

## **ECREA Section for Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI) Yearly Report 2014**

- Preparations for a successful participation in the 5th European Communication Conference in Lisbon in October were being made from the beginning of the year. The ICSI Section received a considerable number of abstract submissions (55) from all over the world for presentation at the conference. The submissions entered a double-blind peer review process (acceptance rate 70%), and the top papers were selected for oral presentation in the respective thematic sections. There were 14 reviewers from 6 countries to review the submissions. In all, 28 papers and 7 posters were programmed at the conference. The themes of the parallel sessions were:
  - (Dis)empowerment in online health communities
  - Communication and representation on social network sites
  - Mediated Social Interaction
  - Interactive practices in online communities
  - Interpersonal and intergroup communication competence
  - Social Interaction in the Workplace

The ICSI Section held its business meeting at the 5th European Communication Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (14.10.2014). Dorte Refslund Christensen (University of Aarhus, Denmark) was elected to serve as chair and Peter J. Schulz (University of Lugano, Switzerland) and Tuula-Riitta Välikoski (University of Tampere, Finland) were elected to serve as vice-chairs for the next two years.

Each section is expected to organize a workshop or a conference in the year between ECREA conferences. Professor Refslund Christensen volunteered to organize the autumn conference of the ICSI section at Aarhus in Denmark, in 2015.