

ECREA's CEE Network activities report for the year 2012

Generally, two major events featured amongst the CEE Network activities in 2012 – the 5th CEECOM conference organized in Prague (in April 2012, <http://ceecom2012.blogspot.com>), and CEE Network meeting at the annual ECREA conference in Istanbul (October 2012) where new CEE Network management committee was elected.

- The CEECOM 2012 Prague conference was of exceptional significance not only because of the fact that it attracted the biggest number of journalism, media and communications researchers and professionals from CEE countries (over 150 participants have attended the conference); it has become an event of exceptional meaning signifying the official establishment of the CEECOM board comprising scholars from the Czech Republic (Irena Reifona and Tomas Trampota), Poland (Boguslawa Dobek-Ostrowska and Michal Glowacki), Slovakia, Estonia (Epp Lauk), Lithuania (Aukse Balcytiene), Hungary (Kate Cartveit). It was decided in Prague that the next, the 6th CEECOM, conference will take place in Kaunas, Lithuania;
- The biannually organized ECREA conference and within its structures prepared special panel of CEE Network addressing matters of journalism as well as a Network session where the new management body was elected, once again, addressed crucial questions persistent in CEE media research and education, such as knowledge sharing, networking, best-practice analysis, research results dissemination, etc. The new management body comprising new chair (Aukse Balcytiene) and two vice-chairs of the network (Irena Reifova and Michal Glowacki) was unanimously approved by the three dozens of representatives;
- Amongst other activities where CEE Network ideals were disseminated needs to be mentioned regular meetings of the representatives from the local communications associations (Polish Communication Association, Baltic Association for Media Research and others); as well as teaching activities performed in various PhD (ECREA PhD Summer School in Ljubljana), Master level schools and research seminars.

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