**ECREA DIASPORA, MIGRATION AND MEDIA**

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**Report on Activities**

*1. Continuation of the management team*

At the Lisbon conference the management team stood for re-election and was appointed for a second term. The one change was the appointment of a new YECREA representative, with Irati Agirreazkuenaga Onaindia replacing Kevin Smets.

*2. Events and Collaborations*

The section co-hosted a pre-conference at ECREA 2014 with TheoryNord, the Nordic research network for media, migration and society. Entitled ‘Theoretical territories revisited: emerging challenges of media and migration research’, the one-day event brought together section membership with a cross-section of Nordic-based scholars to evaluate the relevance of established theoretical frameworks in the field. The event consisted of an initial plenary session and two sets of parallel sessions. The event also involved the launch of a special issue of Crossings conceived with the section, and detailed below.

Prior to this, on 28-29 March, the section held a very successful workshop in the Sussex Centre for Cultural Studies. Entitled ‘Multiculturalism: where do we go from here?’ the workshop featured keynotes from Sarita Malik and Miyase Christensen.

*3. Publications*

2014 saw the publication of two collections that had been developed within the section over the previous years. The book *National Conversations: Public Service Media and Cultural Diversity*, first planned at ECREA Hamburg in 2010, was published by Intellect Books in autumn 2014. Edited by section members Karina Horsti, Gunilla Hultén and Gavan Titley, it features studies of public service media in migration societies from eight different contexts, as well as synthesizing theoretical contributions. [http://www.intellectbooks.co.uk/books/view-Book,id=5095](http://www.intellectbooks.co.uk/books/view-Book%2Cid%3D5095) Also published in 2014 was a special issue of the journal Crossings: Journal of Migration and Culture. Edited by Koen Leurs and Sandra Ponzanesi, the edition was entitled Digital Crossings in Europe and features essays from section members Saskia Witteborn, Gavan Titley and Dana Diminescu. http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/intellect/cjmc/2014/00000005/00000001;jsessionid=1502pghni3xsf.alexandra

4. Future events

In early 2015 it was decided that the next section workshop will be held on 19-20 November 2015 at the Erasmus Research centre for Media, Communication and Culture of Erasmus University Rotterdam, with the theme “The porous walls of fortress Europe: contemporary media discourses of belonging”