and enriching" (Bonfil Oliveira, 2003). This notion of science communication to the public can open doors and, given the right circumstances, favor the intrinsic motivations of scientists.

Although it is true that this type of intrinsic motivation was strongly held among all the professional groups we studied, the importance of extrinsic motivations cannot be neglected. Unfortunately, the effect of these rewards on the willingness of CSIC personnel to take part in the Fair cannot be inferred from the results of our study, as they made the decision to participate even though they knew that the recognition or external rewards that would accrue from their work at the Fair would be limited, and

consequently these extrinsic motivations were given low scores by respondents. Further research to elucidate their likely influence should take into account that an appropriate balance between extrinsic and intrinsic motivations can acquire considerable importance for managers. It is not so much the strength of extrinsic motivations but rather their influence over intrinsic motivations which may actually determine how important the former are. It should be mentioned here that, as reported in numerous experiments (Kruglanski et al., 1971; Deci, 1971, 1972; Ross, 1975), the intrinsic motivation to perform a task purely for personal satisfaction can decrease under certain circumstances when external rewards are offered. This raises the issue of whether, and to what extent, internal causality (intrinsically motivated conduct aimed at PCST-related activities) is modified towards some degree of external causality.

The collective of young scientists, particularly predoctoral fellows working toward their doctoral degree (tomorrow's scientists), is of particular importance (see for instance Pearson, 2001a). The extent to which this collective is motivated to undertake PUS activities may be the result of the socialization process to which they are subjected during work on their advanced degrees. The young predoctoral scientists in our sample were, like senior scientists, highly motivated by the chance to increase the public's interest in and enthusiasms for science, scientific culture, and appreciation of science and scientists. In contrast to staff researchers, they seemed to be more motivated by enjoyment and personal satisfaction than by a sense of duty. Their motivations seemed to lie in both the cultural and aesthetic dimensions of PCST. It seems that these young scientists are a new generation who do not view popularization as a tedious activity one engages in only out of a sense of duty, or in exchange for recognition or money. Positive experiences in PUS for researchers in the early stages of their scientific training

"may encourage them to do more as they continue their scientific career" (Pearson, 2001a).

Our results and the conclusions we have drawn concern the particular sample we studied, and should not be considered to be predictive. It is thus important to avoid drawing inferences that might not hold if applied to other researchers and other R&D frameworks. Possible comparisons with other studies need to take into account the specific characteristics of our study population and context. The professional activity of our population revolves around scientific research, and is focused mainly on generating new knowledge. Therefore, science popularization and communication of science and technology to the public are not a basic part of their work. The opinions expressed by this selected group of scientists, who were committed to the communication of science to the public, provide data that can be analyzed to examine why scientists take part in interactive PCST activities.

The present study has tried to identify the motivations that led this sample of research practitioners to participate in a science fair, a type of PCST event characterized by its particular dynamics and structure, and—more importantly—by the close, direct relationship it obliges scientists to engage in with a public consisting to a large degree of young people. However, identifying the motivations is only the first step toward understanding why scientists whose main task is to carry out research are willing to take part in PCST activities. An additional series of factors that could influence this decision are fundamental to our understanding of the motivational process, and await analysis. Some of these factors are the possible problems and limitations scientists face in participating in PCST activities; their perception of how interested the public is in their

participation, and its usefulness; and the benefits to be obtained from participation. In addition, we set out to determine the possible motives that underlie some scientists' negative reactions to participating in this type of PCST event, and to discover the conditions that determine their nonparticipation.

6. Acknowledgments

The "Scientific Culture and Communication of Science in the Community of Madrid. A study to encourage participation of scientists in PCST activities" project was funded by the General Directorate for Universities and Research of the Regional Government of Madrid. The authors express their thanks to all the scientists participating in the Madrid Science Fair who took part in this study through personal interviews. Thanks are also expressed to Laura Barrios, head of the CSIC Department of Operational Research and Applied Statistics, for her valuable statistical advice. We also thank the three anonymous reviewers for thoughtful revision and the useful comments, and K. Shashok for improving the use of English in the manuscript.

7. References

Blanco, J.R. (2003) 'Confianza social en la ciencia', In FECYT (Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología) Percepción social de la Ciencia y la Tecnología en España, 65-74. Madrid: FECYT.

Bodmer, W. (1985) The Public Understanding of Science. London: Royal Society.

Bodmer, W. and Wilkins, J. (1992) 'Research to improve public understanding programmes', Public Understanding of Science 1 (1): 7-10.

Bonfil Oliveira, M. (2003) 'Una estrategia de guerrilla para la divulgación: difusión cultural de la ciencia', 1er. Taller Latinoamericano Ciencia, Comunicación y Sociedad (First Latin-

- American Workshop on Science, Communication and Society). *San José, Costa Rica,* 24-26 *November* 2003.
- Burns, T.W., O'Connor, D.J. and Stocklmayer, S.M. (2003) 'Science communication: a contemporary definition', Public Understanding of Science 12 (2): 183-202.
- CICYT (2000) Spanish National Plan for Scientific Research, Technological Development and Innovation, 2000-2003: Volume I, objectives and structure. Madrid: Comisión Interministerial de Ciencia y Tecnología (CICYT). URL (consulted November 2005): http://www.mec.es/ciencia/plan_idi/files/pnidi-1i.pdf).
- Comunidad de Madrid (2004) Informe de Evaluación V Feria Madrid por la Ciencia (Evaluation Report, V Madrid Science Fair). Madrid: Comunidad de Madrid, Dirección General de Universidades e Investigación. URL (consulted November 2005): http://www.madrimasd.org/Madridporlaciencia/Feria_V/evaluacion/Informe_de_Evaluacion_de_la_V_Feria.pdf
- Corrado, M., Pooni, K. and Hartfree, Y. (2001) The role of scientists in Public Debate Research study conducted by MORI for The Wellcome Trust. London, UK: Market & Opinion Research International (MORI).
- Deci, E.L. (1971) 'Effects of externally mediated rewards on intrinsic motivation', Journal of Personality and Social Psychology 18: 105-15.
- Deci, E.L. (1972) 'Intrinsic motivation, extrinsic reinforcement and inequity', Journal of Personality and Social Psychology 22: 113-20.
- Gascoigne, T. and Metcalfe, J. (1997) 'Incentives and impediments to scientists communicating through the media', Science Communication 18 (3): 265-82.
- Goodell, R. (1997) The visible scientists. Boston: Little Brown.
- Gregory, J and Miller, S. (1998) Science in Public: communication, culture and credibility.

 Cambridge, Massachusetts: Perseus Publishing.
- Gross, A. G. (1994) 'The roles of rhetoric in the public understanding of science,' Public Understanding of Science 3 (1): 3-23.
- Kruglanski, A.W., Friedman, I. and Zeevi, G. (1971) 'The effects of extrinsic incentive on some qualitative aspects of task performance', Journal of Personality 39: 606-17.
- Kvale, S. (1996) *Interviews: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Interviewing*. London, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Lahlou, S, van der Meijden, R., Messu, M., Poquet, G. and Prakke, F. (1992) *A guideline for survey-techniques in evaluation of research*. Luxembourg: Commission of the European Communities.
- Levy-Leblond, J.M. (1992) 'About misunderstandings about misunderstandings', Public Understanding of Science 1 (1): 17-21.

- McClelland, D.C., Atkinson, J.W., Clark, R.A. and Lowell, E.L. (1953) The achievement motive. New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts.
- McClelland, D.C., Koestner, R. and Weinberger, J. (1989) 'How do self-attributed and implicit motives differ?', Psychological Review 96: 690-702.
- Michael, M. (2002) 'Comprehension, Apprehension, Prehension: Heterogeneity and the Public Understanding of Science', Science, Technology and Human Values 27 (3): 357-78.
- Miller, J.D. (1998) 'The measurement of civic scientific literacy', Public Understanding of Science 7 (3): 203-23.
- Miller, S. (2001) 'Public understanding of science at the crossroads', Public Understanding of Science 10 (1): 115-20.
- Pearson, G. (2001a) 'The participation of scientists in public understanding of science activities: the policy and practice of the U.K. Research Councils', Public Understanding of Science 10 (1): 121-37.
- Pearson, G (2001b) The participation of scientists in public understanding of science (PUS) activity: the experiences and attitudes of scientists. *Proceedings of the PCST2001*International Conference (6th International Conference on Public Communication of Science & Technology). CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 1-3 February 2001.
- Pearson, G., Pringle, S. M. and Thomas, J.N. (1997) 'Scientists and the public understanding of science', Public Understanding of Science 6 (3): 279-89.
- Ross, M. (1975) 'Salience of reward and intrinsic motivation', Journal of Personality and Social Psychology 32: 245-54.
- Royal Society (1990). COPUS Looks Forward. London: Royal Society.
- Rutherford, J. (2002) Windows on the world of science: preparation and opportunity.

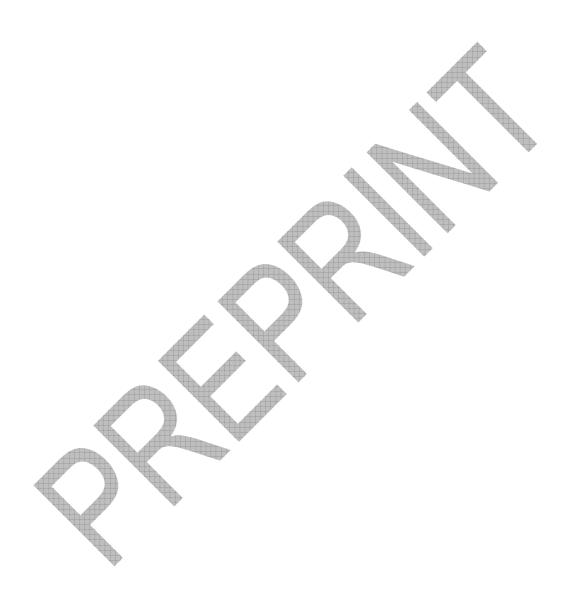
 International Conference Science before the Public. Humanistic culture and scientific-technological development. Salamanca, Spain, 28-31 October 2002.
- Sturgis, P. and Allum, N. (2004) 'Science in society: re-evaluating the deficit model of public attitudes', Public Understanding of Science 13 (1): 55-74.
- Wolfendale Committee (1995). Wolfendale Committee Final Report. London: Office of Science and Technology.

8. Notes

1 An earlier version of this article was presented at the *Eight International Conference on Public Communication of Science and Technology* (3-6 June 2004, Barcelona, Spain) and at the *VI Ibero- and Inter-American Workshop on Science and Technology Indicators* (15-17 September 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

2 In Spain the participation of scientists in PCST activities is scarce and limited to certain forums and media. This situation was summarized in the text of the Spanish National Plan for Scientific Research, Technological Development and Innovation (CICYT, 2000):

"In Spain, researchers and the research centers themselves have little interest in informing society of the results of research activities and in demonstrating their importance, thus raising the level of scientific and technological culture."



9. Annexes

Annex 1. CATPCA showing relationships between "motivations" and "professional category" (PCAT). Model summary

Model summary

		Variance accounted for					
Dimension	Cronbach's alpha	Total (Eigenvalue)	% of variance				
1	.79	3.65	28.11				
2	.61	2.30	17.72				
Total	.90 (*)	5.96	45.83				

^(*) Total Cronbach's alpha is based on the total eigenvalue

Variance accounted for

		Centroi oordina		Total (Vector coordinates)			
Variables		nsion		TOTAL .	nsion		
	1	2	Mean	1	Total		
PI	0.79	0.09	0.44	0.78	0.07	0.85	
SC	0.71	0.11	0.41	0.71	0.06	0.77	
PA	0.71	0.06	0.39	0.71	0.06	0.77	
VI	0.50	0.17	0.33	0.48	0.09	0.57	
SD	0.11	0.43	0.27	0.05	0.42	0.47	
PS	0.27	0.13	0.20	0.27	0.12	0.39	
EN	0.10	0.29	0.19	0.10	0.28	0.38	
TT	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.10	
PC	0.15	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.07	0.20	
PR	0.20	0.28	0.24	0.20	0.28	0.47	
PP	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.19	0.35	
ER	0.07	0.46	0.26	0.00	0.45	0.46	
DO	0.03	0.18	0.10	0.02	0.17	0.18	
PCAT (*)	0.01	0.26	0.13	0.00	0.26	0.26	
Active total	3.85	2.53	3.19	3.65	2.30	5.96	
% of Variance	29.5 9	19.4 3	24.51	28.11	17.72	45.83	

^(*) Supplementary variable

Transformed Variable Correlations

	PI	SC	PA	VI	SD	PS	EN	RE	PC	PR	PP	ER	DO	PCAT
PI	1.00	0.88	0.80	0.59	0.26	0.32	0.11	-0.07	-0.22	0.22	0.20	-0.05	0.01	-0.08
SC	0.88	1.00	0.70	0.53	0.25	0.28	0.11	-0.15	-0.22	0.17	0.15	-0.04	0.02	-0.02
PA	0.80	0.70	1.00	0.62	0.22	0.25	0.15	-0.06	-0.25	0.21	0.20	-0.09	0.04	-0.13
VI	0.59	0.53	0.62	1.00	0.30	0.15	-0.06	-0.02	-0.09	0.23	0.19	-0.07	0.07	-0.15
SD	0.26	0.25	0.22	0.30	1.00	0.03	-0.14	0.11	0.13	-0.16	-0.04	-0.40	-0.20	-0.37
PS	0.32	0.28	0.25	0.15	0.03	1.00	0.55	-0.12	-0.21	0.30	0.28	0.07	0.07	0.17
EN	0.11	0.11	0.15	-0.06	-0.14	0.55	1.00	-0.11	-0.15	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.13	0.27
TT	-0.07	-0.15	-0.06	-0.02	0.11	-0.12	-0.11	1.00	0.36	-0.11	-0.05	-0.08	-0.01	-0.02
PC	-0.22	-0.22	-0.25	-0.09	0.13	-0.21	-0.15	0.36	1.00	-0.22	-0.05	-0.05	-0.08	-0.04
PR	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.23	-0.16	0.30	0.23	-0.11	-0.22	1.00	0.42	0.32	0.24	0.30
PP	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.19	-0.04	0.28	0.24	-0.05	-0.05	0.42	1.00	0.32	0.12	0.23
ER	-0.05	-0.04	-0.09	-0.07	-0.40	0.07	0.20	-0.08	-0.05	0.32	0.32	1.00	0.22	0.46
DO	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.07	-0.20	0.07	0.13	-0.01	-0.08	0.24	0.12	0.22	1.00	0.11
PCAT (a)	-0.08	-0.02	-0.13	-0.15	-0.37	0.17	0.27	-0.02	-0.04	0.30	0.23	0.46	0.11	1.00
Dimension	10	9	11	12	8	2	1	13	7	4	3	5	6	
Eigenvalue(b)	0.45	0.50	0.42	0.24	0.54	2.30	3.65	0.09	0.68	1.18	1.29	0.90	0.77	

⁽a) Supplementary variable

Chi-squared values

Motivation ×PCAT	χ^2	p value exact
	\mathcal{A}	(Monte Carlo) (*)
PI * PCAT	16.88	0.394
SC * PCAT	18.50	0.295
PA * PCAT	11.18	0.812
VI * PCAT	14.49	0.575
SD * PCAT	35.58	0.002
PS * PCAT	11.93	0.762
EN * PCAT	31.22	0.012
TT * PCAT	29.15	0.020
PC * PCAT	15.12	0.515
PR * PCAT	29.17	0.019
PP * PCAT	17.85	0.330
ER * PCAT	45.55	0.000
DO * PCAT	19.93	0.196

^(*) Significant differences when p value < 0.05

⁽b) Eigenvalues of correlation matrix excluding supplementary variable

Annex 2. CATPCA showing relationships between groups of motivations and professional category (PCAT). Model summary

Model summary

Dimensio	Cronbach's	Variance accounted for					
n	alpha	Total (Eigenvalue)	% of variance				
1	0.44	1.50	37.39				
2	0.26	1.25	31.15				
3	-0.25	0.84	21.09				
Total	.96 (*)	3.58	89.63				

^(*) Total Cronbach's alpha is based on the total eigenvalue

Variance accounted for

	Ce	entroid c	oordina	ites	Total (Vector coordinates)				
	Dimension			Mean	Dimension				
	1	2	3	wieun	1	2	3	Total	
PPMI	.40	.29	.22	.30	.40	.29	.21	.89	
SCI	.41	.20	.32	.31	.41	.20	.31	.92	
SDI	.58	.22	.11	.30	.56	.19	.10	.85	
PCI	.17	.57	.23	.32	.13	.57	.22	.92	
PCAT (*)	.24	.02	.08	.11	.23	.00	.06	.30	
Active total	1.56	1.28	.88	1.24	1.50	1.25	.84	3.58	
% of Variance	39.10	31.93	22.00	31.01	37.39	31.15	21.09	89.63	

^(*) Supplementary variable

Transformed Variable Correlations

The state of the s			- V		
	PPMI	SCI	SDI	PCI	PCAT
PPMI	1.00	00	26	.33	.46
SCI	00	1.00	.38	08	15
SDI	26	.38	1.00	.10	39
PCI	.33	08	.10	1.00	.10
PCAT (a)	.46	15	39	.10	1.00
Eigenvalue(b)	1.50	1.25	.84	.41	

⁽a) Supplementary variable

⁽b) Eigenvalues of correlation matrix excluding supplementary variable