

## **Children Youth and Media Section**

### *Modus Operandi*

#### **1. Status**

1.1. The Children, Youth and Media (CYM) Section is an integral part of ECREA and exists under its authority.

1.2. The CYM Section is independent in its decisions and its strategic direction provided that it respects ECREA statutes and the policies and decisions of the ECREA Executive Board.

#### **2. Membership**

2.1. The Children, Youth and Media Section is constituted by all ECREA members who express their interest in joining the section.

2.2. ECREA members can join the Children, Youth and Media Section via the ECREA Intranet.

#### **3. Section business meeting**

3.1. The Children, Youth and Media Section holds an annual business meeting, open to all interested ECREA members.

3.2. The CYM Section business meeting is sovereign in making decisions regarding the general direction of the CYM Section and the current issues to be addressed by the CYM Section.

3.3. Only the CYM Section business meeting can modify the Modus Operandi or the Mission Statement.

3.4. Minutes and decisions of the CYM section business meeting shall be communicated to all CYM Section members within a maximum of one month after the meeting.

#### **4. Section Management Team**

4.1. The CYM Section Management Team is responsible for the day-to-day running of the section. It is composed of one Chair and two Vice-Chairs.

4.2. The Section Management Team is accountable for its decisions to the CYM Section business meeting and the ECREA Executive Board.

4.3. Chair and Vice-Chairs are elected every two years. The maximum term for a member of the Section Management Team is 6 consecutive years. Preferably, a new member will enter the Section Management Team at the position of Vice-Chair, and become a Chair after having been a Vice-Chair.

4.4. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs takes place in a secure and anonymous, computer-mediated manner.

4.5. The election takes place before or during the CYM Section business meeting of the first upcoming ECC conference so that preferably the new Management Team/member can take up office at the ECC conference.

4.6. If a Management member steps down before the election period as specified in 4.5, the current CYM Section Management Team will decide if and when an election should be organized to replace that member for the remaining period. The decision will be clearly communicated to all CYM Section members.

4.7. At the latest three months before the end of the mandate of the outgoing Section Management Team/Member, the current Management Team will inform their members about the procedure for election.

4.8. The results of the election shall be communicated to all section members as soon as possible and within a maximum of one month after the voting.

#### **5. General voting procedure**

5.1. Only CYM Section members qualify to vote.

5.2. Decisions require a simple majority of votes.

5.3. In the case of a tie, the CYM Section Chair has a casting vote.