

BUSINESS MEETING GENDER AND COMMUNICATION SECTION

27 NOVEMBER 2009; 1 PM – 1.30 PM

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND THE SPECTACLE, ROOM M2-12, ROTTERDAM - THE NETHERLANDS

Present:

Sofie van Bauwel (vice-chair) & Tonny Krijnen (vice-chair) and 5 ECREA session members, Nico Carpentier (ECREA board member)

Absent:

Claudia Alvares (Chair)

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Activities
3. Future activities
4. Elections 2010
5. Varia

1. Introduction

Sofie van Bauwel chairs this session since Claudia Alvares was unable to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances. Claudia apologizes for her absence/.

2. Activities

A. The conference Media, Communication and the Spectacle, organized in collaboration with the Film Studies Section, the Communication and Democracy Section and the Young Scholars, is a great success. This is the second time the Gender and Communication Section has organized the conference with these other two sections and the cooperation seems fruitful.

B. The Gender and Communication Section submitted a book proposal '*Gendered Transformations Theory and Practices on Gender and Media*' to ECREA's call for the ECREA Book Series. The proposal was a result of the programme for the Conference in Barcelona in 2008. This proposal got selected and will be published with Intellect publishers. The first draft of the manuscript is almost finished.

C. Ideas for publishing anything from this conference are discussed with the two co-organising sections. Both ideas for an edited volume as ideas for a special issues are considered.

D. During the last conference members discussed setting up a database of members with key terms relating to their fields of interest within gender and communication. The section has looked into this and decided that the database of ECREA Members could function like this. A description of how to use this database has been posted on the section's website. All members of the Gender Section are asked to update their personal information in this data base.

3. Future activities

A. The gender section is discussing ideas for publishing anything from this conference with the two co-organising sections. Both ideas for an edited volume as ideas for a special issues are considered.

B. The call for papers for the 3rd European Communication Conference is out. The gender section has send out a more specific call for this event. Sofie van Bauwel will coordinate this event for the gender section. All abstracts will be blindly reviewed. The section asks the board how the review-process works, since the instructions mention the writing of a report. Nico explains that in the webtool used for the reviewing process, for each abstract there is an open field. This field can be used by reviewers to write comments on the abstract. This open field is similar to the one in the web tool for the conference in Barcelona and is optional.

The deadline for the cfp is 28 January 2010, the reviewing process is to be finished in April. Members are asked for help with the reviewing process.

4. Elections Gender and Communication Section

A. At the 3rd European Communication Conference in Hamburg, there will be elections for the chair and vice-chairs of the Gender Sections. The vice-chairs and chair have to have finished their PhD, though 1 exception is possible: one of the vice-chairs can be someone with almost a finished PhD.

5. Varia

- Nico congratulates the section on organizing a successful conference.

- Ana Jorge asks if the set-up for this conference, the panels are a mix of three sections which benefits the debate, can be repeated for the Hamburg conference. The answer to this question is no, since that would be too complex to organize. An alternative for this is to submit a panel that is a mix of sections.

- Elke van Damme asks if she volunteers as a reviewer whether this means she only reviews for the Gender Section. The answer to this question is yes. Reviewers can also indicate how many abstracts they want to review. This results in five volunteers: Frederik Dhaenens, Fien Adrieans, Elke van Damme, Carla Baptista, and Ana Jorge.

point from last meeting, left undiscussed:

- Possibility of establishing a prize for successful young scholar working on gender and communication within ECREA

The meeting is closed at 1.30 pm. If there are any questions or comments: please contact us.

Minutes by Tonny Krijnen