

Annual Report 2010

ECREA International & Intercultural Communication Section

The ECREA International and Intercultural Section has been active since early 2006. The Section has today 219 members.

Membership

During 2010 the section has augmented and consolidated its membership. The section now counts 219 members against 181 in December 2009. As for the growth in membership registered in 2010, most of the new members come from a personal networking exercise done by the Chair and Vice Chairs in conferences and academic events.

Organization of events/Management of the IIC Section

3rd ECREA Conference Hamburg 2010

The organization of the 3rd ECREA Conference in Hamburg took place during 2010. The IIC took the opportunity to strengthen the collaboration with the International Section of DGPuk by inviting members to submit papers to the pre-conference event and by directing suitable paper to it.

IIC Business Meeting and election of new steering committee

- During the Hamburg conference the Biannual IIC business meeting took place. Following the submission of candidatures and the voting procedure, Luciano Morganti (former Vice-chair) became Chair, and Leo Van Audenhove (former Chair) and Rico Lee (former Vice-chair) became Vice-chairs.

- The *New Modus Operandi* of the section was also discussed and approved by the members present at the business meeting.

- The Steering Committee encouraged and encourages the constituencies of the IIC section to become pro-active and develop own initiatives.

Future Events/Development Plans

Events

- The Section intends to organize 1 IIC workshops/event during 2011. These should be done in cooperation with other ECREA Sections and eventually with the VUB and interested EU Institutions.

The event will be around the topic of European Public Sphere, and is intended to take place during the month of November 2011, in Belgium.

The organizations of this event will begin at the beginning of 2011.

Development Plans

- Rather than looking at a further increase in the section constituency, a more active and proactive participation of members is highly welcome and will be supported by the management team.

- Participation in other sections activities is also a strategic priority in this stage of development.