

ECREA Section for Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI) Yearly Report 2012

Preparations for a successful participation in the 4th European Communication Conference in Istanbul in October were being made from the beginning of the year. The ICSI Section received a total of 72 submissions (2 panels and 70 individual papers). There were 15 reviewers from 9 countries to review the submissions. In all, 40 papers and 9 posters were programmed at the conference. The themes of the parallel sessions were:

- European Leadership Voices – Investigating Leadership Communication
- Social Interaction in Workplaces
- Role of Voice and Language in Social Interaction
- On-Line Discussions and Social Networks
- Health Communication
- Social Interaction at Public Forums
- Mediated Interpersonal Communication
- Social Interaction in Professions and Working Life

The ICSI section has identified a growing need for European publication platform specially tailored for interpersonal communication and social interaction research. Therefore *Empedocles: European Journal of the Philosophy of Communication* published a special guest-edited issue on interpersonal communication and social interaction, which could also be the starting point for a new journal dedicated to this area of research. The issue was published in May 2012 and it was edited by Pekka Isotalus and Owen Hargie.

The ICSI Section held its business meeting at the 4th European Communication Conference in Istanbul, Turkey (25.10.2012). Peter Schulz (University of Lugano, Switzerland) was elected to serve as chair and Pauline Irving (University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK) and Tuula-Riitta Välikoski (University of Tampere, Finland) were elected to serve as vice-chairs for the next two years.

Each section is expected to organise a workshop or a conference in the year between ECREA conferences. Professor Schultz volunteered to organise the autumn conference of the ICSI section at Lugano in Switzerland, in 2013.