

1. Establishment – Organization

The Communication History Section was approved by ECREA executive board in October 2009. The current management team was elected in November 2016.

Section Management Team:

- Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Lisbon, Research Center for Communication and Culture – Portugal (chair)
- Christian Schwarzenegger, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany (vice chair)
- Gabriele Balbi, USI Università della Svizzera italiana, Institute of Media and Journalism – Switzerland (vice chair)

YECREA Representative:

Manuel Menke, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany

2. Activities

In the year 2017 the section ...

- Organized the workshop “Our Group First!—Historical perspectives on Minorities/Majorities, Inclusion/Exclusion, Centre/Periphery in Media and Communication” that took place in Budapest, on September 7-9. The workshop was locally organized by Balasz Sipos and co-sponsored by the **Research Center of Women’s History / Department of Modern and Contemporary Hungarian History and Eötvös Loránd University**
- Organized a Business Meeting at the preconference in Budapest in which future plans for the Section were discussed.
- Co-sponsored the preconference “Audiences? The Familiar Unknown of Communication Historiography” at the ICA Conference in San Diego on May, 25, 2017 which was organized by the section’s vice chair Christian Schwarzenegger together with Thomas Birkner, Kevin Grieves and Samantha Olivier.
- Launched the Section’s new website with news and information about the Section’s activities. Thanks to Christian Oggolder the website has been continuously updated and can be found at: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/CHIS/>.

3. Future plans

The section plans...

- To complete work on the handbook on “European Communication History”. One major long-term activity of the section is still the handbook project on the history of mass communication in Europe envisioned by the Section’s founder Klaus Arnold that prematurely passed away in 2017. The handbook which will be published in 2018 by Wiley-Blackwell. The editors have 24 chapters to hand, most of which have been jointly authored.
- To organize the Section’s session and a preconference on media and memories (organizer Manuel Menke, YECREA representative of the section) at the European Communication Conference that will take place in Lugano in October-November 2018.

- To start a long term discussion for a second book project on the history of communication history in Europe
- To start the preparation for the 2019 workshop, which will be hosted by the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna in September 2019.

The Section Management Team (January 2018)