

# ECREA Section for Communication History

## 2013 Yearly Report to the ECREA Executive Board

### 1. Establishment – Organization

The Communication History Section was approved by ECREA executive board in October 2009. The current management team is in charge since October 2012.

*Section Management Team:*

- Susanne Kinnebrock, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany (chair)
- Paschal Preston, Dublin City University, School of Communication – Ireland (vice chair)
- Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Lisbon, Research Center for Communication and Culture – Portugal (vice chair)

*YECREA Representative:*

- Manuel Menke, Augsburg University, Department of Media, Knowledge and Communication – Germany

### 2. Activities

In the year 2013 the section ...

- **Increased its membership** throughout the year. The section has now 154 members (January 2014).
- **Co-sponsored the preconference “New Histories of Communication Study”** at the ICA Conference in London on June, 16-17, 2013. The preconference succeeded in bringing together communication history scholars from ECREA, ICA and IAMCR.
- **Organized the biannual workshop of the section in Lisbon** in cooperation with the Catholic University of Portugal (September, 4-6, 2013). The theme was “History of the Media in Transition Periods” which has been illuminated from manifold perspectives. The interplay of technological, political, cultural, economic and societal changes has been analyzed and discussed for comparative aspects. 28 papers (out of 63 submissions) were presented.
- **Organized a Business Meeting** (September, 5, 2013 in Lisbon).
- **Organized a meeting** on the planned **Handbook on the “History of Mass Media in Europe”** (September, 6, 2013 in Lisbon).
- **Provided the section website with news** and information about the section’s activities. We have to thank Christian Oggolder for his excellent technical support. The website can be found at: <http://sections.ecrea.eu/CHIS/>
- **Informed its members** and other interested scholars about the section’s activities and relevant calls or workshops via email.

YECREA section activities in 2012 included ...

- **Efforts to popularize the section and YECREA** among PhD students and to foster peer contact and counsel for young scholars in the section.

### 3. Future plans

The section plans...

- **To edit a handbook on the “History of Mass Media in Europe”.** One major long-term activity of the section is still a handbook project on the history of mass communication in Europe.
- **To organize the section’s next workshop.** It will take place on **September, 16-18, 2015** at Warwick University **in Venice**. The workshop intends to deepen the exchange between communication and history scholars.
- **To support a young scholar workshop** on “Mediatized Celebrity and Popular Media in Historical and Visual Communication Research” that is co-sponsored by the sections “Communication History” and “Visual Communication” of the German Communication Association (DGPUK) and of the Network of Young Scholars in Communication History (NaKoGe). This workshop is organized in cooperation with the ECREA Young Scholars Network (YECREA) and will take place on April 2, 2014 in Trier, Germany.

*The Section Management Team (Jan. 30, 2014)*