

## **ACTIVITY REPORT FILM STUDIES SECTION ECREA 2013**

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### **1. Planning and organizing the 2013 ECREA film studies section interim conference**

- ✓ The two-day conference “European Film Cultures” was held at the Centre for Languages and Literature, at Lund University, Sweden, on 8-9 November 2013. Prof. Paul McDonald (University of Nottingham) and Prof. Daniel Biltereyst (Ghent University) presented keynote lectures on central topics of the conference: “Formulating an Agenda for Film Industries Research” and “Multiple Audiences: Revisiting Historical Film Reception” respectively.
- ✓ The conference furthermore welcomed around 70 participants, most of whom presented papers in one of the 15 panels. The researchers represented 15 different nations across Europe (and the US), confirming the relevance of a pan-European research network. There was a good variation of topics presented, with some research areas gathering somewhat more papers; for example various aspects of film industries, audience/reception, film festivals and minor cinemas. There were rewarding discussions, both during the sessions and during the breaks.
- ✓ Business meeting section minutes: A meeting open to all conference attendants was held at the end of the conference, where past and future actions and events were discussed.
- ✓ The publisher Intellect was present during the conference.

### **2. Section website**

- ✓ The section website has not been used during this year. Instead a special website was created for the interim conference in Lund (<http://conference.sol.lu.se/en/ecrea-film2013/>).
- ✓ It will be a task during the coming year to evaluate how the section website should be used and maintained.
- ✓ Web address: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/FS/>

### **3. Membership**

- ✓ There are currently more than 140 active members of the section.

### **4. Contacts with other academic organisations**

- ✓ There are friendly contacts with ICARG/HOMER (History of Moviegoing, Exhibition, and Reception).
- ✓ There are established contacts with NECS (European Network on Cinema and Media Studies, associate institutional member of ECREA).

### **5. Dissemination**

- ✓ A report on ECREA 2012, 4th European Communication Conference, Film Studies Section (Istanbul, 25–27 October 2012) authored by Gertjan Willems (Ghent University) was published in *Alphaville: Journal of Film and Screen Media*, issue 5, 2013: <http://www.alphavillejournal.com/Issue5/HTML/CReportWillems.html>.
- ✓ It is planned to publish a report of the Lisbon conference in *Alphaville* or other film studies journal.

### **Plans for the next year**

- ✓ Plan and organize the 2014 Film Studies' panels at the ECREA conference in Lisboa.
- ✓ Contacts with the YECREA network, represented by Gertjan Willems (Ghent University).
- ✓ Continue contacts with NECS and SCMS.

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