

ECREA Journalism Studies Section Annual Activity Report 2010

Together with its constant share of academic news through its email list and website (<http://www.journalismstudies.eu>), the most relevant activity of the ECREA Journalism Studies Section during 2010 was the organisation of 13 panels at the 3rd European Communication Conference in Hamburg (from October 12th to 15th, 2010). For that Conference, the Section made a call for papers that was answered by 111 papers, a high number comparing to the rest of Sections. This amount of papers was reviewed by 19 international reviewers, that selected 58 papers and one poster.

During the Conference in Hamburg, the biennial business meeting of the ECREA Journalism Studies Section was held. This meeting, which was properly announced in advance following the internal rules and procedures of the Section, took place on October 13th, starting at 13.30 hours.

Present:

At the business meeting there were present the Section Chair, Georgios Terzis (Vesalius College, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium), and a Vice-Chair, Ramón Salaverría (School of Communication, University of Navarra, Spain). The another Vice-Chair, John O'Sullivan (School of Communications, Dublin City University, Ireland) couldn't attend. In his stead, it was present Thomas Hanitzsch (University of Munich, Germany), candidate for becoming new Vice-Chair of the Section. Another 12 Section members attended the business meeting and all of them signed an attendance list.

During the meeting, the following were discussed:

A. Approval of the modified Modus Operandi of the Section

The Chair of the Section read aloud the reformed Modus Operandi of the Section. After that, the attendants were consulted and they gave their unanimous approval to the new text.

B. Report

The Chair informed about the activities made since the last Section business meeting, held in Barcelona in 2008. These activities included, among other things, constant updating of news through the email list and Section's website, contacts with other academic organisations in order to collaborate, contacts with book publishers in order to explore the possibility of publishing collective publications, and other general information.

The Chair gave details about the International Conference "Journalism Research in the Public Interest" (<http://project.zhaw.ch/de/linguistik/jrc.html>), which took place on November 19th to 21st, 2009, in Winterthur (Switzerland). That Conference, in which 61 papers were presented, was a joint effort of the Journalism Studies Sections of several international and national associations of communication and media scholars, including ECREA, the Swiss Association of Communication and Media Research (SGKM) and the German Communication Association (DGPuK). It also had the support of the Journalism Studies Division of ICA and the Journalism Research and Education Section of IAMCR.

C. Election of the Section Management Team

Weeks before the Hamburg Conference, observing the times stated by the internal policy of the Section, a public call for candidacies was made through the Section email list. Only one candidacy arose, with the following names: Ramón Salaverría for Chair, and Georgios Terzis and Thomas Hanitzsch for Vice-Chairs. These three candidates were elected as the new Management Team of the Section for the next two-year term, on the basis of a unanimous show of hands, in accordance to the Modus Operandi of the Section.

D. 2011 Section Conference notice

The already elected new Chair, Ramón Salaverría, presented a proposal for organising the 2011 Section Conference in its own University; that is, at the School of Communication of University of Navarra (Pamplona, Spain), in July 4th and 5th, 2011. The Section members approved the proposal. Afterwards, a consultation was opened in order to select a theme for the Conference. However, the attendants to the meeting agreed in the convenience of opening that consultation to the entire list of Section members, through its mailing list.

During the days after the Hamburg Conference that open consultation was made and, as a result of that, it was decided to devote the Pamplona Conference to the theme of “Diversity of Journalisms: Shaping complex media landscapes”. As soon as the theme was elected, a call for papers was sent through different academic lists and a specific section with all the details of the forthcoming Conference was published into the Section website: <http://www.journalismstudies.eu/pamplona2011/index.htm> .