

**Minutes of Radio Research Section Meeting, ECREA
Barcelona 26th November 2008**

Members present: Marco Ala Fossi, Frederic Antoine, Jean – Jacques Cheval, Rosemary Day, Angeliki Gazi, Ingrid Hasebrink, Uwe Hasebrink, Stanislaw Jedrzejewski, Pentti Kempainen, Stephen Lax, Emma Rodero, Guy Starkey, Eleanor Shember – Critchley.

Observers present: Eirini Giannara, Hans J. Kleinsteuber, Peter Lewis, Judith Purkarjhofer, Corina Luthje, Alan Jones, Montse Bonet, Isabel Guglielmone, Elsa Moreno, Avelino Amoedo, Maria Pilar Martinez Costa, Lawrie Hallett, Heikki Uimonen, Etienne Damone, Pascal Ricaund, Lars Nyre, Per Jauret, Lawrie Hallett, Christos Barboutis, Alexandros Baltzis, Xawi Ribes, Sebatién Poulain, Blandine Schmidt, Maaika Santana, Loisa Martinez

Total present: 38

Report of outgoing committee:

R Day presented a brief report on the work of the outgoing committee over the last two years. In this time the following tasks were accomplished:

- The establishment of the Radio Research Section within ECREA. This grew out of the previous EU funded network of IREN and now has 34 registered members.
- A brochure and a website describing the aims and the work of the section were designed and published. Eirini Giannara and Angeliki Gazi of the University of Athens were thanked for the great work they did on the production of both.
- The first meeting of the section was held in Lincoln in July 2007 as part of *The Radio Conference: A Transnational Forum*. The minutes of that meeting were posted on the website, as were the presentations made by members of ECREA in the conference panel entitled “The Future and Dynamics of Radio Research”.
- ECREA was also represented at the IAMCR conference in Paris in July 2007.
- The Section’s committee for ECREA 2, comprising A Gazi, S Jedrzejewski, E Rodero and R Day, reviewed 123 abstracts. They made the difficult decisions that led to 36 papers and 6 posters in 5 panels being presented at the 2nd ECREA conference in Barcelona.
- Due to the high quality and number of abstracts received the committee resolved to organise a radio specific conference in 2009.

Election of new committee:

In accordance with the modus operandi of the section, R Day (Chair), A Gazi (Vice Chair) and S Jedrzejewski (Vice Chair) stood down. R Day announced that one team had come forward and this consisted of G Starkey (Proposed Chair), A Gazi (Proposed Vice Chair) and S Jedrzejewski (Proposed Vice Chair). R Day asked the meeting for permission to hold a public ballot of acclaim as no other team had been proposed. P Lewis and E S- Critchley were concerned that some people in the room may be members of ECREA but had not understood how to formally register as members of the section, that the process was difficult and that this problem needed to be solved. R Day suggested that in future each person register by following the process outlined on the website, that they check that they were registered with the committee and that unless there was any dissension, the meeting could proceed by

consensus. Everyone agreed that there was no need for a secret ballot for the election and the team was duly elected unanimously by those entitled to vote.

Conference 2009:

A Gazi invited all members of the section to participate in the Radio Conference to be held in the Autumn of 2009 at the new Technological University of Cyprus, situated in Limassol. The university is happy to host the conference and to supply some funding. Formal calls for papers and more details will follow. C Barboutis of the technological University of Cyprus affirmed the invitation and advised the meeting of the intention of including practical training workshops as part of the conference, inviting members to register their interest in supplying same.

Visibility of the Section:

A discussion of the GREER conference to be held in Paris, in October 2009, on the theme “Post radio” and of the Radio conference to be held in Toronto, in July 2009, as part of the ongoing series of international radio conferences then ensued. It was agreed that the Radio Research Section of ECREA should endeavour to have a presence at both and to pursue opportunities to raise the visibility of the section internationally.

Book Project:

E Rodero asked the meeting if there would be interest in the Section publishing a book on radio throughout Europe. The idea was welcomed and a number of possibilities were explored i.e.

- A general book describing radio in each country in Europe (the meeting suggested E Rodero as editor of this)
- A data base of academic articles (C Barboutis)
- A book with two aspects – academic articles and a set of comparators (L Hallett)
- A book to investigate specific themes and cross national studies e.g. Radio and Identity in Europe (R Day) or. Community Radio, Public Service Radio (H Kleinstuber).

H Kleinstuber observed that a handbook on the state of media that includes radio already exists in the Euromedia Handbook. U Hasebrink noted that the IREN website had initiated a database on the state of radio in different nations and a database of radio research. He also informed the meeting that there is such a handbook in German but versions in other languages were not envisioned.

It was agreed that the committee should explore the options and that members should make written proposals to the committee so that the committee could choose the best option(s) and apply for this to be the single, ECREA funded publication. If this was not successful, the committee could seek independent funding and approach the publishers used by ECREA, Intellect, to see if it could be published for a charge.

Communication:

E S-Critchley suggested that the Radio Research Section needs to find an efficient means for members to communicate by email. It was agreed that the committee would investigate this with E Giannara and others and provide same.

JJ Cheval noted the difficulty of ECREA generally functioning through English only and that this would be the key element in his decision to remain a member. It was noted that the new Chair, G Starkey was a fluent speaker of French and Spanish and the new committee resolved to take this concern on board.

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There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.