

Yearly report of the **Digital Culture and Communication** section (year 2014)

1. **Section event: Third European Communication Conference (ECC14)**

The DCC section contributed with **19 panels** organized by our section at [this year's conference of ECREA](#) in Lisbon. In total we received 167 abstracts, which is impressive, and we accepted more than 90 abstracts. As the biggest section in ECREA (now at about 480 members) we are delighted that so many researchers – junior and senior – see Digital Culture and Communication as the right place and environment to present and discuss their research.

We also performed our **business meeting on November 13**. Apart from a brief report on our activities, we had elections of the management team for the next term. Initially Elisenda Ardevol had accomplished her period in the management team, so she was stepping down as chair.

We want to thank her for her engagement and enthusiasm for the activities of the section. Her passion for the subjects discussed in our section has attracted a wide range of scholars. We thank Elisenda for the hard work and her open, friendly attitude toward the people and projects she was involved with.

During the Conference, Veronica Barassi, vice-chair of the section, announced that she wanted to step down of the management team too. We also want to thank Veronica for her work and implication in our past workshops in Barcelona (2011) and Bonn (2013), and her contributions that showed that digital culture and communication thrives as a field.

2. **Election of the new management team**

Then, we finally had two vacant positions in the Management team, so the team proposed and elected was:

Chair:

Dr. Gemma San Cornelio
Senior Lecturer in Media and Digital Culture
Information and Communication Studies Department,
Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Co-Chairs:

Christoph Raetzsch
Post-Doctoral Fellow
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Dr Aristeia Fotopoulou
Lecturer in Media
Department of Sociology
Bowland North, Lancaster University

Both Christoph and Aristeia have been involved in the activities of the section in the last 2 years: Christoph has been responsible of the communication and website of the section, and Aristeia has been our YECREA representative. It is a pleasure to have them in the management team.

Currently we are choosing our YECREA representative candidates and reorganizing the activities of the new team regarding the section website management and other communicative actions.

3. Midterm Section event: Salzburg 2015

The Digital Culture and Communication Section in ECREA will be hosting the next workshop on “Standards, Disruptions and Values in Digital Culture and Communication” at the University of Salzburg, 26-28 November, 2015. The workshop will be coorganized with the ICT&S Center | University of Salzburg Center for Advanced Studies and Research in Information and Communication Technologies & Society. The Call for papers is currently running at:

<http://wp.me/p2XXkX-6v>