

Modus Operandi of the Visual Cultures Section of ECREA

1. Name and status

1.1 The name of this section is the Visual Cultures Section.

1.2 The Visual Cultures Section is an integral part of ECREA and exists under its authority. The Section is independent in its decisions and in its strategic direction, except insofar as it must comply with ECREA Statutes and the policies and decisions of the Executive Board.

2. Membership

2.1 The Visual Cultures Section of ECREA is constituted by all ECREA-members who, by indicating their membership at the ECREA website (intranet), request membership of the Section.

3. Section Management Team, Terms of Office and Elections

3.1 The Section Management Team consists of one Chair and two Vice-Chairs who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Section. Other roles may be delegated by the Management Team (e.g. communications) to other members of the Section.

3.2 The Section Management Team shall report yearly to the ECREA Executive Board.

3.3 The Management Team is supported in their activities by a steering group, formed by members of the Section, who may fulfill roles (e.g., communication) delegated by the Management Team.

3.4 Chair and Vice-Chairs are elected every two years for a maximum term of 6 consecutive years (3 mandates).

3.5 Three months (90 days) before the end of the mandate of the outgoing Management Team, or when a vacancy for one or more positions in the Management Team is announced due to other circumstances, candidates can put themselves forward for election, as a team or individual candidates specifying the position of each candidate, by sending an e-mail to the Section Chair.

3.6. The Section Management Team must inform all its members of the date of elections, by email, at least 70 days before the event.

3.5 All Section members are eligible to vote in the elections and such voting will take place through a voting procedure at the event convened for this purpose. Each member may be represented at the elections by another member by way of written and signed proxy delivered before the vote. Each representative may represent no more than one member.

3.6 A simple majority of votes is required for the election.

3.7 The results of the vote for the new Management Team shall be communicated as soon as possible to all members by email.

4. Business Meeting

4.1 The section has a biannual business meeting, if possible at an ECREA event, otherwise at a time and place decided upon by the Section Management Team.

4.2 The Business Meeting is the primary decision making body regarding the general direction of the Section, determining current issues to be addressed by the Section and changing the statutes or mission statement.

4.3 All interested ECREA members can attend the Business Meeting of the Section, but only the members of the Visual Cultures Section have the right to vote.

4.4 Votes are decided by simple majority.

4.5 The Section Business Meeting cannot take decisions that go against the spirit or the general statutes and bylaws of ECREA.

5. Amending the Modus Operandi and the Section's Objectives Documents

5.1 Proposals for the amendment of the Modus Operandi and the Objectives documents of the Section may be made solely by current members of the Section. Such proposals shall be made via email, addressed to the Section Management Team, at least two months before the biennial business meeting, in order to allow for their timely distribution to the members.

5.2 Such proposals shall be put to a vote, to take place on the same date as that set for the biennial business meeting. A simple majority of votes cast shall be required to achieve provisional adoption of a proposal for amendment to the Statutes. Amendments voted in this manner shall require the authorisation of the Executive Board of the ECREA before being put into effect.