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The Fourth European Communication Conference organised by ECREA (European Communication Research and Education Association) was held between 24–27 October in Istanbul. More than one thousand participants took part in panel sessions, discussions and work-groups. The main theme was "Social Media and Global Voices". The researchers from all over the world exchanged their opinions on new media, peace and conflict journalism, network society, convergence culture, cultural spaces of human interaction, social media use and access, as well as political and economic consequences of media actions.

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University was represented by Dr. Grażyna Stachyra from the Department of Social Communication at the Faculty of Political Science who presented a paper based on her own research upon perception of radio at work, entitled *Radio in a Workplace – Between Hard Work and Leisure*. The presentation aimed to look at the radio in regard with cultural aspects of converging areas of free time and work in modern societies.

Apart from that, during the conference the new managing team of ECREA Radio Research Section was elected and Dr. Grażyna Stachyra entered the new board as its Vice-Chair. The board consists also of Prof. Guy Starkey from the University of Sunderland (Chair) and Prof. Madalena Oliveira from the University of Minho (Vice-Chair). Both of them had visited our University as the guests of II International Conference "Radio and Society 2" organized in June 2012 by the Department of Social Communication at the Faculty of Political Science. We are very pleased to state that Lublin became a well-recognized centre of radio research.

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