

ECREA Journalism Studies Section Annual Activity Report 2011

The most relevant activity of the ECREA Journalism Studies Section during 2010 was the organisation of its biennial academic meeting. This event was performed in the form of an international conference co-organised with the School of Communication of the University of Navarra (Pamplona, Spain), as it was previously decided in October 2010, during the Section's biennial business meeting in Hamburg.

On July 4th and 5th, 2011, the 2nd ECREA Journalism Studies & 26th International Communication Conference – “Diversity in Journalisms: Shaping complex media landscapes” (sections.ecrea.eu/JS/pamplona2011/) took place at the School of Communication of University of Navarra. In the case of ECREA Journalism Studies Section, this was its second academic meeting, after the first one held in Winterthur (Switzerland) in 2009. As for the School of Communication of the University of Navarra, this convention was the 26th edition of its International Conference of Communication (CICOM), the most veteran academic congress in the field of communication among all those hosted in a Spanish speaking country.

The Conference call for papers reached its deadline on January 15th, 2011, enjoying a very successful response. A total amount of 133 papers proposals were received, which were submitted from nearly 30 different countries from all five continents. Among the submitters they were not only ECREA members, but many other non-affiliated researchers as well. Due to organisational purposes and inspired by the idea of reaching a high quality level of academic contributions, the number of papers accepted for presentation during the Conference was limited to 80. This selection was made by 30 international reviewers, with a recognized experience as researchers in the field of journalism and communication. All in all, the number of participants in the Conference finally surpassed one hundred people from 25 countries.

The Conference counted with relevant keynote speakers, such as Aidan White (former General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, IFJ) and Prof. Maxwell McCombs (University of Texas). It also had a round table with editors of international journals of journalism and communication: Howard Tumber, editor of *Journalism. Theory, Practice and Criticism* (SAGE); Concha Edo, editor of *Text&Visual Media*, (Spanish Journalistic Society – SEP); Larry Gross, editor of the *International Journal of Communication* and current President of the International Communication Association (ICA), and Ana Azurmendi, editor of *Comunicación y Sociedad*, journal of the School of Communication, University of Navarra.

The contributions to this Conference were collected in the following Proceedings:

Salaverría, R. (ed.) (2011). *Diversity of Journalisms. Proceedings of the ECREA Journalism Studies Section and 26th International Conference of Communication (CICOM) at University of Navarra*. Pamplona: Servicio de Publicaciones de la Universidad de Navarra.

These Proceedings were published in CD-Rom format and they can also be downloaded for free from the Section's website: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/JS/pamplona2011/Ecrea-Cicom-Proceedings.pdf>.

Besides that, and in agreement with the ECREA Bureau, during this year the Journalism Studies Section agreed in giving its academic sponsorship for another two academic meetings that will take place during 2012. They are the following ones:

1) III International Conference on Media and Communication (ICMC) 'Media and Journalism in an evolving ecosystem', 14-15 May 2012, University of Porto, Portugal;

2) International Conference on 'Matters of Journalism: Understanding Professional Challenges and Dilemmas', organised by the Polish Communication Association and the Faculty of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism at the University of Gdańsk, 14-15 September 2012, University of Gdańsk, Poland.

In other matters, due to technical problems with the Section's website, the management team decided to move it from its former address (<http://www.journalismstudies.eu>) to a new one inside the ECREA's website: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/JS/>. Besides moving the whole website's content to the new address, it was decided to redirect the former address to the new one, in order to avoid confusion.

Finally, regarding the figures of the Journalism Studies Section, and according to the statistics offered by the ECREA website, this Section finished the year 2011 with a total membership of 305 people. The provenance of these people was distributed as follows:

Australia: 3
Austria: 8
Belgium: 22
Bosnia and Herzegovina: 1
Brazil: 1
Bulgaria: 2
Canada: 1
Cyprus: 3
Czech Republic: 5
Denmark: 10
Estonia: 1
Finland: 16
France: 4
Georgia: 1
Germany: 44
Greece: 2
India: 1
Ireland: 8
Israel: 1
Italy: 5
Latvia: 2
Lithuania: 3
Malta: 1
Netherlands: 15

New Zealand: 1
Norway: 11
Philippines: 1
Poland: 2
Portugal: 27
Romania: 4
Russia: 2
Serbia: 3
Slovenia: 1
Spain: 22
Sweden: 10
Switzerland: 8
Turkey: 10
United Kingdom: 29
United States of America: 7
Not detailed: 7