# Executive Board Annual Report 2022

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:

Communication History section

## Management team (up to Aarhus 2022):

Chair: Gabriele Balbi (Lugano, Switzerland)

Vice-chair: Valérie Schafer (Luxembourg)

Vice-chair: Janne Nielsen (Aarhus, Denmark)

Management team (after Aarhus 2022):

Chair: Christian Schwarzenegger (Augsburg / Bremen, Germany

Vice-chair: Valérie Schafer (Luxembourg)

Vice-chair: Marie Cronqvist (Lund, Sweden)

## Social media:

Website: <https://ecreahistorysection.com/>

Social media

Facebook: ECREA – Communication History (226 members)

Twitter: @COHEcrea (799 followers)

## Activities in 2022:

2-4 February 2022 the Section hosted an interim workshop “History of Digital Media and Digital Media Historiography”, University of Luxembourg as a hybrid format. Despite of the Covid pandemic, a substantial number of participants was present on site with others participating remotely. The topic was addressed with a focus on conceptual and methodological challenges and opportunities.

7 October 2022: The virtual only Preconference "The Transformation of Public Dissent. From Counter-Public Spheres and Alternative Media to Disinformation Ecologies" (online) took place, organized by Christian Schwarzenegger, Niklas Venema and Erik Koenen. The preconference saw a great keynote panel with Nico Carpentier, Anne Kaun and Tine Ustad Figenschou. Natalie Fenton sadly had to opt out for health reasons.

EEC Conference Aarhus 2022: The section was present with 6 panels, 20 confirmed papers

Planned for 19 October 2022 (then postponed to November): Preconference “The trajectory of emerging media & technology companies: transnational businesses, transcultural communications” (online): problems with Chinese universities in lock down

## Plans for 2023:

The section is planning an interim workshop in Lund Sweden this year, taking place in August (23-26). The topic **War, Communication, and Media Resilience in Europe** is both timely and relevant. The section received strong 33 submissions from all over Europe and adressing different aspects of media, war and resilience in current and past crises and conflicts. Currently the program is being completed and the section will be able to accept about 20-25 of the submissions made.

Two of the current section vice chairs and a past chair are co-editors of a SCOMS special issue on „Old media persistence“ based on the 2021 section preconference. This special issue of the Swiss peer reviewed open access journal is a strong testament of the high quality of research that was presented at the then preconference and will be a strong journal issue as well.

Together with ICA and IAMCR History Divsions the Section will co-host a panel at the ICA annual conference in Toronto adressing questions of Transnational Communication Historiography. Section chair Christian Schwarzenegger will participate as a discussant.