



REPORT 2016

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This report includes brief information on the main activities of the Ecrea Radio Research Section during 2016, especially the launch of the first issue of *Radio, Sound & Society Journal* and the participation at VI ECREA Conference.

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Following the objectives established for its mandate, the coordination team dedicated in 2016 special efforts to publish the first issue of the *Radio, Sound & Society Journal*. This was the most significant output of the section. At the same time, a particular attention was devoted to the VI ECREA Conference, inviting insistently European researchers to participate and managing, with the local organisers, the scientific programme.

:: JOURNAL'S FIRST ISSUE ::



Figure 1: Vol. 1 N. 1 cover

Announced in 2015, the *Radio, Sound & Society Journal* (ISSN 2183-8798) was created to be an alternative scientific publication, on open access basis. The first issue on *Latin Radio: Diversity, innovation and policies* (Figure 1) was published in June with a selection of papers presented at the Radio Research Conference 2015 (held in Madrid).

A special issue is being prepared to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the section and a new call for Vol. 2 N. 1 started by the end of September.

:: VI ECREA CONFERENCE ::

The Radio Research Section invited all its members and other researchers to participate at the VI ECREA Conference (November, 2016, in Prague). Fifty five papers were submitted to the section, but only 30 could be accepted for presentation, because the section was assigned six panels only. This means that less than 60% of the submissions could be included in the scientific programme.

Notwithstanding this limit, thirteen countries were represented (Spain – 8; Portugal – 5; Germany – 3; Brazil – 2; Canada – 2; UK – 2; Poland – 2; Switzerland – 1; Greece – 1; Norway – 1; Sweden – 1; Cyprus – 1; France – 1). All sessions were attended by a large group of people and

SUMMARY

Radio, Sound & Society Journal

1st issue launched in June

RRS at VI Ecrea Conference
6 panels with 30 papers

discussions were animated by a very interested and participative audience.

:: ELECTIONS ::

In November 2016, there were elections for the coordination of the section. A call for candidacies was launched. There were no new proposals, so the coordination team in charge assumed to be available to continue. The election occurred during the business meeting of the section, on 11th November. The team got the total of the votes (11) and was re-elected for the same functions: Madalena Oliveira (Portugal) as chair; Grazyna Stachyra (Poland) and Tiziano Bonini (Italy) as vice-chairs.

:: MEETINGS ::

The section organised a business meeting within the VI ECREA Conference in Prague. Only 15 members participated in this meeting, because there was, at the same schedule, a visit to the Radio Free Europe Tower and some conference delegates were registered for this social event. During the meeting, participants were informed about the activities developed in 2016 (the launch of the new website of the section and the publication of the first issue of the *Radio, Sound & Society Journal* and the call for proposals for the organisation of the section's conference in 2017). A new appeal was addressed to the members to engage new researchers to the section.

:: RADIO RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2017 ::

At the beginning of the year, the section started to prepare the organisation of the Radio Research Conference in 2017. A call for hosting the conference was launched. Two proposals were submitted: one from Poland and another one from the University of New Caledonia. Both proposals were solid and generous. The coordination team decided however to delegate the organisation to the Marie Curie-Skłodowska University. Only one reason justified the election of Lublin to host the conference. New Caledonia was a very tempting offer but it is located in the Oceania islands in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Australia. Although it is a French territory, which means European territory, unfortunately it was considered too far and probably too expensive for the majority of participants.

:: MEMBERSHIP ::

In December 2015, the section was integrated officially by 97 members. According to updated information sent by the Executive Board in November 2016, the section enrolls now 177 members, coming from 31 countries (Figure 2). The five countries more represented are: UK – 27 members; Spain – 26 members; Germany – 22 members; Portugal – 12 members; Poland – 10 members. Many other researchers – non-members – participate on a regular basis at the section's events as well. Besides the European researchers, there are a significant number of Brazilian researchers involved with the section's activities.

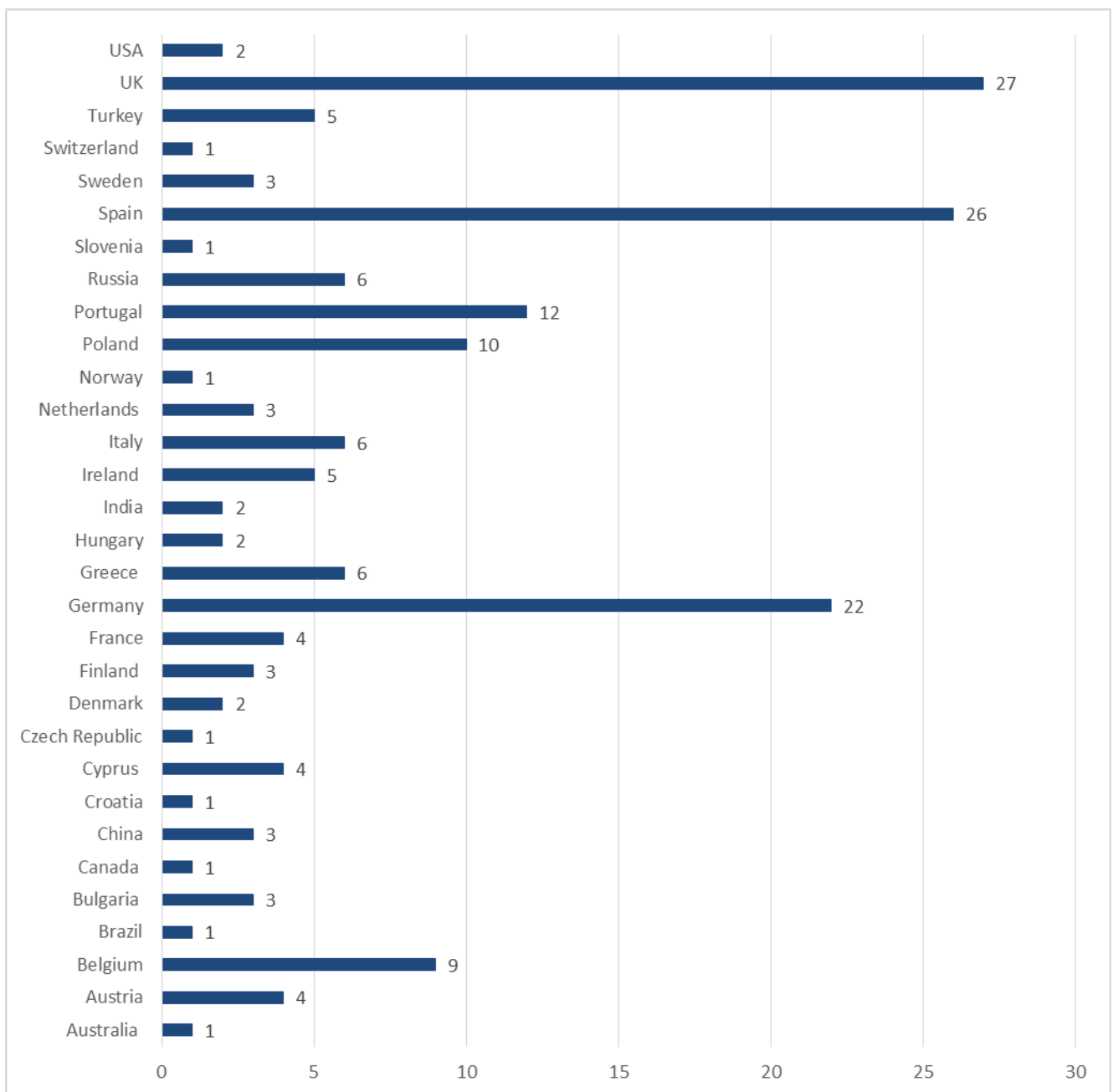


Figure 2: Section's membership by country

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