# Mapping Europe's public relations history – resources and results since 2010

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#### **Since 2008**

- 150 conference papers and articles at IHPRC and in journals
- IHPRC has received 252 abstracts since 2010, 131 (52%) chosen for presentation after peer review



# Thematic coding

1.	History and Events	52
2.	<b>Professional &amp; Practice</b>	38
3.	National Histories	26
4.	Historiography	15
5.	Theories of Public Relations	12
6.	Proto-PR	7
	TOTAL	150

#### By classification

Analytic 67
Descriptive 57
Critical 26
TOTAL 150

#### **From Europe**

- 46% of all IHPRC presentations from Europe and adjoining nations (60)
- 17 countries represented are Austria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom
- Leading nations in terms of papers presented are Germany (5), Spain (4), Turkey (4) and the United Kingdom (25)

# Trends

- Trend from descriptive to analytic, with recent growth in critical approaches
- Earlier, more narratives about people and nations
- Challenges to "great men" (no "her"story)
- More discussion of historiography
- Revision from corporatist towards activist approaches

#### Resources

- International History of Public Relations Conference
- http://historyofpr.com
- Catalogue of European archives, Vol. 1
- European Public Relations History Network
- Increased publishing: Routledge, Palgrave

### The future

- EPRHN is launched today
- Bid to COST scheme for funding of network
- Collaborative research
- Greater knowledge of archives; new material
- Development of historical research skills
- More publications in print and online
- Inclusion of PR history in course syllabus
- A European history of PR, not a modified US version