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GREETING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues, members of the RC14

After our meeting in Yokohama, where, following RC14 standards we have organized, during the 18th World Congress, scientific sessions in English, French and Spanish (with forthcoming publications in the French Journal for Media Research), we are looking forward to continue our activities for the new period 2014-2018.

A new board was elected (please see names and functions in the following pages), new statutes were approved (please find their text in the following pages as well) and new fees (taken into account the economic crisis difficulties which affect number of our colleagues) were also proposed (please see the new membership fees on our site).

We are already planning a midterm conference to be held in Thessaloniki, Greece on the narratives of the crisis (please see the call on p. 3) from June 24th to 26th 2015; and of course, we plan to follow the ISA scheduled general activities (first of all we participate at the Vienna Forum in July 2016). This Newsletter (numbered 0 –for the new period) is conceived in order to give you some news concerning our RC; if you wish to send for publication for the Newsletter no 1 (to be issued later on in autumn), news or announcements concerning your forthcoming activities (editions, conferences, events, nominations, programs, research interests etc.), please send these news directly to Prof. Olivier Chantraine (vp Newsletter Editor) ochantraine@dbmail.com.

We hope to begin together a new fruitful period of work and research on the field of the Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture.

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THE NEW STATUTES

July 2014

Research Committee on Sociology of Communication,
Knowledge and Culture - RC14 of ISA

Statutes

1. NAME

The Research Committee on Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture is referred to here after as RC14.

2. NATURE OF RC14

RC14 Statutes are in accordance with Article 4 of the ISA Statutes adopted in August 1993.

RC14 raises its funds by levying a subscription on its members and in other ways.

3. OBJECTIVES OF RC14

- To promote the development of theory and research on the Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture
- To create and develop an international community among scholars in the field of Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture

4. ACTIVITIES OF RC14

- The promotion of conferences and similar activities in various countries
- The provision of conference participation grants to members in good standing
- The promotion of research publications
- The encouragement of research networks and exchanges all over the world-
- The publication of a Newsletter at least twice a year (the Newsletter can be substituted by new means of communication in accordance of ISA regulations)

5. MEMBERSHIP

- Membership to RC14 is open to all individuals and institutions working in the field of Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture and related disciplines.

- Membership can be distinguished into two types:

a) Regular members in good standing are defined as: “members who paid the membership fees both to ISA and to RC14”,

b) Affiliated members are defined as: “members who paid the membership fees to RC14 but not to ISA”.

This distinction applies to both individual and institutional members.

RC 14 encourages its members to be full members of ISA.

- Regular members in good standing are entitled:

a) To receive grants made by RC14, to be subject to such rules of eligibility as established by the Board of RC14. A Committee of members of the Board attributes grants. The members of this Committee cannot receive grants.

b) To vote at the General Business Meeting of RC14 that usually takes place during ISA World Congresses, or by electronic ballot

- All members are entitled to

a) Receive the RC14 Newsletter and such other publications as RC14 may issue,

b) To obtain at reduced cost any publications on which RC14 has negotiated special rates for members.

- All members are obliged

a) To observe the statutes of RC14,

b) To carry out conscientiously any tasks entrusted to them by the quadrennial

Business Meeting held during the World Congress of ISA, the board or the President,

c) To pay membership fees which are periodically fixed by the quadrennial business meeting of RC14

6. THE PRESIDENT

a) The President is elected by the General Business Meeting.

The President coordinates the Board, and the activities of the RC 14.

She/he represents RC 14 in any bodies inside or outside ISA.

She/he can delegate this representation to members of the board (or if this becomes

occasionally difficult in some special cases to any RC14 member in good standing).

She/he is responsible for the publications of RC14: Newsletters, calls for papers and any publication, printed or electronic. The members of the board, each in its function and altogether as a board, assist her/him in that task.

The President proposes to the General Business Meeting the scientific activities of RC14 between the Congresses of ISA, which must include not less than one conference to which all members can take part.

She/he reports to the business meeting for activities of RC 14 and finances, with the assistance of the board.

She/he presents the financial report, prepared in coordination with the Treasurer.

She/he establishes the report of the Business Meeting, with assistance of the board

She/he represents the RC14 at ISA Research Council. She/he can delegate this representation to a member of the Board.

She/he is re-eligible, as all members of the board.

In case of vacancy of the President, the board designates an Acting President.

The Acting President is eligible for the Presidency or any position on the board.

7. THE BOARD

Election of members of the board and designation of their functions (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, others) shall be at the Business Meeting of RC14, held during ISA World Congress of Sociology

To prepare the elections, a Nomination Committee is designated by the Board to receive applications, including Presidency, and inform the membership at least 2 weeks before the General Business Meeting.

Candidates cannot be members of the Nomination Committee.

In case no nominations have been received by the Nomination Committee, or in case the Nomination Committee has registered an insufficient number of candidates, the General Business Meeting can designate the necessary Board Members by election of members in good standing.

- President and members of the board will be elected by a majority of the voters (50%+1 vote). They receive their specific functions from the GBM

- Among the tasks of the members of the board, under the general responsibility of the President:

- a) To be responsible for communications with the ISA;
- b) To be responsible for preparing a scientific program for RC 14 at the World Congress of Sociology;
- c) To arrange the General Business Meeting of RC 14;
- d) To execute all decisions and be responsible for the running of RC 14 between General Business Meetings;
- e) To submit reports on the different activities at each General Meeting of RC14. These shall include reports on the Research Committee's activities, its Newsletter and its financial position
- f) To organize at least one midterm conference between the ISA World Congresses.
- g) To designate the members of a “grants committee”, within the board's members, No candidate to a grant is allowed to be member of the “grant committee”.

- The number of the board members may be increased or decreased in order to maximize the effectiveness of the work of RC14.

· if the president or a member of the board resigns or is unable to serve then the remaining members of the board shall appoint the member of the board who will replace/substitute her/him.

8. THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

An ordinary General Business Meeting of RC14 shall be held during each World Congress of Sociology.

An extraordinary General Business Meeting can be held if necessary, notably in the frame of ISA Forum of Sociology; in this case, the extraordinary Business Meeting must be announced two weeks in advance, by mail to all members.

The functions of the General Business Meetings are:

- To elect the President and the other members of the Board.
- To receive reports on the work of RC14 since the last general business meeting.
- To give guidance regarding the work of RC14, by passing resolutions or by other

means.

- To approve the modifications of the statutes of RC14, if the modifications were not approved by electronic ballot.
- At the ordinary GBM held during ISA World Congress, to receive and approve the financial report, presented by the President with assistance of the Treasurer
- At the ordinary GBM to receive and approve the activity report presented by the President, with assistance of the board and receives he Reviewing Committee's report presented by the Reviewing Committee.
- The quorum of General Business Meeting shall be of 10% of members in good standing from at least 4 different countries.
- Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- Decisions are approved at the majority of the present members.

9. AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

Any motion to amend the statutes shall be sent to all members in good standing by email and to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the RC14 Newsletter.

Such motions should have the signatures of 15 members of RC14 in good standing.

Motions to amend the statutes will be considered at the General Business Meeting of the RC14 or submitted to an electronic ballot, and come into effect if supported by a majority (50%+1vote) of those present or a simple majority (50%+1vote) of the electronic votes.

10. ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

In case of electronic ballot, the quorum required for validity is of 50% +1 of the regular members in good standing.

The President and members of the Board are in charge of the organization of the ballot, in coordination with ISA Secretariat.

If the quorum is not reached, the vote will take place during the General Business Meeting.

**Narratives of the crisis: myths and realities of contemporary society
International Conference, Thessaloniki, June 24 - 26, 2015**



Narratives are present in all societies. They are present in myths, legends, news, rumors, in historical and artistic texts, in politics, in everyday conversation. Stories are able to construct reality. As Roland Barthes suggested (1966) the most important issue is to describe the code by which the narrator and the reader are signified in a narrative. In this sense, an author is not the one who invents a narrative but the one who possesses best the code used by the participants. The different social discourses are supposed to reveal what a society considers as “natural”, as requiring no further explanation (the so called “common sense” used by media discourses). This kind of narrative coincides with the social representations of the audience and even if this is not always the case, the social subjects normally try to reduce the distance between the information received and their attitudes: strategies are thus elaborated in order to maintain an ideological system (or: a dominant way of thinking).

Narrative analysis has become fundamental for the social sciences, and especially for sociology. Myth cannot always be clearly differentiated from “reality” in the social discourse (fiction seems essential to the “reproduction” of the facts): it is necessary to be understood in relation with the narrated reality.

The “Narratives of crisis: myths and realities” International Conference aims to record and analyze the myths which narrate the economic crisis in Europe and particularly in Greece, and investigate the ways media and the diverse political and social discourses represent the crisis. The Conference is organized by the AISLF, the ISA, the University of Macedonia, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Orthodox Academy of Thessaloniki, the Municipality of Thessaloniki in collaboration with the Ionian University, the French Institute of Thessaloniki, the Hellenic Sociological Society and the Institute for Community Rehabilitation. The Organizers invite contributions (in French, Greek or English) from the whole spectrum of social and political sciences, media studies and the study of contemporary everyday life.

Please send abstract proposals of c. 250 words, including affiliation and contact information, to narrativesofcrisis@gmail.com until **Thursday, January 15, 2015**.

Read more: <http://narrativesofcrisis.webnode.gr/news/call-for-papers/>