

ECREA GENDER AND COMMUNICATION SECTION YEAR REPORT 2011

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1. SECTION HISTORY/ORGANIZATION

The Gender and Communication Section was approved by the ECREA's executive board in December 2006. The section team has one chair, two vice chairs and one YECREA representative:

-Tonny Krijnen, Erasmus University of Rotterdam – Department of Media and Communication – The Netherlands (chair)

-Sofie Van Bauwel, UGhent, Department of Communication – Belgium (vice-chair)

-Claudia Alvares, Lusofona University – Department of Communication, Arts and Information Technologies – Portugal (vice-chair)

And from 2009 on the section has a YECREA representative Carla Cerqueira, PhD. candidate at Minho University – Department of Communication Sciences – Portugal

The chair and both vice-chairs were reelected for a third term in November 2010 during the 3rd ECREA conference in Hamburg. The chairs have regular communication exchange with each other. In December 2011 the section has 123 members and 29 countries are represented within the section.

2. ACTIVITIES

In the year 2011 the section management team has:

- a. Initiated the edition of a special issue of the *Interactions - Studies in Communication and Culture*, called '*New questions and themes in studying gender and communication*'. The contributing authors were selected from participants to the Media, Communication and the Spectacle - conference organized in 2009 and the 2nd ECREA Conference in Hamburg in 2010. Together the contributions form an overview of various themes and perspectives on gender aspects in media and communication. The section expect the issue to be finalized early 2012.
- b. Organized a 6th Business meeting during the IAMCR Conference on 14 July 2011 and a 7th Business Meeting during the off-conference in London on 16 December 2011.
- c. Co-organized the conference 'The Mediation of Scandal and Moral Outrage' with the ECREA Communication and Democracy Section and the Young Scholars Network at the London School of Economics November 2011.
- d. Co-operated in the workshop 'Writing Academic Applications' organized by YECREA during the off-conference at the LSE. Chair Tonny Krijnen served as speaker and guided an interactive workshop.
- e. Discussed with the Young Scholars the desirability of a young scholar's award. After careful deliberation, the section decided to not further proceed with this.

3. FUTURE PLANS

- a.* Submitting a journal proposal. Intellect has shown interest in a journal proposal coming from the Gender and Communication section.
- b.* Co-organizing the panels for the ECREA Conference in Istanbul (October 2012). The vice-chair Claudia Alvares is coordinator for the Gender and Communication Section.
- c.* Organizing the elections for a new Management Team.