

Activity report film studies section ECREA 2007

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1. “The Glow in their Eyes.” Global perspectives on film cultures, film exhibition and cinemagoing. International Conference, Ghent, 14-16 December 2007, co-organised by the Film studies section.

- The aim of the conference was to review the current state of research in the history of moviegoing and film exhibition and distribution, bringing together scholars dealing with these subjects from all over the globe. Key notes: Annette Kuhn, Bobby Allen & Richard Maltby.
- Business meeting section Sunday 16 December: a meeting open to all conference attendants, to increase visibility and membership. Participants: Philippe Meers (chair), Mark Jancovich (vice-chair); Daniël Biltreyst (Ghent University) many possible future members attending: Paul Mc Donald (University of Portsmouth & member strategic committee NECS), John Sedgwick (London Metropolitan University), Clara-Pafoort-Overduin (Utrecht University), Deb Verhoeven (RMIT University), Arthur Knight (College of William and Mary), Peter Stanfield (University of Kent) Anna Manchin (Brown University), Pavel Skopal (Mazaryk University), Melanie Selfe (Glasgow University), Miriam Ross, Petr Strepanik (Masaryk University).

2. Section website

- The section website is fully operational (webmaster Hans Martens, Visual Culture Research Group, University of Antwerp)
- web adress: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/FS/>

3. Contacts with other academic organisations

- There are friendly contacts with ICARG/HOMER (History of Moviegoing, Exhibition, and Reception) (<http://www.homerproject.org/>), NECS (European Network on Cinema and Media Studies) and others.

4. Plans for the next year

- Active search for members both within and outside ECREA via ECREA mailing list.
- Intensify contacts with NECS: NECS could become associate institutional member
- Active participation in 2008 Barcelona conference: multiple sessions convened by the section, and most probably in combination with ICARG/HOMER meeting.
- NECS conference, June 2008, Budapest, IAMCR Stockholm, July 2008 and other conferences: create visibility (flyers, etc).