

Dear members of the ECREA OSC Section,

The Aarhus conference is approaching and we have a very rich and diverse program. As our aim is also to promote the discussion and the sharing of ideas beyond presenting, we invite you to participate in as many sessions of the section as possible.

And of course, we look forward to seeing you in the section business meeting that will take place on Friday, October 21st, 13:30 - 14:30 - 1262-101 (Samfundsmedicin).

In the business meeting we will share some insights about the members, and the last activities and we will also decide on projects and Issues that emerged over the last few months. We will be also having the opportunity to vote for forthcoming events of the section. If you have a proposal, please drop us an email with any suggestions and we can include it in the business meeting and discuss for decision.

On October 21, there will be elections in our section, again. In normal circumstances, management teams are elected for the period of two years but due to the postponing the ECC2020 to 2021, the mandates from the elections in 2021 are only for one year. We received two formal candidacies to run for elections.

We are conscious that it is necessary to incorporate, in an ongoing process, new people in the management team and that, as a section, we need to increase participation. Therefore, in the business meeting we will be presenting a proposal to slightly rearrange the *modus operandi* of the OSC section. This should help make our activity and management more agile, cooperative and fluid. We suggest to create two new roles beside the elected management team and the YECREA representative. The first new role would be called "former-chair(s)", the leaving team member(s) can remain in touch and provide continuity and support during the first year of the new mandate. The second new role could be called fellows. The section members in that role can participate in some management meetings of the chairing team and contribute with tasks during the last year of the mandate. Their contribution will help them learn routines and ropes as well as it will help them decide if they want to run for the elections or rather stop their contribution there. This rotational scheme should facilitate the networking activity and increase engagement and continuity of the section. This must be discussed in the business meeting.

In light of all this, we will run again as a team, but our candidacy will already include a new member that show his interest. Furthermore, we have one member that expressed his interest in run as an individual candidate. A detailed statement from the of both candidacies is in attach, and it will be available on the ECREA website.

Team candidacy:

Former-Chair: Joan Ramon Rodriguez-Amat (Sheffield Hallam University, UK)

Chair: Evandro Samuel Oliveira (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain and LabCom, Portugal.)

Vice Chair: Ileana Zeler (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)

Vice Chair: Alessandro Lovari (University of Cagliari, Italy)

Yecrea representative: Michael Johann (Leipzig University, Germany)

Statement [HERE](#)

Individual candidacy

Gabor Sarlos (University of Roehampton – London, UK).

Statement [HERE](#)

If you have any information about events, calls, jobs openings or projects that you would like to disseminate, feel free to drop an email with the information you would like us to include in the section channels and/or in the business meetings - [ecreaosc@gmail.com](mailto:ecreaosc@gmail.com).

See you in Aarhus, and this time in person!

Evandro, Mon and Ileana