

## **ECREA Journalism Studies Section**

### Annual Activity Report

The main activity during this year was the organisation of 10 panels at ECREA's 2<sup>nd</sup> conference in Barcelona. The section received one of the highest numbers of papers [approximately 150] and it used 12 reviewers to select 50.

The biennial business meeting of the ECREA Journalism Studies Section was called to order at 2pm on 27/12/08, at ECREA's 2<sup>nd</sup> European Communication Conference in Barcelona, by Georgios Terzis, Section Chair.

#### **Present:**

Section Chair Georgios Terzis, Vesalius College, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Vice-Chairs Ramón Salaverría, School of Communication, University of Navarra and John O'Sullivan, School of Communications, Dublin City University; and 17 Section members. During the meeting the following were discussed:

#### **A. Election of Executive Team**

The outgoing Executive Team was elected for a second term on the basis of a (unanimous) show of hands, in accordance with the Modus Operandi of the Section.

#### **B. Journal discounts**

Georgios Terzis reminded members that they are entitled to significant discounts of up to 35% on relevant Sage and Routledge journals.

#### **C. Report**

The section website was reviewed. It was noted that the site's directory, 'Academic resources of journalism' was to be incorporated in a global directory by the University of Oklahoma. Attention also was drawn to the EU Call for Tenders section on the site home page, and members were urged to consider participation in the initiatives represented there.

#### **D. Section membership v general membership**

Some attending expressed confusion as to how to establish their membership of the Section within ECREA. Georgios Terzis said that if they had ticked the Section box on their membership application then they were members of the Section.

The distinction between the general ECREA mailing list and the Journalism Studies mailing list was discussed. Members who did not have access to the JS list were asked to send an email to John O'Sullivan (john.osullivan@dcu.ie) so that they could be included in the Section list.

#### **E. 2009 Conference notice**

The chair gave the floor to the section member, Thomas Hanitzch of the Institute of Mass Communication and Media Research, University of Zurich, who announced to the participants that the international conference 'Journalism Research in the Public Interest' would be held in Zurich on November 19 – 21, 2009, with a deadline for submission of abstracts on April 1, 2009. The conference is a joint effort of the Journalism Studies Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), the Swiss Association Communication and Media Research (SGKM) and the German Communication Association (DGPK), with the support of the Journalism Studies Division, International Communication Association (ICA) and the Journalism Research and Education Section, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). It was expected that 150 to 200 scholars would present at the conference.

#### **F. Useful Publications list**

Members were urged to send to the executive team their publications [or others] that they believe that are relevant to Journalism Studies in Europe in order to include them in a list of references in the Section's website.