

Report of the ECREA Radio Research Section, 2014

Six panels organised at the fifth European Communication Conference



The Radio Research Section had a significant presence at the fifth European Communication Conference (ECC), held in Lisbon in November and organised by the Universidade Lusofona. Following a successful call for papers, which was heavily oversubscribed, six panel sessions and two posters featured in the programme, with a total of 28 papers given. The six panels were entitled: communication, public service, technologies, journalism, communities and nationalities. The next ECC will be held in Prague in November 2016.

New section chair and vice-chair elected in Lisbon

There have been more changes to the section management team, following a formal meeting of the section on Friday 14 November at ECC 2014 in Lisbon. The section now has a new chair and a new vice-chair, following the resignation of the second chair to preside over it, Guy Starkey, who in November reached the maximum permitted term of office of six years. The two existing vice-chairs, Madalena Oliveira of the University of Minho, Braga (pictured right), and Grażyna Stachyra of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin (pictured left), stood for re-election together with the former section YECREA representative, Tiziano Bonini (pictured centre). The new team of three, with Madalena Oliveira taking on the role of chair, was elected unanimously for a two-year term. The rule on section management team membership being limited to six years applies to all sections and was incorporated into the section *modus operandi* in 2010 at that year's section meeting at the third ECC in Hamburg.



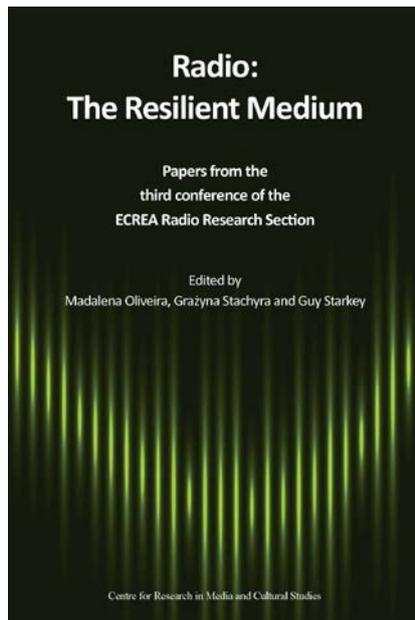
Venue and dates of next section conference announced



One of the most pressing issues before the section management team at ECC 2014 in Lisbon was the choice of venue and host organisation for the next section conference. One proposal had been formally received, jointly from Manuel Angel Fernández Sande and Ignacio Gallego Pérez, and when put to the membership of the section, it was warmly adopted. The proposal, to hold the conference in Madrid from 28-30 October 2015, was communicated on behalf of the

Carlos III University in that city, where it will be held at the Getafe campus. The theme will be Radio: Diversity, Innovation & Policies. A number of keynote speakers have already been announced. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is Friday 27 March 2015 at 18:00 hours GMT), and this should be done via the conference website at <http://radioresearch2015.org/radioresearch/155-2/> We look forward to seeing as many section members as possible in Madrid in October.

Third collection of section conference papers published



The third collection of papers from Radio Research Section conferences has been published by the organisation which hosted Radio Research 2013, at the University of Sunderland London Campus in London Docklands last year. This is the first venture into academic publishing for the Centre for Research in Media and Cultural Studies (CRMCS), which is based on the university's St Peter's Campus in the city of Sunderland itself. The book is available in both hardback and paperback editions and consists of 24 chapters written by a total of 32 authors. Each chapter was double-blind peer-reviewed and then edited for style and consistency. Purchases of both the softback and the hardback editions of the book can be made through the university's own online store, by visiting

http://onlinestore.sunderland.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=81&prodvarid=267 or any good book retailer.

Professor Guy Starkey,
Chair, Radio Research Section,
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