

Annual Report 2009

ECREA International & Intercultural Communication Section

The ECREA International and Intercultural Section has been active since early 2006. The Section has today 181 members.

Membership

During 2009 the section has augmented and consolidated its membership. The section now counts 181 members against 131 in December 2008. As for the growth in membership registered in 2008, most of the new members come from a personal networking exercise done by the Chair and Vice Chairs in conferences and academic events.

Organization of events

The main event in 2009 has been the organization, in cooperation with GigaNet and the CD and CLP Sections of ECREA of the Second International Workshop on “Global Internet Governance: An Interdisciplinary Research Field in Construction”. The event took place at the VUB on the 11th of May and was held in the Promotiezaal. Following the call for papers. The workshop aimed at the presentation and discussion of work-in-progress in Internet Governance-related research with the aim to identify emerging research themes and design a research agenda. The workshop was organized so to have enough space for interaction and Q&A sessions, speakers of accepted papers were divided into 4 main Panels: Power Dynamics in Internet Governance; Critical Internet Resources; Regulation of Technologies and Technological Regulation; and Internet Governance. The event was a successful one both in terms of feedback received afterwards and in terms of public present. More about the event can be found at <http://giganet.igloogroups.org/publiclibr/giganetcos/2009brusse>.

3rd ECREA Conference Hamburg 2010

The organization of the 3rd ECREA Conference in Hamburg has started towards the end of 2009. The IIC took the opportunity to strengthen the collaboration with the International Section of DGPuk by inviting members to submit papers to the pre-conference event.