



### **Journalism Studies Section: 2006 Yearly Report to the ECREA Executive Board.**

Founded in November 2005, the purpose of the [Journalism Studies Section](#) of ECREA is to support academic research that deepens understanding of the cultural, political, economic, social and professional aspects of journalism.

Its main objective is to promote research on occupational, regulatory, ethical, technological, political, commercial, cultural and educational factors in journalism.

The Journalism Studies Section aims to create a forum for dialogue between academics and practitioners from different disciplines and theoretical perspectives, who employ a variety of research methodologies to investigate aspects of journalism across different types of media, media content and geographical regions.

The **Journalism Studies Section's goals** are:

- a) to consolidate a European network of researchers on journalism, with the participation of as many countries as possible;
- b) to promote the interests of journalism studies research and academic journalism education to EU and other European institutions and decision-makers;
- c) to participate in the organisation of journalism studies panels at the ECREA conferences and at other conferences and events;
- d) to organise regular seminars between ECREA conferences in order to foster the international exchange of ideas and knowledge;
- e) to organise regular symposia of academics and professional journalists;
- f) to develop its website as a clearing house for journalism departments and researchers in Europe, and
- g) to work towards the authoring and editing of books and special journal issues

Based on the above the section's executive team took the following **actions in the past year**:

- a)
  - i. created the most comprehensive directory of almost 450 European journalism schools and associations <http://www.journalismstudies.eu/directory.htm>
  - ii. got in touch with the French, the German, UK and Spanish associations as well as the ICA - Journalism Section and the European Journalism Training Association in order to discuss further networking
  - iii. has a current membership of more than 40 members
  
- b)
  - i. lobbied to the European Commission DG Research during the consultation process to include media and journalism in the thematic priorities of the FP7  
<http://cordis.europa.eu/citizens/ssh-fp7.htm>"<http://cordis.europa.eu/citizens/ssh-fp7.htm>
  - ii. informed its members about the relevant calls for tender from the European Parliament  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/tenders/invitations.htm>
  - iii. informed its members about the relevant call from the European Commission regarding the new Erasmus Mundus programme  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html)
  
- c) participated in the organisation of the journalism studies conference in Brazil  
<http://www.sbpjor.ufsc.br/brazilconference/welcome.php>
  
- d)
  - i. is preparing for the next multi-section conference in 2007 in Brussels
  - ii. is in discussions with the University of Zurich for the 2009 Section Conference
  
- e) is currently in discussion with the European Journalism Centre in order to organise a symposium of academics and professional journalists
  
- f) Created the website [www.journalismstudies.eu](http://www.journalismstudies.eu) with an updated list of conferences, calls for tender, current EU related journalism research, EU media associations, EU journalism resources, and EU related media publications  
<http://www.journalismstudies.eu/index.htm>, as well as the mailing list [members@journalismstudies.eu](mailto:members@journalismstudies.eu)

- g) Is preparing a proposal for the ECREA book series
- h) Finally, the executive team negotiated discounts for its members and ECREA members for from Sage [-35% for *Journalism*, -25% other Sage journals] and from Routledge [-35% for *Journalism Studies*]. Both publishers have also agreed to give us free publicity on their issues [the announcements will appear in the *Journalism Studies* January issue and the *Journalism* February issue]

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