

ECEA Section for Communication History

2014 Yearly Report to the ECREA Executive Board

1. Establishment – Organization

The Communication History Section was approved by ECREA executive board in October 2009. During the ECC 2014 in Lisbon the management team was reelected on November, 14, 2014. Additionally the section agreed to introduce a support committee that assists the management team and provides continuity when a new management team will start working in 2016.

Section Management Team:

- Susanne Kinnebrock, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany (chair)
- Paschal Preston, Dublin City University, School of Communication – Ireland (vice chair)
- Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Lisbon, Research Center for Communication and Culture – Portugal (vice chair)
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Support Committee:

- Gabriele Balbi, Università della Svizzera italiana, Institute of Media and Journalism – Switzerland
- Merja Ellefson, Umea University, Department of Culture and Media Studies – Sweden
- Manuel Menke, Augsburg University – Germany
- Stephanie Seul, University of Bremen, Institute for Historic Journalism, Communication and Media Studies – Germany

YECREA Representative:

Manuel Menke, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany

2. Activities

In the year 2014 the section ...

- **Increased its membership** throughout the year. The section has now 162 members (November 2014).
- **Organized a Business Meeting** (November, 14, 2014 in Lisbon).
- **Organized 6 panels** on communication history during the **ECC 2014** in Lisbon.
- **Brought forward the planned handbook on “European Communication History”**.
- **Provided the section website with news** and information about the section’s activities. We have to thank Christian Oggolder for his excellent technical support. The website can be found at: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/CHIS/>.
- **Informed its members** and other interested scholars about the section’s activities and relevant calls or workshops via email.

YECREA section activities in 2012 included ...

- **Efforts to popularize the section and YECREA** among PhD students and to foster peer contact and counsel for young scholars in the section.
- **The organization of a well-attended international workshop** (“Mediatized Celebrity and Popular Media in Historical and Visual Communication Research”) for young scholars at Trier University in Germany

3. Future plans

The section plans...

- **To edit the handbook on “European Communication History”**. One major long-term activity of the section is still the handbook project on the history of mass communication in Europe. The handbook which will be published in 2017 at Wiley-Blackwell.
- **To organize the section’s next workshop on “Bridges and Boundaries: Theories, Concepts and Sources in Communication History”**. The workshop will take place on **September, 16-18, 2015** at Warwick University in **Venice**. The workshop is organized by Juraj Kittler and Gabriele Balbi and it intends to deepen the exchange between communication and history scholars.
- **To organize the section’s workshop in 2017**. The section was invited by Balasz Sipos to hold the workshop in 2017 in **Budapest**, Hungary, focusing on **“Representation of Minorities, Majorities and Media History”**.

The Section Management Team (March, 22, 2015)