

Temporary Working Group “Media & The City” Report for 2013-2014

At the end of its third year of activity the Temporary Working Group “Media & The City” (established in mid-2011) had 101 members, and operated on a regular basis both in terms of conference activities (1) and publishing efforts (2). At the end of 2014, the TWG renewed its board and applied for the renewal of its status (3).

- 1) Regarding the scientific conferences organized, in Nov 2014 the TWG participated in the ECREA General Conference held in Lisbon with the panel “Bodies, City and Media”, where four papers on the topic were presented.
- 2) On the editorial side, the publication projects, initiated during the activity period 2013-2014 of the TWG, that are currently in progress include a volume with selected papers from the Leeds 2013 conference (edited by Matteo Tarantino, Giorgia Aiello and Kate Oakley), to be published by Peter Lang, and a methodological special issue of the “International Journal of Communication” (edited by Simone Tosoni and Giorgia Aiello), to be published in 2015-2016. In addition, the line of research introduced with the panel “Bodies, City and Media”, presented at the ECREA’s Lisbon Conference (2014), will be developed into a special issue of the journal “Comunicazioni Sociali”, to be published in 2016.
- 3) In the TWG business meeting held during the ECREA Lisbon conference, the TWG has elected the new Management Team, that now includes Professors Seija Ridell (Tampere University), Simone Tosoni (Università Cattolica of Milan) and Zlatan Krajina (Zagreb University). 14 members voted both via mail and during the business meeting, unanimously electing the new board. The new board officially applied for the renewal of the TWG status for other four years.

Moreover, in 2014 the TWG contributed to the ECREA Summer School with a lecture on “Media and the City” (Simone Tosoni), and strengthened its communication activities by way of adding a Facebook group to its communication tools (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/media.city.ecrea>).