

ECREA Radio Research Section Yearly Activity Report: 1 January - 26 November 2008

1. ECREA conference, Barcelona 26th November

Planning and preparation for the Radio Research Section contribution to the 2nd ECREA conference provided the main focus of the section's work during the period. A scientific committee comprising A Gazi, S Jedrezwki, E Rodero and R Day reviewed 123 abstracts. They made the difficult decisions that led to 36 papers and 6 posters in 5 panels being presented to large audiences at the conference.

Due to the high quality and the large number of abstracts received, the committee resolved to organise a radio-specific conference in 2009, in line with ECREA policy on section meetings. A Gazi and C Barboutis of the Technological University of Cyprus, in Limassol, made an initial approach to the university and secured agreement in principle to host it and to provide some funding.

2. Business meeting held during the ECREA conference

This was held in Barcelona on 26th November 2008 (see separate minutes).

There were thirteen members present: Marco Ala Fossi, Frederic Antoine, Jean–Jacques Cheval, Rosemary Day, Angeliki Gazi, Ingrid Hasebrink, Uwe Hasebrink, Stanislaw Jedrzejewski, Pentti Kempainen, Stephen Lax, Emma Rodero, Guy Starkey, Eleanor Shember-Critchley. In addition there were 25 observers present.

R Day presented a brief report on the work of the outgoing committee over the last two years, including the development of the section web site and representation at other conferences and events.

In accordance with the modus operandi of the section, R Day (Chair), A Gazi (Vice Chair) and S Jedrzejewski (Vice Chair) stood down. R Day announced that one team had come forward and this consisted of G Starkey (Proposed Chair), A Gazi (Proposed Vice Chair) and S Jedrzejewski (Proposed Vice Chair). R Day asked the meeting for permission to hold a public ballot of acclaim, as no other team had been proposed. Everyone agreed that there was no need for a secret ballot for the election and the new team was duly elected unanimously by those entitled to vote.

Plans for the section conference in 2009 were explained in outline form, timing to be confirmed. A discussion followed of section representation at the GRER conference to be held in Paris, in October 2009, and of the Radio conference to be held in Toronto, in July 2009. It was agreed that the Radio Research Section of ECREA should endeavour to have a presence at both and to pursue opportunities to raise the visibility of the section internationally.

There was considerable interest in the idea of the Section publishing a book on radio throughout Europe. Improvements in internal and external communication were also discussed and actions agreed.

Professor Guy Starkey, Chair, December 2008