

Annual Report of the Radio Research Section of ECREA 2007

The Radio Research Section was founded in November 2006 in Brussels during the last meeting of the International Network for Radio Researchers (IREN, an EU funded initiative).

In July 24 in IAMCR/AIERI Paris Conference during the Round Table arranged by GRER : "Researches on Radio Broadcasting" ECREA Radio Research Section presentation was made by S.Jedrzejewski.

At the end of 2007 there are 27 registered members and more are expected in the run up to the ECREA conference in Barcelona November 2008. See website <http://www.ecrea2008barcelona.org>.

The Radio Research Section is currently facilitated by a committee of three: Rosemary Day (Chair), Angeliki Gazi and Stanislaw Jedrzejewski (Vice Chairs).

The aims of the section are available on the website on <http://www.ecrea.eu> as is the modus operandi.

The section website was developed by Angeliki Gazi and Erinni of the University of Athens and is accessible on <http://www.ecrea.eu>

The first business meeting of the section was held in Lincoln, 16-19 July 2007 during "The Radio Conference: A Transnational Forum" <http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/mh/radioconference/> and the minutes are available on the section website.

The meeting was preceded by a panel session entitled "The Future and Dynamics of Radio Research". This consisted of a series of short presentations by John Tebbutt, Australia, Stanislaw Jedrzejewski, Poland, Peter Lewis, UK, Guy Starkey, UK Salvatore Scifo, UK and Kishor Pradhan, Nepal on the current state of radio research in their regions. The session was chaired by Rosemary Day, Ireland and the presentations are available in powerpoint format on the website also.

The committee are preparing for the ECREA conference in Barcelona in 2008 at which panels will be organised in at least the following areas:

- history
- digitization,
- audience studies,
- community radio,
- content,
- regulation
- methodologies.

The call for papers has been distributed to section members, colleagues in IREN, GRER, the UK Radio Studies Network, RRI, IAMCR/AIERI, EBU Radio Department and the Polish Media and Communication Association.

The next business meeting of the section, along with the election of a new committee or team of three (Chair and Vice Chairs) will be held during the ECREA conference in Barcelona in November 2008.