# Executive Board Annual Report 2022

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:

International and Intercultural Communication Division

## Management team:

Chair : Dr Mélodine Sommier, University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

Vice-chair : Dr Anastassia Zabrodskaja (Baltic Film, Media and Arts School, Estonia)

Vice-chair : Dr David Ongenaert (Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands)

## Social media:

Twitter : @ECREA\_IIC, <https://twitter.com/ECREA_IIC?s=20>

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/786508932007271/?fref=mentions>

## Activities in 2022:

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ECREA conference 2022: Altogether, our section received 17 submissions for individual paper presentations & 1 panel submission. Altogether, we held 3 sessions at the 2022 ECREA conference, that were well attended. During the conference, in the section’s business meeting, we selected a new management team (see above), since our previous chair (Dr Romy Woehlert, Kindervereinigung, Germany) and second vice chair (Dr Cristina Fernández-Rovira, University of Vic-Central University of Catalonia, Spain) both stepped down from their positions.

post-ECREA conference: We organized an online post-ECREA conference on the topic "The Trajectory of Emerging Media & Technology Companies: Transnational Businesses, Transcultural Communications". The event was a successful collaboration between our division and the ECREA Communication History section as well as the China Media Observatory at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI, Lugano), the *Journal of Transcultural Communication*, the School of International Journalism and Communication at Beijing Foreign Studies University, and the Institute for a Communication with Shared Future at the Communication University of China. Throughout 2022, we all collaborated to launch the CFP, review abstracts, invite guest speakers and hold the event on 18 November 2022. The online conference included 4 individual-paper sessions and 1 keynote roundtable.

PhD workshop: Our second vice chair, David Ongenaert, co-organized a PhD workshop about research (methods) on diversity, research valorisation and ethical issues (9 September 2022, Brussels) with the PhD representatives of NeFCA’s Intercultural Communication and Diversity section for an event of the annual Etmaal conference.

## Plans for 2023:

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We are planning to hold a conference together with the ECREA Diaspora and Migration division and the NEFCA (Netherlands-Flanders communication association) Intercultural Communication & Diversity division. We have successfully collaborated with both divisions in the past. We are currently working on the CfP, local organization team, funding, and logistics of the event, which we envision to organize in Rotterdam in December 2023.

As in previous years, we plan to actively post on our social media channels to maintain our community alive and as useful as possible to our members. More specifically, we disseminate information about activities, events, and opportunities within the section as well as its wider research interests that might be of interest to our academic community (job vacancies, calls for papers, relevant articles, etcetera), and this mainly through social media (Twitter and Facebook).