

ECREA Central and East European Network Report 2010

The ECREA CEE Network was established in 2010 for providing the CEE scholars with larger Europe-wide visibility and developing contacts among CEE scholars and other European scholars.

ECREA's Board nominated the Management Committee for the Network.

Chair:

Dr. Tomas Trampota from Charles University of Prague, The Czech Republic

Vice-Chairs:

Prof. Aukse Balcytiene from Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas, Lithuania

Prof. Epp Lauk from the University of Jyväskylä, Finland

The first Management Committee will act until 2012, then there will be election in every 2nd year.

The Network had its first business meeting in Hamburg during the 3rd ECREA conference and arranged also a workshop/panel on 'Communication Research in Central and Eastern Europe' on Oct. 14, 2010. The panel speakers discussed the problems and developments in the communication and media research in different CEE countries:

Brindusa Armanca – in Romania and Hungary

Beata Klimkiewicz – in Poland

Irena Reifova – in Czech Republic

Aukse Balcytiene – in the Baltic countries

In the business meeting, the Chair Tomas Trampota introduced the Network and its aims and proposals for future work. He also introduced the database aimed at collecting data about media and communication institutions, scholars and their projects in CEE countries. The database will be implemented by Charles University of Prague. It was also decided to set up a mailing list for the members of the Network. The Network will also make efforts for arranging preconference meetings before ECREA's regular conferences, and workshops between the conferences. Finally, the business meeting approved Modus Operandi for the Network. As the Network has been recently established, no Network Management Team elections had to be organised.