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The Dublin 1993 conference

The Conference will take place on June 25 and 26 in the facilities of Dublin City University.

The theme for the conference is:

"Europe in Turmoil: Global Perspectives"

Europe confronts turmoil on many levels. This finds its expression in a variety of phenomena ranging from rapidly shifting currency markets and associated political tensions to bloody civil wars.

It also manifests itself in the long and obstacle-ridden search for closer West European economic and political unity — and this, in turn, poses new issues concerning European identity.

Is there a common European project? Is there a European house? The European communication landscape is in disarray or —at least— in transition. Public service broadcasting is disappearing, long-time telecom monopolies are being deregulated, and there are rapid changes from State censorship to TNC control in the East European region.

Recently, the EC "Superstate" has launched its own broadcasting policy and initiatives for the audiovisual sector in an effort to foster closer unity and to increase international competitiveness. Such initiatives relate —not always without difficulties— to the proposals and plans emerging from the Council of Europe and the CSCE process.

Europe cannot be understood in isolation. Forces of globalisation affect Europe and the question arises how Europe will cope. At the same time the developments in Europe will affect the rest of the world.

Those arriving on Thursday June 24th are kindly invited to participate in a meeting to constitute the European branch of the IAMCR. This meeting begins at 15.00 PM.

Friday June 25, the first day of the conference, opens with a plenary session in which the keynote lecture will be given by Prof. Anthony Giddens (University of Cambridge). The lecture will be followed by general debate.

After the morning coffee break the rest of the day will be dedicated to papers and debates on the various

dimensions of the core theme. These parallel sessions will be organised by the following sections: Communication Technology Policy (in collaboration with Documentation and Information Systems), Gender and Communication, International Communication, Law, Political Communication Research, Political Economy, and Professional Education. Several of these sections have announced calls for papers in the present Newsletter.

Saturday June 26, the second day, will again begin with a plenary session. This time the focus is on the significance of the United Nations Vienna World Conference on Human Rights (June 1993) for European communications in a global context. The keynote lecture for this session will be given by Prof. Cees J. Hamelink.

After general debate, the session will be followed by a series of parallel meetings.

There will be a closing plenary at the end of the second day followed by a festive reception.

Sunday June 27 has been reserved for those IAMCR working groups that want to convene a special session. The following groups have indicated their interest to hold such sessions: "Science Journalism in the World" and "Ethnicity, Racism and the Media". These working groups have announced calls for papers in the present Newsletter.

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PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

June 22 **16.00:**
Meeting of the IAMCR Executive Board

June 23 *Wed* **10.00:**
Meeting of the IAMCR International Council

June 24 *Thu*
Arrival and registration of the conference participants *9? Exams*

15.00:
Constitution of a European forum for communication research *Nich & Denis*

June 25 *Fri* **9.30:**
Plenary session. Welcome and opening. Keynote: Prof. Anthony Giddens, "Europe in Turmoil"

11.00:
Parallel sessions convened by: Communication Technology Policy, Gender and Communication, International Communication, Law, Political Communication Research, Political Economy

13.00:
Lunch

14.30:
Continuation of parallel sessions

June 26 *Sat* **9.30:**
Plenary session. Chair: Prof. Farrel Corcoran. Keynote: Prof. Cees J. Hamelink, "Human Rights, Europe and Global Communication"

11.00:
Parallel sessions convened by: Communication Technology Policy & Documentation and Information Systems, International Communication, Law, Political Communication Research, Political Economy, Professional Education

13.00:
Lunch

14.30:
Continuation of parallel sessions

17.00:
Plenary closing session

19.00:
Reception

June 27 *Sun* **10.00:**
Meetings of IAMCR working groups: "Science Journalism in the World", "Ethnicity, Racism and the Media"; Departures

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This issue has been prepared in Roskilde, Denmark, and printed and distributed from IAMCR headquarters in Amsterdam.

IAMCRNet to expand

The International Communication and the Documentation & Information Systems sections are working to expand IAMCRNet from its present one-way flow to a many-to-many flow using LISTSERV technology. We are convinced that within a few months this will be a very valuable service to IAMCR members. We will continue to work to make this service available to the Association's members in poorer countries through technical advice and through publishing the material in physical form. If you have been receiving the IAMCR-Net, you do not need to do anything to receive the new service. The new service will begin by year's end. Anyone wishing to add their name to the IAMCRNet list, please send an email message to: hfrederick@igc.apc.org

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CALLS FOR PAPERS: SECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

All sections and working groups have the same deadlines:

Abstracts 15 February – Papers 15 May

These deadlines must be respected. Send your abstracts and papers to the convenors listed. At least one clean copy of each accepted paper should also be sent to the IAMCR administrative office.

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The Communication Technology Policy Section plans two sessions. A third joint session is planned with the Section for Documentation and Information Systems.

1. Regional Rivalries: Can Europe Sustain 'European' Policies for Communication Technology?

Some argue that the construction of policies for communication technology development and use in Europe (however defined) is a reflection of increasingly disruptive rivalries among the most powerful economic regions of the world. Is this an accurate view of developments in communication technology policy? What are the consequences for Europe, for other regions, and especially for the less powerful countries?

2. Restructuring Electronic Networks & the Smaller Peripheral Economies in Europe.

Papers for this session will consider infrastructure and/or service developments and the processes whereby unequal access and use is maintained or promoted by European policies. Papers may consider this issue from a political, economic or cultural perspective.

3. Information Systems, Services and the 'Invisible College' (joint with Section for Documentation and Information Systems).

Electronic information networks and services are increasingly pervasive. Ever more advanced communication technologies tend to result in an increase the volume and often the cost of information. Complexity in the ways information used and accessed is also increasing and it is unclear whether messaging and other on-line services are meeting expectations. Is the 'invisible college' of 'users' in a position to influence developments in information services? What minimum requirements need to be met to empower especially the non-specialist user?

Abstracts will be considered which address these issues from a perspective external or internal to Europe. Abstracts for papers should also consider the conference

theme "Europe in Turmoil: Global Perspectives". Abstracts should be sent to Dr. Robin Mansell, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, E. Sussex, BN1 9RF, UK, Tel: +44-273-686758; Fax: +44-273-685865; Email: PRFA5@central.sussex.ac.uk. Please indicate whether your abstract is intended for Session 1, 2, or 3. If you are uncertain, please do not hesitate to submit. ♣

SYSTÈMES DE DOCUMENTATION ET D'INFORMATION DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Dans le cadre du programme de la Section établi à Guarujá, nous proposons à l'occasion de la Conférence de Dublin de faire le point des travaux et des problématiques sociologiques et économiques sur les thèmes suivants:

Within the framework of the Section approved in Guarujá, we propose to use the opportunity of the Dublin conference to present sociological and economic research on the following themes:

1. Nouvelles technologies, sources d'informations et ressources documentaires (agences de presse, banques et bases de données, réseaux documentaires et informatisation des bibliothèques) par thème, régions et ensemble linguistique.

New technologies, sources of information and documentation resources (news agencies, data bases and data banks, documentation centres and library networks), by subjects, areas and linguistic units.

2. Représentation des connaissances et nouvelles méthodes de travail. Modalités d'accès du grand public, des médiateurs et des publics spécialisés.

Knowledge representation and change in working methods. Access conditions for the general public, journalists and professional users.

3. Systèmes d'information, services et le 'collège invisible' (avec la Section de Communication Technology Policy); état d'avancement d'IAMCRNet.

Information Systems, Services and the 'Invisible College' (joint with Communication Technology Policy Section); the development of IAMCRNet.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

"Europe in Turmoil: Communication and Democracy in Civil Society"

Three forces compete for the hearts and minds of Europe's attentive publics – government, market, and civil society. In Europe, as elsewhere, governments and markets control the major channels of public opinion formation, so they usually prevail. But new channels (both interpersonal and technological) have transformed our capacity to build and maintain long-distance coalitions and networks. New regional and global forces are now using new channels of communication to fight problems whose scale previously confounded local and national solution. We call this the "transnationalization of civil participation."

The International Communication Section seeks papers for two panels describing the scope and impact of channels promoting communication and democracy in Europe's civil societies. From the environment to women, from neighborhood conflict resolution to computer networks, from radio to publishing, from universities to the labor movement: Civil society is producing new media to distribute its culture and information. Market- and government-controlled media have not been able to provide reliable and diversified information essential to democracy. We will accept articles from outside Europe if they focus on channels of civil and democratic communication relevant "Europe in Turmoil."

Important: Final papers must be submitted via *email* or on *diskette*, no exceptions. For submissions, contact: Howard H. Frederick, President, International Communication Section of IAMCR, P.O.B. 94653, Pasadena, CA 91109, USA. Voice: +1-818-568-0994; Email: hfrederick@igc.apc.org; Fax: +1-818-791-2205 "Attention CLAIRE".

LAW SECTION

The Law Section invites papers on: "Broadcasting Law in Europe: A Common European Information Space or a new East-West-Gap?". Please send abstracts and papers to:

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POLITICAL COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

The Political Communication Research Section would like to offer its members and researchers interested in political communication the opportunity to present papers or serve as discussants on a panel at the Dublin Conference. Members interested in participating should contact:

Professor David Paletz, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 214 Perkins Library, Box 90204, Durham, N.C. 27706, USA, Fax: (1) 919 660 4330

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POLITICAL ECONOMY

The Political Economy Section invites papers on the subject of "Europe in Turmoil: Global Perspectives". We are particularly interested in papers covering the following topics:

1. Ownership and control of European media; e.g. tendencies to concentration, globalization, and integration with non-media companies.
2. Changing patterns of state regulation and policy in Europe; e.g. tendencies to privatization, liberalization, deregulation.
3. The impact of continental (e.g. EC, NAFTA) and global (e.g. GATT) arrangements on European communications systems.
4. Transnational media in Central and Eastern Europe.
5. The political economy of alternative and oppositional media in Europe.

Please send abstracts and papers to:

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European Journal of Communication seeks reviewers

The *EJC* is renewing its list of reviewers. If you would like to review communication literature for the *EJC*, send a few lines describing your main research interests to the *EJC* review editor:

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CALLS FOR PAPERS: WORKING GROUPS

The *Working Group "Science Journalism in the World"* is planning to have a session on Sunday June 27, 1993 at the Dublin Conference. The topic of this session will be "Science Journalism in the Press, Comparisons Inside and Between Countries". Please send your abstracts and papers to:

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The *Network on Ethnicity, Racism and the Media*, having had its first meeting at the Guarujá Conference, intends to organise on June 27th a session with the title: "National agendas, multiple ethnicities and racialized policies". Colleagues wishing to participate in this session should send abstracts and papers to:

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OTHER DUBLIN SESSIONS

Gender and Communication

The Gender and Communication Section will have a meeting with invited speakers about the topic "Women and Mass Media in the new European situation".



Professional Education

The Professional Education Section will have a meeting with invited speakers on June 25 or 26, 1993. The title of this meeting is: "New Journalism for a New Europe: Educational Implications".



MacBride

On Sunday 27th there will also be the 5th meeting of the MacBride Round Table. Its main theme will be the constitution of permanent NGO status for the MacBride Movement. Participation is open to all those interested.



NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The Administrative Office received a few "Brazil papers" after the deadline. Therefore we produced an extra sheet, supplementary to the list of Brazil papers which you received with the October Newsletter. On this sheet you will also find 3 errata.

You will find enclosed with this Newsletter a registration form for the Dublin Conference. In case you need an official invitation to this Conference, please do not hesitate to contact the President.

The Administrative Office will be closed from December 22, 1992 till January 4, 1993.

We wish all IAMCR members happy holidays!



SECTION REPORTS

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Since the IAMCR Conference in Bled in 1990 the Communication Technology Policy section held a joint session with the Human Communication Technology Division of ICA in 1991 with participants from Mexico, the UK and the US. The Section also prepared a session at the IAMCR Conference in Istanbul in 1991. The 1990 IAMCR Section business meeting had agreed to plan four sessions for Brazil in 1992. These included sessions on 'Critical Assessments of Theory and Practice' with an invited paper by Prof. Farrel Corcoran, Dublin City University; 'Communication Technology: Public and Private Space'; 'Global Telecommunication and Information Networks: Threats and Opportunities'; 'Historical Development of New Information Technology'. A fifth session was also organised as a Roundtable Discussion on the 'Design of a Global Network for Sharing of Communication Research'.

In preparation for the 1992 conference a call for abstracts was sent via the IAMCR Newsletter, IAMCR-Net and an additional mailing to 180 non-IAMCR members in 34 countries known to be active in the field. In order to ensure the quality of papers abstracts were read by two individuals in addition to the section president. Papers were requested early and about one-half were received on time. The section also raised funds sufficient to send three participants from Third World Countries to IAMCR in 1992.

Participation at the 1992 Communication Technology Policy Sections was good with a total of some 145 people attending the five sessions. Twenty-five papers from 17 countries were presented and in three of the five sessions colleagues provided translation in French, Spanish, Portuguese and English.

The business meeting was attended by approximately 18. It was agreed to elect one Section Vice-President on a trial basis to 1994. During this time the remit and responsibilities will be examined. A new election will be held in 1994 if a decision is taken to continue with one (or more) Vice-Presidents.

The business meeting considered topics for the IAMCR interim conference in Dublin in June 1993 and the General conference in Korea in 1994. Plans for improving means for communicating with those interested in the section were discussed together with the possibility of creating a sub-network with IAMCRNet. The section should also consider ways of distributing an existing bibliographic database. Discussions with regard to future collaboration with the Section for Documentation and Information Systems are under way.

Finally, the process of defining the changing boundaries of the Section's interests which began in Bled continued in Guarujá. A theme was agreed to carry forward into the next two conferences. The main theme which the Section plans to pursue is 'Design of Networks of Electronically Mediated Communication: Theory and Practice'. This embraces four main areas: 1) electronic spheres of communication; 2) policy to preserve the public and private sphere; 3) design and power relations: internationally, regionally and nationally; and 4) electronic networks and uneven development.

— Robin Mansell, Sussex University, UK



SYSTÈMES DE DOCUMENTATION ET D'INFORMATION

Rapide historique de la démarche

Depuis quelques années déjà la tendance générale du travail de l'ex section Bibliographie inclinait à changer de perspective afin de passer d'une approche documentaire traditionnelle à une problématique plus ouverte. Aux réunions de Bled en 1990, ce désir de changement a inspiré aux membres la création d'un comité (Ulla Carlsson, Guy Pélachaud et Robin Cheesman) chargé d'examiner un nouveau profil et aussi, éventuellement, un nouvel intitulé pour la section. Nous avons échangé nos vues par lettre et après consultation des membres présents à Guarujá, nous nous sommes mis d'accord pour proposer que le travail de la section, à l'avenir, concerne d'une part, l'impact des nouvelles technologies sur le traitement et la diffusion de l'information; et développe, d'autre part, les échanges d'information sur l'état de la recherche en communication.

Objectifs

Il s'agira d'étudier la façon nouvelle dont se posent l'accès, la circulation de l'information et la représenta-

tion des connaissances dans le domaine des médias comme dans celui de l'information et de la communication. La section pourrait aussi s'intégrer à une réflexion plus générale sur le travail développé par les chercheurs en communication. Concrètement nous proposons d'aborder dans cet optique les contenus qui suivent:

Bases et banques de données

Avec le développement rapide des bases de données commerciales et publiques potentiellement accessibles à tous, de nouveaux médias se sont développés. Ces médias furent initialement créés comme des étapes intermédiaires avant impression mais sont maintenant de plus en plus vus comme des alternatives aux formes imprimées qui souvent cessent d'être produites. Le développement des bases de données vers des médias communément utilisés par des non professionnels, a ouvert de nombreux champs pour de nouvelles recherches liés à l'organisation et à la présentation des données ainsi qu'au comportement de l'utilisateur.

La représentation des connaissances

La croissance exponentielle de l'information crée des problèmes bien connus de «surcharge d'information». Il est donc devenu de plus en plus important de catégoriser l'information — afin de sélectionner les différents items de façon plus effective. Dans le travail bibliographique, ceci est fait par les résumés, l'utilisation systématique de mots-clés etc. Autant de méthodes qui sont profondément transformées par les nouveaux outils (indexation automatique, recherche en texte intégral, hypertexte, etc.)

Travail bibliographique et recherche bibliométrique

L'activité dominante antérieure de la section, la bibliographie, doit continuer sur une base volontaire, c'est-à-dire par la production de bibliographies relatives aux thèmes des prochaines conférences. Cependant, cela ne devrait pas être considéré comme un service obligatoire fourni par la section aux membres de l'association.

Pendant les conférences, les bibliographies traditionnelles de la littérature publiée pourraient être présentées lors d'une session spécialisée. En effet, s'il n'est sans doute pas nécessaire de faire des longues présentations de données empiriques, il est par contre important de favoriser les échanges interrégionaux de ces données par des notes de synthèses.

Formes d'organisation du travail documentaire

Les niveaux de développement des centres de documentation de par le monde sont extrêmement variés, depuis les centres bien dotés en personnel et bien équipés concentrés surtout dans quelques lieux au Nord jusqu'aux nombreux petits centres très pauvres qui luttent pour leur survie, le plus souvent au Sud. A chaque fois que ce sera possible, la section s'efforcera d'organiser des échanges d'expériences, de matériels et de contacts, — si, toutefois, cette fonction n'est pas déjà prise en charge par les activités de COMNET.

COMNET

La section devra continuer ses efforts pour réaliser un travail de relation avec COMNET sur des terrains d'intérêt mutuel. Dans la mesure du possible, elle continuera à accueillir les réunions de COMNET durant les congrès de l'AIERI.

Edition électronique (PAO)

Depuis peu, les références et les données numériques sont communément et parfois exclusivement disponibles par voie électronique, mais d'autres documents antérieurement imprimés et publiés comme les bulletins, les périodiques et les monographies adoptent la même voie. Il suffit simplement de s'assurer —l'accès à de telles publications étant facile— que l'équipement est bien accessible. Cependant la forme digitale de ces publications conduit à de nouvelles potentialités qui peuvent constituer des champs de recherche pour l'AIERI (impact des techniques d'indexation sophistiquées, de la manipulation des contenus, du développement des "hyper médias", etc.).

Réseaux d'information et systèmes de messagerie

Les documents et les messages sont de plus en plus échangés par des moyens électroniques (messagerie électronique, échanges de polices, vidéo-conférences, transfert d'images, Echange de Données Informatisé, télécopie). Ce secteur d'activité a produit un nouveau type de média qui n'est pas couvert par la recherche dominante en communication, bien qu'il soit commun avec d'autres secteurs liés directement à la documentation moderne, au travail bibliographique et à la circulation des documents.

La section a pris la résolution de prendre la responsabilité de la diffusion de la lettre d'information électronique destinée au réseau de l'AIERI: IAMCRNet. Cette opération sera pilotée par Tom Jacobson (E.U.) qui va également préparer une bibliographie introductive sur le réseautage (networking), avec l'aide de Carlos Alvarez (Argentine). Il est également convenu d'explorer l'aménagement des voies de passage par télécopie, afin de pouvoir atteindre également les membres ne disposant pas encore de courrier électronique.

Nous invitons tous celles et ceux directement concernés par ces mutations qui modifient le travail des chercheurs en communication et des médiateurs (dans le domaine du journalisme comme ceux des archives, des bibliothèques, de la documentation) de faire part de leurs remarques et propositions aux signataires de cette note.

— Robin Cheesman, Président sortant de la section
— Yvonne Mignot-Lefebvre, Président
— Guy Pélachaud, Vice-Président

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION SECTION**

In Brazil our Section organized eleven panels and two joint panels totaling about 80 papers. About 40 percent of our papers were by individuals originating in the so-called Third World and about 30 percent were by women. The Section provided articles for two issues of *Gazette*, the Netherlands-based journal specializing in international communication — one on the MacBride Movement and the other on general international communication affairs.

At the Section's business meeting in Brazil, chaired by President Howard Frederick, the Section elected three Vice Presidents: Abbas Malek (USA/Iran), Anantha Babbili (USA/India) and Ingrid Schulze (Spain/Germany). The ICS officers now include:

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MEDIA EDUCATION RESEARCH

The IAMCR General Assembly in Guarujá decided to grant the working group on Media Education Research the formal status of Section of the Association.

During the 18th conference of IAMCR in Guarujá six papers were presented in the (then) working group. The discussions in the group emphasized the international trend that during the past decade Media Education has developed into a recognized field of study, at the level of academic research, in the training of teachers and in the curricula of primary, secondary and high schools. It also seems to be a trend that many of the researchers working in this field are trying to develop new methodology and theory on the basis of the development and innovation programmes that have been carried out during the last 5-6 years in many countries.

We had interesting discussions in the group on the basis of the papers presented and furthermore decided that – in order to stay in contact and strengthen the existing network – we should start a Newsletter on Media Education Research. Manuel Alvarado from the British Film Institute, London, offered to distribute the Newsletter. Hopefully the first issue will be sent out to members of the section in the beginning of 1993.

The group also considered the possibility of collecting the international experiences regarding our field of research in a publication. Hopefully these ideas can further develop within the coming two years. The newsletter will be the forum to exchange ideas regarding such a publication, to suggest cooperation with colleagues, make notes about new literature and projects, etc.

— Birgitte Tufte

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Professional Education Section held in Guarujá five substantive sessions and a business meeting. Altogether 50 persons attended them (the business meeting was attended by 25 members from 17 countries of all major parts of the world). The topics ranged from professionalization to teaching of ethics. 19 papers were presented in all sessions, in addition to a number of panel contributions.

A major project administered through the Section is the so-called textbook project: an interregional project on promotion of educational materials for communication

studies. This project was first financed by a 50.000 USD grant from Unesco's IPDC. The first phase was concluded last year and now the Section has succeeded in getting another grant of nearly 60.000 USD from the Finnish International Development Agency (FINNIDA). A workshop of this project was held in Guarujá, and along with it the Section brought to the conference 10 such colleagues (mainly from the Third World and a little bit from the Second World) who otherwise would hardly have been able to make it. The second phase of the textbook project will use regional inventories for a promotion of existing educational materials across regions (as adaptations or translations). Also, a kit of teaching material on media and environment will be prepared for a use in all regions.

Other projects included in the Section's long-term agenda are directories of training institutions/programmes, clearing houses of training curricula and codes of ethics for communication professionals, networking of faculty and student exchanges, as well as promotion of a Unesco recommendation for professional education in journalism and communication (the latter suggested already by the General Assembly in New Delhi six years ago).

The Section will host in the Dublin conference a session of invited papers on educational prospects of new journalism in a new Europe. Invited will be leading journalism educators from Western, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as some from other regions. The Section is also planning a workshop on media ethics with a view to preparing a book on the topic; a small workshop may take place already in Dublin but the main target is Seoul in 1994.

The Section has been administered since Barcelona 1988 by a Steering Committee composed of leading representatives of major international/regional non-governmental organizations active in the field of journalism and communication education, notably WACC, CAEJC, ACCE from Africa, AMIC from Asia, FELAFACS from Latin America and AEJMC from North America (the first four are also Associate Members of IAMCR). Accordingly, the Section constitutes a kind of federation of international and regional organizations involved in training of communicators. In Guarujá the Section again confirmed the composition of its Steering Committee composed of the President and 11 members. Dr. Anura Goonasekera from AMIC/Singapore was elected as Section Vice President.

— Kaarle Nordenstreng, Tampere, Finland



LAW AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION SECTIONS TO ORGANIZE SALZBURG SEMINAR

The Law Section and the International Communication Section are organizing intensive seminars for practitioners and scholars on "Communication and Human Rights" in connection with the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, scheduled for June 14-25, 1993. The Seminars will take place either in Salzburg, Austria or in Bratislava, Slovakia, just prior to the World Conference.

The World Conference is the first United Nations human rights conference to take place in over 25 years. Unlike previous human rights conferences sponsored by the United Nations, the 1993 World Conference takes place in a new era of international relations characterized by globe-girdling communication technologies and the emergence of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as significant actors in world affairs. IAMCR has applied to the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Geneva for official status as a participant in the Vienna conference and the regional preparatory commissions.

There will be two Seminars. Track One for Scholars and Lawyers will monitor, describe, analyze, evaluate and comment on developments currently taking place within the United Nations system on the right to freedom of opinion and expression, protection of journalists, and the evolution of international human rights law in general, focussing especially on the connection between communication and other basic political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights. Track Two for Human Rights Practitioners and Journalists will be an intensive training and information program on the international law of communication and human rights as well as skills training on human rights journalism and global electronic networking on human rights. For more information on these seminars, contact:

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Launch of ENCIP

A new cooperative European research venture was officially launched during the 14th IDATE International Conference in Montpellier, France on 19 November. ENCIP, the European Network for Communication and Information Perspectives, is being launched by four internationally recognised European institutes: SPRU (Sussex University, Brighton), MERIT (Maastricht, IDATE (Montpellier), and FUNDESCO (Madrid). At the launch, the ENCIP board of directors Chairman, Sr. Martinez of FUNDESCO, Madrid, introduced the initiative as a Europe-wide research network which will contribute to the public debate on the design of European policies of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

ENCIP will be located at IDATE in Montpellier for the next two years. Further information on ENCIP's research programme can be obtained from M. Jaques Arlandis, ENCIP Acting Managing Director, BP 4167, F-34092 Montpellier, Cedex 5, France, tel: +33 6714 4405, or Dr. Robin Mansell (address: see page 3). ♣

Does Europe need an Association of Mass Communication Researchers?

There are many small networks of researchers doing very good work in all parts of the European region, but the complaint is frequently made that there is no mechanism to facilitate the sharing of information and the generation of further cooperative projects either between these small networks or between individuals or communication departments.

There is also no regional mechanism to open up contacts with researchers working in similar areas in other regions.

A regional association of the IAMCR might be the answer to the concerns being expressed about this void. It would be the objective of such an association to provide a range of services to members, central to which would be channels of communications between members (conferences in the region, news sharing electronically or through a newsletter, access to research published electronically or in hardcopy) and access to researchers across the regions covered by the IAMCR.

At an open meeting the feasibility of constituting an European Forum for Mass Communication Research as a chapter of the IAMCR will be discussed. This meeting will take place in Dublin City University at 3.00 PM, Thursday 24th June and you are kindly invited to participate. This will be followed by a reception at Dublin City University.

— Farrel Corcoran

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