

Section report 2010, Philosophy of Communication

The Section currently has 130 members. In 2010 several activities have been developed by the members:

1. The section's journal, *Empedocles*, is in its second year. The editorial team has been expanded and currently consists of the following: Johan Siebers (London), Bart Vandenabeele (Ghent), Vincenzo Romania (Padova), Tino Meitz (Tübingen), Vivienne Boon (Groningen), Vincent Blok (Wageningen). In discussions with the publisher, it has been agreed to increase the frequency as of volume 4 (2012) to three issues per year.
2. The Section had a conference during ECC 2010, which was well attended and which allowed the members to share recent research activities and findings across a range of topics.
3. A new management committee was elected during ECC 2010, which now consists of: Johan Siebers (Chair), Bart Vandenabeele (Vice-Chair), Mats Bergman (Vice-Chair).
4. In 2010, the planning of two conferences for 2011 started: Communication and Literature, Turku, September 2011, and Landmarks 3 (theme: Attention, likely location: Tübingen), December 2011. The organisation of these is now well underway.
5. The Section started work on a proposal for a TWG on Literature as Communication, an initiative of Roger Sell (Abo Akademi University, Turku). A proposal has been written and agreed, and will be submitted to the ECREA board shortly.
6. During the business meeting it was agreed that the section will work on establishing closer relations with similar sections in the NCA and ICA this year, with an eye to developing joint activities (conferences, research bids).
7. The Section continues to struggle financially as there is no budget available to develop activities apart from what individual members can secure outside of ECREA. This continues to be a matter of concern.
8. The Section is delighted that the new website of ECREA allows for a more direct communication between members.
9. A planning for 2011 has been proposed and agreed during the section meeting.