

# ECREA Section for Communication History

## 2016 Yearly Report to the ECREA Executive Board

### 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, 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 2016 the section ...

- **Increased remarkably in terms of membership** throughout the year. The section has now 243 members (November 2016).
- **Organized a 10 historical panels on the ECC in Prague.** 90 proposals were submitted, 50 proposals accepted (56% acceptance rate).
- **Organized a Business Meeting and elected a new management team** (November, 10, 2016 in Prague).
- **Brought forward the planned handbook on “European Communication History”.**
- **Tried to provide the Section’s website with news** and information about the Section’s activities, but had to face many problems getting access to the ECREA website. The section’s website can be found at: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/CHIS/>.
- **Informed its members** and other interested scholars about the Section’s activities and relevant calls or workshops via email.

YECREA section activities in 2015 included ...

- **Efforts to popularize the section and YECREA** among PhD students and to foster peer contact and counsel for young scholars in the section.

### 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. The handbook which will be published in 2017 at Wiley-Blackwell. The editors have 24 chapters to hand, most of which have been jointly authored by small teams, comprising two, three or more members of the Section.

- **To organize the Section's workshop in 2017.** The section was invited by Balasz Sipos to hold the workshop in 2017 in **Budapest**, Hungary, focusing on **"Representation of Minorities, Majorities and Media History"**.
- **To co-sponsor the preconference "Audiences? The Familiar Unknown of Communication Historiography"** at the ICA Conference in San Diego on May, 25, 2016 which is organized by the section's vice chair Christian Schwarzenegger together with Thomas Birkner, Kevin Grieves and Samantha Olivier. The preconference intends to bring together communication history scholars from ECREA and ICA.

*The Section Management Team (December, 29, 2016)*