**FMRG1**

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

**Organisers Hugh DAUNCEY and Geoff HARE (Newcastle) and Sheila PERRY (Northumbria).**

*The Northern Media Research Group* arose out of shared research and teaching interests in French media between Hugh Dauncey, Geoff Hare (University of Newcastle) and Sheila Perry (University of Northumbria at Newcastle), and was officially launched as a wider group after the interest expressed by other colleagues at the 1996 ASMCF Conference. The Group's current objective is to provide a structure and focus for all students, lecturers and researchers of French Media located in Northern England and Scotland, and as well as encouraging informal contacts between members.

The first conference brought together 22 members of the group, who discussed papers given by Keith Reader - Regis Debray and Mediologie - (Newcastle ), Steve Cannon - Ragga and Hip-Hop music in France (Sunderland), Pam Moores and Hugh Dauncey - TV political communication - (Aston and Newcastle) and Maggie Allison - workshop on media research - (Bradford).