

Annual report – ECREA Philosophy of Communication Section, 2009.

1. 2009 was the first year of the current board, elected at the ECREA ECC conference in November 2008.
2. The Section organised two workshops, in accordance with its strategic plan (see section website for details):
 - a. Communication and Uncertainty, Padova University, May 2009
 - b. Landmarks 2, Communication and Memory, University of London, December 2009
3. The Section continued work on several workshops scheduled to take place in 2010 and beyond. These include a workshop on dialogical phenomenology (with Prof. Joao Correia, Portugal) and literature as communication (with prof. Sell, Abo Akademi University, Finland).
4. Also in accordance with the strategic plan, the journal 'Empedocles – European Journal for the Philosophy of Communication' was launched in December 2009. The journal maintains close links to the Section, with the three board members all acting as editors of the journal.
5. The section's website is now maintained regularly by our webmaster, Mr. Martien Wijers (Leiden).
6. Section Membership increased to 124.

The section's business meeting 2009 took place in December. Minutes are available from the Chair. The main points that were discussed were:

1. The section has not yet succeeded in developing an easy way to communicate directly with its members. The section wants to encourage ECREA to make a facility available via its central website.
2. The section has no finances available, and hence does not submit a financial report for this year. In the coming year we want to investigate funding mechanisms for our activities.
3. It was decided to submit a proposal for the ECREA yearbook publication for 2010
4. The necessity of increasing the number of professional philosophers in the membership of the Section was discussed. It was decided to start a recruitment campaign early in 2010.

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Section Chair