

ECREA SECTION: Children, Youth and Media

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About the Section

The ECREA Section: Children, Youth and Media was proposed by the ECREA Temporary working group (TWG CYM, established in 2012) in 2019, and approved by ECREA fall 2019. Its formal objectives and modus operandi are available on the [ECREA website](#) as well as on the CYM Section's [website](#).

The management team for the year 2018 was elected by its members in April 2017, and consists of Prof. Elisabeth Staksrud, University of Oslo (Chair), and Vice Chairs Ass. Prof. Bieke Zaman, KU Leuven and Prof. Dr. Félix Ortega, the University of Salamanca.

As of January 2020, the section consists of 202 registered members.

In addition, the group communicates with interested scholars from over 30 countries subscribing to our list-serv newsletter.

Our main section objectives are:

- To foster research in the field of Children, Youth and Media, i.e. to consolidate existing approaches and methods and to explore new avenues of research in the section areas of research.
- To build a culture of exchanges and collaborations between European, Children Youth and Media researchers, while embracing a global perspective and a worldwide network.
- To welcome and encourage junior researchers on the field of Children, Youth and Media.
- To cooperate with other relevant ECREA sections and other media and communication research associations, when relevant.
- To communicate existing works from and together with our section members to the academic world and to the public at large whenever possible.

Activities and achievements to date

In 2019, ECREA CYM management group continued to focusing on facilitating meeting places for its members and for other interested colleagues, finding ways to foster interactivity within and beyond the scholarly community, and make the group publicly visible.

In 2019, the management group has focused on the continued creation of various complementary online meeting places and communication channels, as well as conference activities. These include, but are not limited to:

The ECREA TWG CYM hosted an international conference entitled **Children's online worlds, digital media and digital literacy**. The conference took place in Athens, May 24th-25th 2019, with keynote speaker emeritus Professor David Buckingham. The conference was organized in cooperation with Department of Communication and Media Studies, School of Economics and Political Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). Local organizers were Prof. Liza Tsaliki and Dr. Despina Chronaki.

Website link <https://sites.google.com/view/twg-children-youth-media/home?authuser=0>

The ECREA TWG CYM hosted an international conference entitled "**Children and Adolescents in the era of SmartScreens: Risks, threats and opportunities reloaded**". The conference took place in Salamanca, Spain, September 19th-20th 2019. Local organizers were Prof. Dr. Félix Ortega from the Department of Sociology and Communication at the University of Salamanca and Prof. Dr. Patricia Nuñez-Gómez, from the University Complutense Madrid. The event received a total of 80 proposals, 72 were accepted and presented at the event. A total of 102 participants were registered. There were also two Round tables organised during the event. Full access to conference programme and round tables may be found at the www.childrenandsmartscreens.eu webpage. Keynote speakers were Prof. Dr. Sonia Livingstone (LSE, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK) and Prof. Dr. Antonio García-Jiménez (URJC, University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain).

An Associated Monograph to this event at Journal www.revistacomunicar.com, JCR, Q1, is currently being edited. For more info, please see www.childrenandsmartscreens.eu.

In addition the management group continued to develop communication platforms including

- The website for the group <https://cymecrea.wordpress.com/>.
- The online database of CYM members to map out contact details, research interests and expertise.
- The continued use of the ECREA's mailing list for the CYM section members.
- A internal Facebook group for members to share preliminary findings, updates about recent publications, seek a roommate for a conference, share pictures or videos of recent activities and events, etc.

Future activities

For the next period, ECREA CYM will focus on consolidating our section status, and hosting our first section business meeting at the ECREA 2020 conference in Braga.

The section has also put out a call for interest among our members to arrange gap-year conferences for our section in 2021 and 2023.

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