

ECREA Section for Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI) – Annual Report 2018

ICSI Chair 2018

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Dear members,

Last year we had the Ecrea 2018 conference in Lugano, Switzerland, where a new management team for the ICSI section was selected in our business meeting. I stepped down from being a chair to being a vice-chair, Assistant Professor Alexander Schouten from Tilburg University, the Netherlands, was selected as the new chair, and Senior Lecturer Karyn Stapleton from Ulster University, Northern Ireland, was selected as the second vice-chair.

2018 was a productive year for the Ecrea ICSI section with several highlights. It was my ambition as the chair to continue the great work initiated by the ICSI Management Team in 2017 in enhancing collaboration within the section in following ways:

- Continuing active discussion in the Facebook group called *Friends of the ECREA section Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI)* that was created in 2016. "Friends" means both members of the section and of ECREA (European Communication Research and Education Association) and others working in the field. The group is an attempt to reach out for potential members and to share conferences, seminars and other events that might be relevant and make new colleagues interested in sharing our and their work.
- Updating the Twitter feed for the section called @ECREA-ICSI. Through this profile we have actively posted information about call for papers and ECREA 2018 conference in Lugano, as well as tweeted about the papers presented in our section's sessions at the ECREA 2018 conference.

- Posting information relevant to section members in ICSI's own discussion forum at the ecrea.eu intranet.

Most of the work in 2018 was related to organizing ECREA 2018 conference and our section's program for the conference. The conference was a success in many ways. In Ecrea 2018 conference, ICSI section had 6 panels and 27 papers were presented. Altogether, we got 46 submissions for the 2018 conference from various countries and 15 reviewers worked hard on reviewing the abstracts – thank you all!

For 2019, the planning of ICSI regional conference is well underway. The conference will be held in October, 2019, in Tilburg University, the Netherlands. More information about the call for papers will be send out shortly. Please, be sure to follow the different communication channels of our section (the Facebook group, the Twitter feed and the discussion forum at ECREA's intranet) to get the latest updates of ICSI!

On behalf of the ICSI management team,

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