

2016 ACTIVITY REPORT FILM STUDIES SECTION ECREA

Chair: Helle Kannik Haastrup (University of Copenhagen, DK) Vice-chair: Anders Marklund (Lund University, SE) Vice-chair: Laura Rascaroli (University College Cork, IE)

At the Film Studies Business meeting at the ECREA 2016 Conference in Prague the new Film Studies Management Team was elected:

Chair Gertjan Willems (University of Gent), Vice-chair Sergio Villanueva Baselga (University of Barcelona) and Vice-chair Laura Rascaroli (University College Cork).

1) Planning and organizing the Film Studies Section at the ECREA Conference in Prague

During the planning of the conference Film Studies Section was from early on informed that we had 4 panel sessions – we had around 45 abstracts – so we had a rejection rate of approximately 50%. Still, we managed to compose four very strong panels with presentations of a very high standard and with good discussions of film aesthetics, film culture, film industry and national cinemas.

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2) Business meeting

As mentioned above the Film Studies Business meeting elected a new management team, but also unveiled preliminary plans for an interim conference at the University College Cork in 2017. Relating to this, we held a brief discussion of our successful Copenhagen Conference: “European Cinemas, Intercultural Meetings – Aesthetics, Politics, Industry, History” November 13-14, 2015 at The University of Copenhagen, Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics. Opening up for the election of a new management team, each of the candidates up for election Gertjan Willems, Sergio Vallinueva Baselga and Laura Rascaroli (In absentia) presented a brief motivational speech by – after which the election took place according with the ECREA bylaws. After the election a warm thanks were extended to Anders Marklund (in absentia) and Helle for their many years of service in the Film Studies Section.

3) Section website

The section website has not been used during this year. It will be a task during the coming year to evaluate how the section website should be used and maintained. The new team has talked about supporting the official site with a Film Studies Section page in order to keep section-member posted..

Web address: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/FS/>

4) Membership

There are currently more than 119 active members of the section (not sure about that).

5) Contacts with other academic organisations

There are friendly contacts with ICARG/HOMER (History of Moviegoing, Exhibition, and Reception).

There are established contacts with NECS (European Network on Cinema and Media Studies, associate institutional member of ECREA).

At both our interim conferences we also have collaborated with FFR (Film Festival Network)

<http://www.filmfestivalresearch.org>

5. Dissemination

Conference website and a new Facebook Film Studies Section Page, to be launched after the Prague conference.

6. Plans for the next year

The team is planning to organize the 2017 Film Studies Interim Conference possible in Cork, Ireland.

Written by former management team – Helle Kannik Haastrup, Anders Marklund along with the current management team Gertjan Willems (University of Gent), Sergio Villanueva Baselga (University of Barcelona) and Laura Rascaroli (University College Cork).