

ECREA Section for Communication History

2012 Yearly Report to the ECREA Executive Board

1. Establishment – Organization

The Communication History Section was approved by ECREA executive board in October 2009. During the ECC 2012 in Istanbul Klaus Arnold who was the founding chair of the section stepped down. A new management team was elected on October, 26, 2012 including the two former vice chairs of the section, Paschal Preston and Susanne Kinnebrock.

Section Management Team:

- Susanne Kinnebrock, Augsburg University, Department for Media and Educational Technology –Germany (chair)
- Paschal Preston, Dublin City University, School of Communication – Ireland (vice chair)
- Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Lisbon, Research Center for Communication and Culture – Portugal (vice chair)

YECREA-Representative:

- Christian Schwarzenegger, Augsburg University, Department for Media and Educational Technology – Germany

2. Activities

In the year 2012 the section ...

- **Increased its membership** throughout the year. The section has now 135 members (November 2012).
- **Organized 8 panels on the ECC** in Istanbul 2012.
- **Organized a Business Meeting** (October, 26, 2012 in Istanbul).
- **Organized a workshop** on the planned **Handbook on the “History of Mass Media in Europe”** (October, 27, 2012 in Istanbul).
- **Provided the section website** with news and information about the section's activities.
- **Informed its members** and other interested scholars about the section's activities and relevant calls or workshops via email.

YECREA section activities in 2012 included ...

- **Efforts to popularize the section and YECREA** among PhD students and to foster peer contact and counsel for young scholars in the section.

3. Future plans

The section plans...

- **To edit a handbook on the “History of Mass Media in Europe”.** One major long-term activity of the section is a handbook project on the history of mass communication in Europe. It is not intended to assemble several parallel national media histories. Instead the focus will be on certain problems or historical situations all European countries had to face in order to come to an integrated and transnational communication history of Europe. To organize this major project an additional meeting or workshop is planned for 2013.
- **To co-sponsor the preconference “New Histories of Communication Study”** at the ICA Conference in London on June, 16-17, 2013. The preconference seeks to broaden, internationalize, and advance the history of communication study by bringing together scholars from ECREA, ICA and IAMCR.
- **To organize the section’s next workshop.** It will take place in **early September 2013 in Lisbon** in cooperation with the Catholic University of Portugal. The theme will be **“Transition”** which can be studied from manifold perspectives such as, but not limited to, technological, political, cultural, economic and societal changes. In particular, media change shall be analyzed as a common European phenomenon. The call for papers will be launched in January 2013.

The Section Management Team (Nov. 15, 2012)