

Report of the ECREA Radio Research Section, 2013

Section conference held in London

The section conference, *Radio Research 2013*, was held at the London Campus of the University of Sunderland from 11-13 September. The theme of the conference was Radio: The Resilient Medium.

In total 107 people attended, as delegates, guest speakers, exhibitors or sponsors. Delegates came from a large number of countries, both inside and outside Europe. The main conference ran over two and a half days and featured several keynote speakers and panel guests from both industry and academia, as well as 76 papers presented in 18 parallel sessions.

There were two pre-conference events, one supported by the MeCCSA/Radio Research Network, which is based in the UK, and one organised by the section YECREA representative, Dr Tiziano Bonini.

A full social and cultural programme ran alongside the academic programme, and immediately after the conference closed, several delegates went on a tour of the BBC's New Broadcasting House in Westminster, London.

In response to a call among participants, a total of 30 full, written papers were later received by the Section Management Team, who are currently selecting a number of them for publication in 2014 as an edited volume. The conference book will be the third to be published by the section, previous collections having resulted from the first two section conferences, in Cyprus and Portugal in 2009 and 2011 respectively.



The conference website remains online as a record of the event and further details, including the conference programme and paper abstracts, can be found here <http://radioresearch2013.sunderland.ac.uk/> This will shortly be augmented with a gallery of pictures taken during the conference.

Call for papers published for the fifth European Communication Conference

The Radio Research Section is planning to play a full part in the fifth European Communication Conference (ECC), to be held in November 2014 at the Lusofona University in Lisbon. The section's call for papers was published as follows:



Communication
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- Following our successful conference at the University of Sunderland London Campus in September 2013, the Radio Research Section invites proposals for ECC2014. Abstracts are welcome from across as wide a range of interests related to radio as possible. We do not wish to limit the focus and scope of members' research in the medium, and the panels will be organized thematically once abstracts have been peer-reviewed and accepted. Relevance to the conference theme will enhance prospects of acceptance. Whole panel proposals are also welcome, although please note that there will inevitably be pressure on the available timeslots in the programme. Panels and papers could be situated in the following fields as they relate to radio: audience studies; community radio; audio content (programming and genre); audio narratives; radio identities; parallel web and mobile platform content; digitisation; new or revised research methodologies; social networking and user-generated radio.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 28 February 2014, and this should be done via the ECC conference website at <http://ecrea2014.ulusofona.pt/>

We look forward to seeing as many section members as possible in Lisbon in November.

Professor Guy Starkey,
Chair, Radio Research Section,
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