

**Business Meeting Gender and Communication Section  
11 October 2007; 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Residence Palace, Brussels - Belgium**

**Present:**

Claudia Alvares (chair), Sofie van Bauwel (vice-chair), Tonny Krijnen (vice-chair), Carla Martins, Ana Jorge

**Agenda:**

1. activities 2007
2. future plans
3. women's network
4. other topics

1. Sofie van Bauwel opens the meeting and welcomes all attending. The Gender and Communication Section is a very young section (the section has been approved by Ecrea's executive board in December 2006). Tonny Krijnen mentions that the section now has 27 members and 11 countries are represented within the sections. Within the 10 months of existence the section has

a. set up a SECTION-WEBSITE

b. CO-ORGANISED THE CONFERENCE: 'Equal Opportunities and Communication Rights: Representation, Participation & the European Democratic Deficit' (11-12 October 2007, Residence Palace, Brussels - Belgium).

We can be proud of achieving this much.

2. In terms of future plans for the section, there are three:

a. The section will PARTICIPATE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (ECC) to be held in Barcelona, 26-28 November 2008.

- slots will be allocated to the sections
- there will be a general call for paper and panel proposal
- the section will send a specific call after the general call for papers
- it will be possible to organize joint sessions, for example with the Diaspora and minority section of ECREA
- the section can try to pressure for one keynote speaker who will address gender [note TK: as a follow up, ECREA has made it clear that the University of Barcelona is responsible for conference organisation and therefore decides who to invite as keynote speaker. Pressuring for a gender-addressing speaker is thus not possible].

b. COST-PROPOSAL: The COST-proposal aims for fundraising on networking with an emphasis on connecting groups with a specific expertise. So the rationale behind COST is that there is an internal group with specific expertise that needs funds for networking.

The section has already discussed cooperation with the Diaspora-section of ECREA. Especially Eugenia Sapiera has responded positively towards this cooperation.

Claudia will look into the next deadline for COST proposals and into what kind of projects have been rewarded with a fund.

Additionally, Claudia mentioned a research project competition called NORFACE that also could offer opportunities for fund-raising.

c. ECREA - BOOK PROPOSAL. Opinion was unanimous in recognising that it is too early to respond to the call for book proposals, due to the section's short existence. Instead, we will launch a call for a book proposal without connecting it to the ECREA call. The aim is twofold: firstly, we might receive enough reactions and still be able to respond to the book proposal; secondly, the call we provide an opportunity to recruit members to our section.

3. **THE WOMEN'S NETWORK** is still non-existent. It is hard to find people who want to set up the network. Additionally, there is agreement on the undesirability of connecting the Women's Network to the Gender and Communication Section. Cooperation with the section is granted.

Like sections in ECREA, the Women's Network will be composed of 1 chair and 2 vice-chairs. Several people will be contacted: Liina Puustine and Mervi Pantti will be contacted by Tonny Krijnen. Soek-Fang will be contacted by Claudia Alvares.

4. **SEVERAL POINTS** are raised:

I. Tonny Krijnen proposes to ask prominent people to become a member to give some body to the section. In general a more pro-active member recruitment could be useful. Tonny will contact Liesbet van Zoonen and Joke Hermes.

II. Claudia Alvares asks about the journal that contacted the section and wanted to be on our website. Tonny Krijnen answers that they have not been in touch ever since.

**TO DO LIST:**

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Actor:</b>
call for papers ECC	
COST proposal	Claudia Alvares
call for book proposal	
contact possible people for setting Women's Network	Claudia Alvares Tonny Krijnen
pro-active invitation of members	all