

# Radio Research Section

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

This report includes brief information on the main activities of the Ecrea Radio Research Section during 2017, especially on the section's conference and the creation of a new database of researchers.

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## :: RADIO RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2017 ::



Organised by the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) in Lublin (Poland), between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Radio Research Conference 2017 registered about 60 participants from diverse European countries and from Brazil. The scientific programme included the special participation of four experts on radio and sound, invited to talk about “Radio Relations”: Seán Street (UK), Enrico Menduri (Italy), Katharina Smets (Poland), and Richard Berry (UK). This three-day event was preceded by a YECREA meeting, chaired by Nele Heise, the YECREA representative of the section, to discuss “Where do we go from here? Young scholars’ perspectives on the changing field of radio research (and beyond).

## :: RESEARCHERS DATABASE ::

Following the suggestion of some members during the business meeting held in Lublin on 14<sup>th</sup> September, the coordination team launched a new section on the group’s website intended to list the European researchers working on radio and sound (list organised by countries). The main objective is to facilitate the contact among scholars who share the same interest in this research field (see <http://ecrea-radioresearch.eu/researchers/>). Likewise, a section with bibliographic production is in construction, listing reference books and journals on radio and sound studies. Modest but useful, these new sections are meant to make the section more visible and to facilitate connected research work.

## :: RADIO, SOUND AND SOCIETY JOURNAL ::

Although it was launched in 2016 with great enthusiasm, the *Radio, Sound and Society journal* was more or less suspended in 2017. The call for papers for the second volume was not very well succeed. The editorial team discussed the relevance of the project during the business meeting of the section. After the creation of the journal, the editorial panorama dedicated to radio studies changed significantly, because some existing journals, more eclectic in thematic terms, have been producing special issues on close matters.

Considering that there is only one journal on sound on open access basis (the *Journal of Sonic Studies*), the editorial team was advised to maintain the journal and redefine its strategy. The first semester of 2018 will be critical to decide the future of this project.

## :: INFORMATION ::

During 2017, the section updated regularly its website and sent periodically newsletters to its members (through ECREA mailing list) with information on call for papers and events on radio studies. The Facebook page has also been a relevant contact tool, where some news have been posted.

## :: PUBLICATION ::

A contract with Cambridge Scholars Publishing was signed for the publication of a selection of papers presented at the Radio Research Conference 2017. The volume will be published in 2018, hopefully like the proceedings of the Radio Research Conference 2015, edited by the same publishing house.

## :: RADIO RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2019 IN ITALY ::

In September-October 2017, the Radio Research Section launched a call for the organisation of the next conference. Only one proposal was submitted, from the University of Siena (Italy), where the section’s conference will thus take place in 2019. Tiziano Bonini, currently vice-chair of the section, will coordinate the local organising committee.