

Media Industries and Cultural Production Temporary Working Group 2012 Yearly Activity Report

The Media Industries and Cultural Production Temporary Working Group was approved by the Executive Board of ECREA in May 2011 so 2012 was its first complete year. In November 2012 the membership of the group was up to 123 members from 26 different countries.

During our second year, the TWG organised its first panel at the European Communication Conference held in Istanbul. The topic was 'Digitalization and the Media Industries', with papers from Jen Holt (Santa Barbara, on television), Tore Slaatta (Oslo, on book publishing), David Hesmondhalgh (Leeds, on the music industries) and a response from David Fernández-Quijada (Autonomous University of Barcelona). Ida Willig (Roskilde) was unable to attend through illness. The panel was chaired by Anamik Saha and was attended by over 30 colleagues. The first Business Meeting of the Group also took place and generated strong ideas for future activities.

On 12-13 July 2012, the TWG co-organised an international conference on *Transformations in/of Broadcasting* at the University of Leeds. Guest speakers included Des Freedman, Lynn Spigel and Graeme Turner.

For the next year, we are preparing a joint event with the Television Studies section to be held in Aarhus (Denmark) in mid-October. The TWG is also sponsoring a symposium to be held at the University of Leeds on 24 June. The event is called Advancing Media Production Research. There is also a proposal for an event in 2014 that will be developed during 2013.

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