

## ACTIVITY REPORT FILM STUDIES SECTION ECREA 2015

Chair: Helle Kannik Haastrup (University of Copenhagen, DK) Vice-chair: Anders Marklund (Lund University, SE) Vice-chair: Laura Rascaroli (University College Cork, IE)

### 1) Planning and organizing the Interim Film Studies ECREA Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark

The conference "European Cinemas, Intercultural Meetings – Aesthetics, Politics, Industry, History" was held in November 13-14, 2015 at The University of Copenhagen, Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics. After the review process of abstracts we had 60 accepted abstracts presented in 15 panels. Keynote speakers were Professor Daniela Berghahn (Royal Holloway, University of London) and Professor William Higbee (University of Exeter). It was a big success and many interesting presentations and fruitful discussions with topics on film industry, diaspora and intercultural film analysis film festivals and film genre and aesthetics in contemporary as well as a historical perspective.

Conference: website: <https://europeancinemainterculturalmeetings.wordpress.com>

Business meeting section minutes: Our business meeting included members and the management team (Chair: Helle Kannik Haastrup, Co-chairs Laura Rascaroli and Anders Marklund). Film Section member post doc Gertjan Willems (Ghent University) put his name forward for our next election of management (at the 2016 conference) as a possible candidate, when Helle is stepping down because she has been part of the management team for as long as possible. Furthermore, a brief discussion about the very successful 2014 conference in Lisbon was included.

### 2. Section website

The section website has not been used during this year. It will be a task during the coming year to evaluate how the section website should be used and maintained.

Web address: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/FS/>

### 3. Membership

There are currently more than 140 active members of the section.

### 4. Contacts with other academic organisations

There are friendly contacts with ICARG/HOMER (History of Moviegoing, Exhibition, and Reception).

There are established contacts with NECS (European Network on Cinema and Media Studies, associate institutional member of ECREA).

### 5. Dissemination

Conference website and twitter updates during the conference #EuropeanCinemas

### 6. Plans for the next year

The team will plan and organize the 2017 Film Studies Interim Conference possible in Cork, Ireland.

Election of new chair – since Chair Helle Kannik Haastrup has served the maximum number of years as Chair and cannot be re-elected.

Management team: Helle Kannik Haastrup – Laura Rascaroli – Anders Marklund