

ECREA Gender and Communication Section Year Report 2013

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1. Section organization

The new team of the Gender and Communication Section was approved in 2012. The team consists of one chair (Iolanda Tortajada), two vice-chairs (Frederik Dhaenens and Carla Cerqueira). The Yecrea-representative of the section is Núria Aräuna. At the moment, we have 156 members.

2. Activities

- The new team co-organized with the section Communication & Democracy the ECREA Symposium, entitled "(Mis)understanding political participation" (11-12 October 2013). The conference, held in LMU Munich, consisted of 42 paper presentations.
- The section organized a business meeting during the ECREA Symposium (11 October 2013; 16:30-17:00).
- The section created a new website. With the technical support of Helle Kettner Høeberg (URV master's degree in strategic communication). The website can be found at: <http://gcecrea.wix.com/gendercommunication>

3. Future plans

- *ECREA Conference 2014, 'Communication for Empowerment: Citizens, Markets, Innovations' (Lisbon)*
The gender section has always had a strong presence at the conference, with high-quality papers, so it remains crucial that the next bi-annual ECREA conference presents a similar strong program. It is asked to start developing contacts with the (local) organizers as the presence of female key speakers has often been neglected or not taken into account.
- *Off-event 2015*
For now, several options are being explored.
- *Publication options of the 2013 off-event*
The idea of publishing a book with the off-event papers will be explored. It depends a bit on the quality of the papers. The same goes for the idea of preparing a special issue with work presented in Munich and Lisbon.