

Executive Board Annual Report 2022

Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:
Crisis Communication Section

Management team:

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Activities in 2022:

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1. *Crisis Communication Section programme*

At the ECREA conference in Aarhus in October 2022, the Crisis Communication Section contributed nine panels including 30 presentations on a variety of crisis and risk-related topics. The themes of the panels were as follows:

- Tools, Views, and Challenges in Crisis Management – Critical Reflections on Practice and Possibilities
- Fear and Loathing Online – Emergent Digital Considerations for Risk and Crisis Communication
- Crisis Journalism – Critical Views and Lessons Learned Globally
- How to address prolonged crises via ongoing risk communication: multi-country insights from empirical studies on covid-19 pandemic messaging and public responses
- Organizational Crisis Communication – From the Inside Out
- Rethinking Crisis Rhetoric in the Public Arena
- Considering Science and Risk Communication Across Global Crisis Contexts
- Information Seeking, Overload, and Disinformation in the Crisis Context
- Complexities in Navigating Strategic and Mass Communication in the COVID-19 Context

During the business meeting, a new management team was elected. Florian Meissner moved from the Vice Chair to the Chair position; Yijing Wang and Daniel Vogler were elected as new Vice Chairs.

2. Communication

The new management decided to set up a LinkedIn group in addition to its long-standing group on Facebook with +600 members. The reason for this decision is mainly the opportunity to extend the section's network and reach new potential members or interested colleagues including practitioners who do not always use Facebook. Also, the management team initiated a process to update its website (<https://ecreacrisis.com/>) with some fresh updates and new materials.

Plans for 2023:

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1. Section conference at the University of Gothenburg

For 2023, the Crisis Communication Section is focusing on its next conference at the University of Gothenburg (October 5-7). A preparatory meeting between the section management and the conference organizers has already taken place to discuss organizational matters, the reviewing process, as well as a Ph.D. workshop for the section's young scholars. A short preliminary announcement of the conference can be viewed here: <https://ecrea.eu/page-18206/12969081>

2. Intensified communication & networking activities

The management team will continue its discussion of how to extend the reach of the Crisis Communication Section's activities within the academic community and beyond. The new LinkedIn group is just a first step in this direction.

Furthermore, it is discussed to intensify the collaboration with the International Crisis and Risk Communication Conference (ICRCC). Several of ECREA's Crisis Communication Section members are among the organizers/participants of this annual conference which has since taken place at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and which, besides the ECREA conferences, is an international key venue for the presentation and discussion of crisis and risk communication-related research.

3. Book editing

In 2021, the then section management team successfully applied for the ECREA Book Series published by Routledge. Members of our community were invited to contribute to an edited volume on Risk and Crisis Communication in Europe. A broad variety of scholars from all parts of Europe have submitted manuscripts which are currently under review by the team of editors.