

Executive Board Annual Report 2022

Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:

Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI)

Management team:

Associate Professor Leena Mikkola, Tampere University, Finland

Vice-chair: Assistant Professor Dominika Popielevic, Kazimierz Wielky University, Poland

Vice-chair: Associate Professor Alexander Schouten, Tilburg University, the Netherlands (until 19.10.2022) Senior Lecturer Karyn Stapleton, Ulster University, Northern Ireland, UK (19.10.2022 onwards).

Social media:

Twitter: ECREA-ICSI: @ECREA_ICSI

Facebook: ICSI Ecrea <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3110852569186410>

Activities in 2022:

Year 2022, the most important activity was the **9TH European Communication Conference 2021**, which was held in Aarhus, Denmark, 19–22 October 2022. The ICSI section of the conference hosted five sessions: 1) Towards Well-Being in Health Care, 2) Emotions, Identities and Relational Listening, 3) Studying Interpersonal, Studying Interpersonally – Methodological Considerations 4) Relating with Family, Friends and Networks 5) The Common Good or Conflicting Goals? Rhetorical and Argumentation Analyses and 6) Interpersonal Roles and Goals in Digital Communication Environment. Altogether, 30 papers were presented in these sessions, and the conversation was vivid.

Preceding Aarhus Conference, a virtual pre-conference ***Rethinking Relationships pre-conference took place October 14, with*** two outstanding keynote speakers: Professor Jimmie Manning from the University of Kansas and Associate Professor Sara Greco from the Università della Svizzera Italiana, and a panel discussion on the future of interpersonal communication and social interaction research in Europe” gathering European panelists from north, south, east, and west. It also provided an opportunity for all of us to share our wishes, goals, ideas, and challenges considering ICSI research.

The Business Meeting of the ICSI section was conducted on 21 October 2022. The new management team was elected and future plans and actions were discussed. A decision to proceed and make preparations towards an interpersonal communication journal was made, which set the most important goal for the year 2023. Improving social media communications were also seen as very important tasks for the next year.

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Plans for 2023:

- The second ICSI virtual conference will be held in April/May 2023
- The ICSI Section Regional Conference will be held in Tallinn University in October 2023.
- ICSI management team works to enhance the preparations of a new international publication, a journal focusing on interpersonal communication and social interaction.
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