

Dear members of ECREA's Organisational and Strategic Communication section,

We hope this email finds you well. The days in Aarhus were busy and happy. We could get the possibility to be together again in person after such a long pandemic period. The ECREA conference was a high intense time from an academic, cultural and social perspective.

Our section life is going as well as the conference did: onwards and upwards! At the moment we have 244 members (27 more than in 2019), from 137 Universities and 43 countries. We estimate that over 70% are doctors and 30% PhD students. Two out of three section members are from the top ten countries. Spain, Germany and Portugal are the countries with the highest number of members.

For this year's ECREA conference in Aarhus, we received 70 individual paper submissions and 1 panel submission (with 5 presentations). We allocated 50 individual papers to 10 sessions and one panel. We would like to thank all the 34 reviewers and session chairs for their support. In total there were 210 reviews being made for the decision. We were the 8th section (out of 32) with more submissions for this year's conference. Evandro Oliveira was the head of the scientific review and conference program.

During the business meeting, our section elected the section management team 2022-24 out of two candidacies. As a result, Evandro Oliveira and Ileana Zeler will continue as chair and vice-chair and Alessandro Lovari enters as vice-chair. We thank you very much for your trust, and we'd like to encourage you to approach us whenever you have questions or suggestions on our section. Also with the new fellow system, you can join or create a working group. We also have now the position of the former-chair, that is for the next year occupied by our vice-chair Mon Rodriguez, that is leaving the management team after 4 years and two mandates. Our YECREA representative, Michael Johann will also get more involved in the management team work. The new section management team has already met and made plans for the coming months. More will be revealed in the newsletter before Christmas.

The business meeting in Aarhus was intense and with much participation. Please find attached the PDF of the information shared during the meeting on October 21, 2022 in Aarhus [HERE](#).

One of the main points was the proposal made by the previous management team to change some points of the modus operandi, including the new roles of fellows to allow more continuity, integration, participation and inclusion. Therefore, Deborah Barcella from the University of Lugano and Michael Johann from the University of Leipzig volunteer to be the fellows working on a proposal of redefinition of the section objectives. Malgorzata Winiarska-Brodowska from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow will join Ileana Zeler on the communication strategy and activities of the section. Vera Antunes, from the University of Beira-Interior, will join Evandro Oliveira on the elaboration of the education standards paper. This is being worked together with the EUPRERA working group, to have a joint European statement soon. Michael Johann will

also join as a fellow working closely with the management team to develop activities for young scholars.

Time is flying nowadays, even more than before the pandemic and is a challenge to do so many tasks that are expected from academics, especially in countries where administrative support and services at the university are non-existing or minimal. Nevertheless, we hope our associative life gives us energy and motivation to always find creative solutions and enough energy.

Let's keep in touch via our Facebook group and, please, Save the Date in your calendar now: ECREA OSC Interim Conference will take place from 5 to 7th of July 2023 in sunny Lisbon, Portugal (imagine a pastel de nata - if you don't know it, you will love it!) - The normative imperative: Socio-political challenges of Strategic and Organisational Communication. We will inform you when the call is out.

Best wishes,

Evandro, Ileana and Alessandro