

A satellite image of Earth showing the Middle East, North Africa, and parts of Europe and Asia. The image is a high-resolution view of the planet's surface, showing landmasses, oceans, and cloud cover. The title "SCI 2024 ANNUAL REPORT" is overlaid in white text at the bottom of the image.

SCI 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

SCI focused on its new Carbon Dioxide Removal Action Network (CDRANet) for most of 2024. The work has been intense and rewarding, as CDRANet is now well on its way to accomplishing its goals in 2025.

This report provides a very brief overview of CDRANet and SCI's other activities in 2024. For more information, please visit SCI's website at sci.institute. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at ghampson@sci.institute.

As SCI's executive director, I hereby attest that the information contained in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hampson", is written over a light blue, textured rectangular background.

Glenn Hampson
Executive Director, SCI

SCI'S NEW FOCUS IN 2024

SCI began focusing on three main priority areas in 2024: climate change, open science and disinformation.

CLIMATE CHANGE

In January 2024, SCI began developing the content, structure and strategy for the Carbon Dioxide Removal Action Network (CDRANet), a groundbreaking initiative designed to bring coordinated policy action to the global effort to remove excess carbon dioxide from the Earth's atmosphere. Member recruitment for CDRANet started in May, and fundraising and conference planning efforts took place over the summer months. By October, a team of 250 experts had been assembled, representing 200 institutions, 35 countries, and stakeholder groups from government to industry, research, advocacy, finance and beyond.

The primary goal of CDRANet is to develop a soft-law agreement on CDR that can be adopted and adapted globally by governments at all levels. Although CDR has been referenced in several international agreements in recent years, it has not yet been the central focus of a dedicated global agreement. The agreement being developed by CDRANet—which we are provisionally calling the Athens Declaration since it will be officially announced at a meeting in Athens in the Fall of 2025—brings sustained attention to this challenge, serving as the first international declaration devoted entirely to carbon dioxide removal. Informed by expertise from across regions, institutions, and sectors, it offers a common foundation for aligning our global efforts, guiding policy dialogue, and fostering cooperation on this essential pillar of climate action.



The declaration also responds to the limitations of formal international treaty processes, which are important but often take years to ratify and implement. In contrast, this declaration is a voluntary mechanism for fostering immediate cooperation without requiring formal treaty ratification. It invites broad cooperation between national and subnational governments, industry sectors, and civil society partners, and encourages policy alignment, joint investment and innovation, and shared learning.



Finally, this declaration responds to a growing imperative. Climate policy has long focused—rightly so—on reducing emissions. While reducing future emissions remains urgent, the consequences of past emissions are now pressing and accelerating. The need to act is no longer abstract or distant, but concrete and immediate as the toll from global warming increases. This declaration gives us an instrument through which coordinated and carefully planned immediate action is possible.

For more about CDRANet, please visit cdranet.org.

OPEN SCIENCE

SCI officially concluded its Open Scholarship Initiative (OSI) in December of 2024, bidding farewell to OSI members and promising them that SCI would continue to stay engaged in this space.

Launched by SCI in 2015, OSI brought together top leaders in scholarly communication from around the world to explore evidence-based approaches to improving communication in research. Thousands of emails were exchanged over OSI’s tenure, dozens of papers published, and countless engagements made with fellow open advocates around the world, from keynoting conferences to helping develop the UN’s open science policies, to consulting on a new generation of open policies. OSI’s final year focused on summarizing lessons learned, presenting new ideas for reform, and delivering a final presentation—“The Future of Open”—at the IFLA Division D Midterm Meeting in Istanbul. This well-received talk explored the historical evolution of openness and advocated for researcher-first, evidence-based approaches to scholarly communication reform. A full archive of OSI’s work will remain available on the OSI website at sci.institute/osi, and we will continue (and are continuing) to stay engaged in developing the future of open science policies.



DISINFORMATION

In response to the growing erosion of truth in public life, SCI continued to seek funding for a multi-part disinformation awareness and action strategy in 2024. This strategy includes training more Wikipedia editors; launching a Disinformation Awareness Training & Education (DATE) initiative; and supporting thought leaders to promote critical thinking and historical integrity in public discourse. While our progress on these initiatives was technically stalled 2024 by a lack of funding, in truth, SCI’s disinformation efforts simply received less free labor than our climate change and open science work. This situation is unlikely to change in 2025 as the unfunded time commitments for CDRANet continue to grow.

FINANCES

SCI’s 2024 revenue came primarily from personal contributions from our year-end fundraising drive. SCI remains a lean, volunteer-driven organization, with minimal overhead and a strong track record of punching well above our size and funding weight.

SCI’s income and expenses for 2024 are listed in the table below. SCI raised less than the minimum amount required in 2024 to trigger a full year-end tax filing with the IRS or with Washington state’s regulatory agencies. For the IRS, a 990-N was filed instead, which simply requests that filers confirm the basics of company operations—that they raised less than a certain amount, are still in business, and are still tax-exempt. The receipt for this filing is on the next page. All of SCI’s tax filings are available from the SCI website and also on GuideStar, which has given SCI its highest Platinum rating for our annual reporting transparency.

SCI received \$2,050.11 in 2024, all from individual contributions. The executive director received \$2,000 for his full-time efforts for SCI and OSI. SCI received no other grants, sponsorships, or income. SCI’s assets as of end-December 2021 totaled \$1,469.13 (the balance in the corporation’s checking account). The table below only represents the portion of SCI expense paid from business funds; a considerable portion (primarily internet access and business insurance) are paid directly by the executive director.

SCI FY2024 (Jan 1-Dec 31) Income & Expense

Income	US\$ total
Direct Public Support	2,050.11
Total Income	2,050.11
Expense	
Business Registration Fees	68.00
Contract Services	2,000
Operations	1,133.66
Other Types of Expenses	192.00
Total Expense	3,393.36
Net Income	-1,343.25

LEGAL STATUS

SCI maintained its good legal standing in 2024, filing all required tax reports, business licenses, and so on. The key documents are included in the annex. SCI is federally classified as a 501c3 nonprofit, meaning that contributions made to SCI (and its various projects) can be tax deductible for US citizens and companies. SCI is also classified as a public charity, meaning that more than half of its support came from the public and was used for charitable purposes (in this case, to improve science communication). SCI projects such as OSI and CDRANet are not legal entities unto themselves.

CONCLUSION

Please stay tuned to the SCI and CDRANet website for more details and updates. If you have any questions or would like any more information about SCI or SCI projects, please reach out to us at info@sci.institute. Thank you!

ANNEX 1: BUSINESS INFORMATION

Legal name: Science Communication Institute (SCI)
Legal status: 501c3 nonprofit public charity
Structure: Corporation
Established: January 2011
State of incorporation: Washington

Street address: 2320 N 137th Street, Seattle, WA 98133 USA
Mailing address: Same as street address

Tax ID number: 27-4690007
Washington state UBI number: 603081988

Contact:
Glenn Hampson, Executive Director
Science Communication Institute
ghampson@sci.institute

Mission statement: The mission of the Science Communication Institute (SCI) is to help improve science collaboration, discovery, education and public policy by improving the culture of communication inside science.

ANNEX 2: 2024 FEDERAL TAX FILING (FORM 990N)

Form 990-N

Electronic Notice (e-Postcard)

OMB No. 1545-2085

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

for Tax-Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ

2024

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2024 Calendar year, or tax year beginning 2024-01-01 and ending 2024-12-31

B Check if available

☐ Terminated for Business

☒ Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less

C Name of Organization: SCIENCE COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE

2320 N 137TH STREET,
Seattle, WA, US, 98133

D Employee Identification Number 27-4690007

E Website: https://sci.institute

F Name of Principal Officer: Glenn Hampson

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The time needed to complete and file this form and related schedules will vary depending on the individual circumstances. The estimated average times is 15 minutes.

Note: This image is provided for your records only. Do Not mail this page to the IRS. The IRS will not accept this filing via paper. You must file your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) electronically.

ANNEX 3: WASHINGTON STATE FILING STATUS

(for actual record, see https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/)

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE

UBI Number:

603 081 988

Business Type:

WA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Business Status:

ACTIVE

Principal Office Street Address:

2320 N 137TH ST, SEATTLE, WA, 98133-7823, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

2320 N 137TH ST, SEATTLE, WA, 98133-7823, UNITED STATES

Expiration Date:

01/31/2026

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/ Registration Date:

01/28/2011

Period of Duration:

PERPETUAL

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business:

SCIENTIFIC, GLOBAL SCIENCE COMMUNICATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Charitable Corporation:

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Nonprofit EIN:

27-4690007

Most Recent Gross Revenue is less than \$500,000:

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Has Members:

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Public Benefit Designation:

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Host Home:

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REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name:

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE

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Mailing Address:

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ANNEX 4: FEDERAL NONPROFIT STATUS

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date: **NOV 21 2011**

NATIONAL SCIENCE COMMUNICATION
INSTITUTE
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SEATTLE, WA 98133

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Employer Identification Number:
27-4690007

DLN:
17053293313011

Contact Person:
JEFFERY A CULLEN ID# 31215

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
January 28, 2011

Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

Addendum Applies:
No


Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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