

Meeting Gender and Communication Section
24 February 2007; 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Hotel Icaria, Barcelona - Spain

Present:

Claudia Alvares (chair), Sofie van Bauwel (vice-chair), Tonny Krijnen (vice-chair)

Agenda:

1. Women's network
2. Barcelona conference
3. Other activities

1. Women's network

The gender section is meeting (Barcelona 25th of February) with possible candidates for establishing the women's network. The section will ask for a written view on the objectives of the network. The women's network has to focus on the position of women within ECREA and work on building a network of female scholars. It is a structure which is not part of the gender section and is not working on the content (i.e. gender and communication). The candidates have to set up the women's network.

2. Barcelona conference

A. Tonny Krijnen is the conference chair and will organize the review process and the 2 reviewers per proposal. The section review will be focusing on the high quality of proposals
B. 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].

C. We need to facilitate the elections of the section team. An email will be sent out to all section members (and the ECREA mailing list) in early July, requesting all possible candidates to express their interest before the 1st of September. Candidates can express their interest in running for the position of chair or vice-chair by sending an email or letter to the section team. All possible candidates have to be members of the section as well as ECREA members (with an academic Phd.). If candidates are 'electable' the candidates are listed up at the end of September by an email from the section. Section members will be informed about the date of the elections by e-mail. Besides the election possibility during the business meeting at the Barcelona conference, section members can also vote by sending an email with the 'voting document' attached (this document will be sent out to section members before the 1st of November and members can send this paper in before the 15th of November 2008 24.00 pm to the chair or the vice-chairs. Voting documents received later than this date will not be counted. The other possibility is to vote anonymously using the same voting document during the business meeting at the Barcelona conference itself. Results of the voting will be communicated to section members as soon as possible after the elections via email or at a Business Meeting of the section.

3. Other activities

A. The gender section is thinking about a book proposal on gender and communication on the basis of the outcome of the conference papers. Before the conference and at the conference the call will be launched.

B. Claudia Alvares gave her view and her experience on the meeting of the European Science Foundation in which aspects of the EU Cost competition were discussed. The gender section will initiate a cost proposal.

C. There was a conference call of the ECREA Policy and Law section which focused on a gender dimension, overlapping with the interests of the Gender and Communication section. The Policy and Law section did not communicate this to the Gender and Communication section, which the latter considers to be regrettable. The Gender and Communication section welcomes the opportunity to discuss the possibility of co-organizing a joint panel.

Minutes by Sofie Van Bauwel