

**Minutes of the Business meeting of the ECREA Gender and Communication Section, Thursday 25th October 2012 (13.30-14.30) – Istanbul**

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Voting
3. Past activities - annual report 2011-2012
4. Varia

**Present:**

Claudia Alvares (chair), Sofie van Bauwel (vice-chair,) and 15 attendance (11 members of the sections).

Tonny Krijnen (vice-chair) is not present due to being on maternity leave.

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1. Introduction

The chair introduces the gender and communication section and respective team.

2. Official voting for the next term

A. The chair announces that the present team (Claudia Alvares (chair), Sofie van Bauwel (vice-chair), Tonny Krijnen (vice-chair)) will step down. A new team, constituted by Iolanda Tortajada, Universitat Rovira i Virgili (chair), Frederik Dhaenens, University of Ghent (vice-chair) and Carla Cerqueira, University of Minho (vice-chair), has presented itself to run the section for a new term. The chair gives the floor to the elected team so that each element may briefly introduce him/herself.

B. According to the voting procedure described in the modus operandi of the section, voting ballots have been made available on-line and were distributed during the business meeting. The section received 3 votes by e-mail and collected 11 votes during the business meeting.

C. Gender and equality is often mixed and this should be stressed by the new team.

D. The choice of the keynotes and the plenary session held in Lisbon 2014 could contemplate speakers who broach aspects regarding gender and media.

Voting results: 14 section members voted in favor of the new team's intention to run the section for the upcoming term of two years.

The chair thanks the members for voting and for supporting the section team.

### 3. Past Activities - annual report 2011-2012

The chair reads the annual report of the section (period of 2011-2012) (See annual report).

In the academic year of 2011/2012, the Gender & Communication section management team performed the following activities:

- a. Organized the elections for a new management team. Since the November 2010 Elections during the 3rd ECREA Conference in Hamburg, the Gender & Communication Section Management Team has been comprised of the following elements: Tonny Krijnen, Erasmus University of Rotterdam – Department of Media and Communication – The Netherlands (chair); Sofie Van Bauwel, UGhent, Department of Communication – Belgium (vice-chair); Claudia Alvares, Lusofona University – Department of Communication, Arts and Information Technologies – Portugal (vice-chair). The section has had, from 2009 onwards, a YECREA representative, Carla Cerquiera, Minho University – Department of Communication Sciences – Portugal.
- b. Organized the Gender & Communication panels for the ECREA 2012 Conference in Istanbul. Claudia Alvares was the content coordinator for the section panels. The chair thanks the section members for taking part in the review process to select the paper proposals for the Istanbul conference.
- c. Edited a special issue of the journal *Interactions - Studies in Communication and Culture*, subordinated to the theme 'New questions and themes in studying gender and communication'. Contributions were selected on the basis of papers previously presented in the Gender & Communication sessions both at the 'Media, Communication and the Spectacle' Conference, an off-event organized at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam in 2009, as well as the ECREA 2010 Hamburg Conference. Together the contributions form an overview of various themes and perspectives on gender aspects in media and communication.
- d. Organized a 6<sup>th</sup> Business meeting during the IAMCR Conference on 14 July 2011 and a 7th Business Meeting during the off-conference in London on 16 December 2011.
- e. Co-organized the conference 'The Mediation of Scandal and Moral Outrage' with the ECREA Communication and Democracy Section and the Young Scholars Network at the London School of Economics November 2011.

- f. Collaborated in the YECREA Workshop titled 'Writing Academic Applications', held during the off-conference at the LSE. Chair Tonny Krijnen served as speaker and guided an interactive workshop.
- g. Discussed with the Young Scholars the desirability of establishing a young scholars award. After careful deliberation, the section decided to not further proceed with this.

#### 5. Varia

A. Representative of the section thanks the management team and wishes the new elected team good luck with the management of the gender and communication section during the upcoming two years.

B. Members are reminded to go to the general assembly to participate in the elections.

Minutes by Sofie Van Bauwel