

### **Activities**

The main activity prepared and carried out in 2016 was the contribution of the Section to the 6th European Communication Conference – ‘Mediated (Dis)Continuities: Contesting Pasts, Presents and Future’, that took place in Prague, 9-12 November 2016. The Section Programme Chair was Pieter Maesele.

The Section was awarded six panels by the conference organizers. These six panels were very successful with a high scientific level and good attendance. Compared to the previous ECC conferences, the section had fewer slots, which unfortunately meant that a large number of high-quality submissions had to be rejected. The management team considers this a regrettable loss in terms of potential co-learning and exchange of experiences and therefore urges the ECREA Board to monitor and review such development, and when possible, specify the criteria for the allotments given to the different sections in the future.

Dissemination of information to members and other interested publics via its website and mailing list is another important commitment that the Section continued to fulfil in 2016.

### **Minutes of business meeting held in Lisbon on 11 November 2016**

The Section's business meeting was held during the ECREA conference in Lisbon with the following agenda:

1. Welcome and opening
2. Activities since ECC2014 in Lisboa
3. Elections of new SEC Section Management Team
4. Next ECREA SEC workshop in 2017 and other ideas for future workshops/activities
5. Other issues raised by members

The management team reported on the activities developed in the two previous years with a particular emphasis on the roundtable webinar it organized, ‘Communication and COP21 – continuity or change?’ on 17 December 2015.

As mandated by ECREA, an election for the management team was held at the business meeting. After voting, a new management team was elected consisting of:  
Chair: Annika Egan Sjölander, University of Umeå, Sweden  
Vice-Chair: Pieter Maesele, University of Antwerp, Belgium  
Vice-Chair: Pauliina Lethonen, University of Tampere, Finland

The business meeting included an open discussion of future plans for the section, mainly relating to 2017.

### **Future plans**

In 2017, the section plans to:

- Organize another roundtable webinar, with the tentative title 'The Digital Turn in Science and Environment Communication'. The theme is the on-going digitalization of culture and society and its wider impact and meaning for Science and Environment Communication. It concerns another travel-free meeting with paper presentations and discussants. The event is planned for beginning of November. Preliminary dates: Webinar held Thursday 9 November 2017. Submission of papers 19 Oct.
- From the following conference on, the section will organize a Best Abstract Award for the paper that received the highest scores in the review process.
- Continue to develop forms of cooperation with other relevant research organisations, and sectors in society outside of the academy with a common interest in science and environmental communication.

SECs' Executive Team  
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