

YOUNG SCHOLARS (YECREA)

NETWORK ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2010

1. Organisation

In Barcelona 2008 a team consisting of Tamara Witschge (chair), Benjamin De Cleen (vice-chair) and Joanna Redden (vice-chair) was elected. Tamara Witschge stepped down as chair in 2009, Benjamin moved on to the chair position from vice-chair, Alenka Jelen became the new vice-chair. Joanna Redden decided not to run again for 2010-2012. The current board thanks her for her work for the network.

A new Network Management Team consisting of Benjamin De Cleen (chair), Alenka Jelen (vice-chair) and Julie Uldam (vice-chair) was elected at the business meeting in Hamburg: 31 yes, 1 abstention, 0 no.

Alenka remains the representative to the ECREA board.

Benjamin, Alenka and Julie are members (ex-officio) of the editorial board of "PLATFORM: Journal of Media and Communication", a biannual open-access online postgraduate publication.

Membership: The young scholars' network now has 223 members (28 October 2010).

2. Activities

Information dissemination

One of the main tasks of YECREA is to provide information dissemination. YECREA informs its members of job opportunities, conferences, workshops, and relevant

publications through the website yecrea.eu, a bi-annual newsletter, and a facebook group.

In 2010, the website yecrea.eu was fed on a regular basis by a web editor (Itir Akdogan) and by YECREA's country and section representatives.

In April 2010 a newsletter was sent out.

In early 2010 a Yecrea facebook group was established. The group now has 191 members (on 28 October 2010)

A network of section and country reps

In 2010 YECREA continued to develop its network of young scholar representatives in the ECREA sections and in all countries of Europe. Representatives continued to inform young scholars through the Yecrea website and the facebook group.

Guidelines were formulated to facilitate and structure the involvement of YECREA in the organization of young scholar workshops and conferences, and the organisation of young scholar social events.

Young scholar conferences

YECREA was involved in the organization of two young scholar conferences in 2010. One was linked to the inaugural conference of ECREA 's Communication History Section in Potsdam (June 3-15 2010) and was co-organized by YECREA section representative to the Communication History section Christian Schwarzenegger. The other was the First International Graduate Conference on Media and Communication, held at the University of Porto (May 13-14 2010). YECREA country representative for Portugal, Ana Jorge, was part of the programme committee of this conference. In both cases, YECREA members got a reduced conference fee.

ECC Hamburg

Yecrea hosted a workshop on Planning an Academic Career (organised by Ranjana Das and Julie Uldam) with panellists: Uwe Hasebrink, Nico Carpentier, Saila

Poutiainen, Elena Vartanova, Nuria Simelio, Tomas Trampota, Roberto Suarez, Michele Sorice, Tamara Witschge. The workshop was very well attended.

Yecrea hosted a social event in Haus 73 (organised by Sascha Hölig and Hanna Domeyer). The social event too was very well attended.

3. Future plans

YECREA's main plans for 2011 are the following:

Workshops and social events at section off-conferences

Yecrea section and country reps will organise PhD workshops and social events at the Ecrea section off-conferences to be held in 2011.

Further development of network of representatives and of communication between reps

In addition to filling remaining rep posts, focus will be on improving communication and collaboration between reps, across sections and country affiliations.

Develop mentorship scheme from end of 2011

The development of an 'established scholar'/young scholar mentorship scheme is planned for late 2011.

ECREA mapping exercise (country reps involvement)

The specifics of the involvement of the country reps will be developed on the basis of Alenka's experiences from the mapping exercise and the country reps' suggestions for contributions.