

# **ECREA Journalism Studies Section (JSS) Annual Activity Report 2015**

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## **Membership**

At the time the current report is written, ECREA has 3,012 members, of which 348 individuals, comprising 11.5% of the total members, subscribe to the Journalism Studies Section. Currently, the JSS is the second largest section of ECREA, after Digital Culture and Communication, ranking one place up since last year.

## **JSS Management Team**

The JSS Section Management Team (SMT) consists of Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Chair), Arjen van Dalen (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark, Vice Chair) and Rosa Berganza (University Juan Carlos III, Spain, Vice Chair). The Section's YECREA representative is Corinna Lauerer (LMU Munich, Germany).

## **Conferences**

*JSS-ECREA interim conference "Re-Inventing Journalism", Winterthur, February 5-6, 2015*

The Section's biennial/interim conference took place in Winterthur (Switzerland) on February 5-6, 2015. The event was hosted by the ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences and convened by the Journalism Studies Sections of ECREA and DGPUK. It was co-sponsored by the Journalism Studies Sections of ICA, IAMCR and SGKM. The conference, which focused on the re-invention of journalism, featured four keynote speakers from both academia and media business, namely: Prof. Dr. Jane Singer (City University London), Wolfgang Blau (The Guardian), Dr. Neil Thurman (City University London) and Hektor Haarkötter (HMKW Köln).

The conference introduced interactive workshop sessions and high-density presentation/poster sessions together with traditional conference presentations. Prof. Dr. Vinzenz Wyss (ZHAW) and Prof. Dr. Michael Brüggemann (UZH) were the conference chairs. The organizing team consisted of Filip Dingerkus, Mirco Saner and Deborah Harzenmoser (ZHAW). The conference has accommodated 12 workshops, nine paper presentation panels and two high-density presentations slots. Overall, more than 100 participants attended the event.

### *Future interim conference*

The Section's biennial/interim conference will take place in Odense (Denmark) on March 23-24, 2017. The conference will be hosted by the University of Southern Denmark and the Department of Political Science and Public Management. Details on the theme and the important dates of the conference will be announced in the next month in an open call for submissions.

### *PhD Workshop*

The Section's YECREA representative, Corinna Lauerer, is organizing the first Journalism Studies Section PhD-Workshop that will take place in Prague, November 9, 2016 in the framework of ECREA's biannual conference. The workshop aspires to bring together up-and-coming journalism scholars with experienced colleagues in the field and provide mentorship to young members of the Journalism Studies Section.

### **IT Infrastructure**

The Section has launched a new [website](#) since 2014 that accommodates all useful information and updates on the JSS's work as it remained for a long time unclear whether the general ECREA server would be able to host the sections' websites. The need for an update of ECREA's membership database addressed in the previous annual report is again noted by the current SMT. In October 2015, the Section has also launched a public Facebook group that aspires to serve as a more interactive and networking space between the Section's members while also attract new ones. Currently, the group includes 137 members. Further promoting the group is considered necessary and will be undertaken over the next months.