

## **ECREA Journalism Studies Section (JSS) Annual Activity Report 2017**

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### **Membership**

In January 2018, 416 ECREA members subscribed to the Journalism Studies Section (up from 379 at the time of the 2016 business meeting). In January 2018 the JSS was the second largest section of ECREA, after Digital Culture and Communication.

### **Management team**

In 2017 the Section Management Team consisted of Arjen van Dalen (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark, Chair), Rosa Berganza (University Juan Carlos III, Spain, Vice Chair), and Folker Hanusch (University of Vienna, Austria, Vice-Chair). Section's YECREA representative was Corinna Lauerer (LMU Munich, Germany).

### **Conferences**

The Section's biennial/interim conference 2017 took place in Odense (Denmark) on March 23-24, 2017. The conference was hosted by the Centre for Journalism at the University of Southern Denmark. The conference theme was 'Changing audiences, changing journalism' and the conferences focused on the increasingly important role played by the public in the news making process, where boundaries between news producers and consumers are blurring. The conference addressed new theoretical, empirical and normative questions posed by the empowerment of the audience. Besides papers focusing specifically on such questions, the conference featured papers dealing with journalism and news work in the broadest sense. Professor Irene Costera Meijer from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam was keynote speaker at the conference. A total of 60 papers were presented. Thanks to 32 reviewers all abstract submission underwent double blind peer review. The conference also featured a YECREA workshop organized by Corinna Lauerer, where Folker Hanusch and Sophie Lecheler (both University of Vienna) talked about publication strategies and how to successfully collaborate with international colleagues. A total of 96 researchers attended the conference, representing all regions of Europe.

For more information on the conference, please go to:

<https://ecreajournalism2017.wordpress.com/>

During 2017 the ECREA Journalism Section was pleased to announce the Section's next biennial/interim conference. The conference will take place in Vienna on 14 and 15 February 2019. Folker Hanusch, from the Journalism Studies Center in the Department of Communication at the University of Vienna, will host the conference.

### **Communication**

Since the ECREA website was being prepared for a relaunch, during 2017 the section mainly communicated through its public Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ecreaJSS/>), which was launched in October 2015. The Facebook group aspires to serve as a interactive meeting place between the Section's members, and also serves to attract new ones. Currently, the group consists of 403

members (up from 289 members in April 2017) and regularly features calls for papers, announcements of conferences and positions.