

# **W**omen's Network

## **NETWORK ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2009**

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The chairs have regular communication exchange.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Website**

The network has created a website: <http://www.uta.fi/EcreaWomen/index.html> which aims to be a (virtual) community that facilitates especially female researcher's international cooperation and career progress. It will also function as a channel for informing the members about ECREA's activities.

#### **Workshop "Gender in European Academia: Difference and Discrimination in Communication Research"**

The Centre for Intercultural Studies (CEI) of ISCAP and the Women's Network from ECREA – European Communication Research and Education Association – has hosted and co-organized, with partners from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and from the University of Tampere, the very successful Workshop "Gender in European Academia: Difference and Discrimination in Communication Research", on **25 November 2009**.

A mix of faculty students, PhD students, researchers and academics from different countries attended the symposium.

#### **Board meeting**

A meeting of the Board of the Women's Network was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2009, at the Centre for Intercultural Studies (CEI), ISCAP, Polytechnic Institute of Oporto.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

Further development of the website which includes:

Gathering of information about women in the academia and the creation of a forum or blog for debating this subject.

A virtual meeting, by e-mail, was scheduled for September 2010, to discuss the meeting that will take place in Hamburg, in November 2010.

Publishing was regarded as an option, but not in the near future. It was agreed to gather the texts from the Porto workshop “Gender in European Academia: Difference and Discrimination in Communication Research” and the ones from the workshops of Barcelona and Hamburg, and to compose a single book for possible publication in 2012. The board agreed to make a proposal to ECREA regarding a book collecting the texts from the three conferences (Porto, Barcelona and Hamburg).