

ECREA Section for Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI) Annual Report 2016

It has been the chair's ambition to continue the work initiated by the chair in 2015 of making closer the collaborations within the section through:

- the Facebook group called *Friends of the ECREA section Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction (ICSI)*. "Friends" means both members of the section and of ECREA (European Communication Research and Education Association) and others working in the field as researchers. The group is an attempt to reach out for potential members and to share conferences, seminars and other events that might be relevant and make new colleagues interested in sharing our and their work.
Both members and non-members of ECREA/ICSI can become members of the facebook group if they are interested in vivid exchanges of ideas etc, to engage in the section's conferences etc, however one should be a member of ECREA/the section (cf ECREA's website).
- Newsletter from the chair to the members of the section produced regularly when there are news of relevance and distributed through the ECREA email lists to members of the section.

Most of the work this year has been about being proactive in the organization of the ECREA conference in Prague. Reviewing abstracts, recruiting reviewers, suggesting programme for the section etc. In Prague, the section had 8 times lots with the participation of 40 scholars presenting their work.

At the Prague conference we elected a new chair, Anu Sivunen, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Language and Communication Studies, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Tuula-Riitta Välikoski, University of Tampere, Finland and Dorthe Refslund Christensen, University of Aarhus, Denmark continue as vice chairs.

In December 2016, the Section had 315 active members.

Dorthe Refslund Christensen