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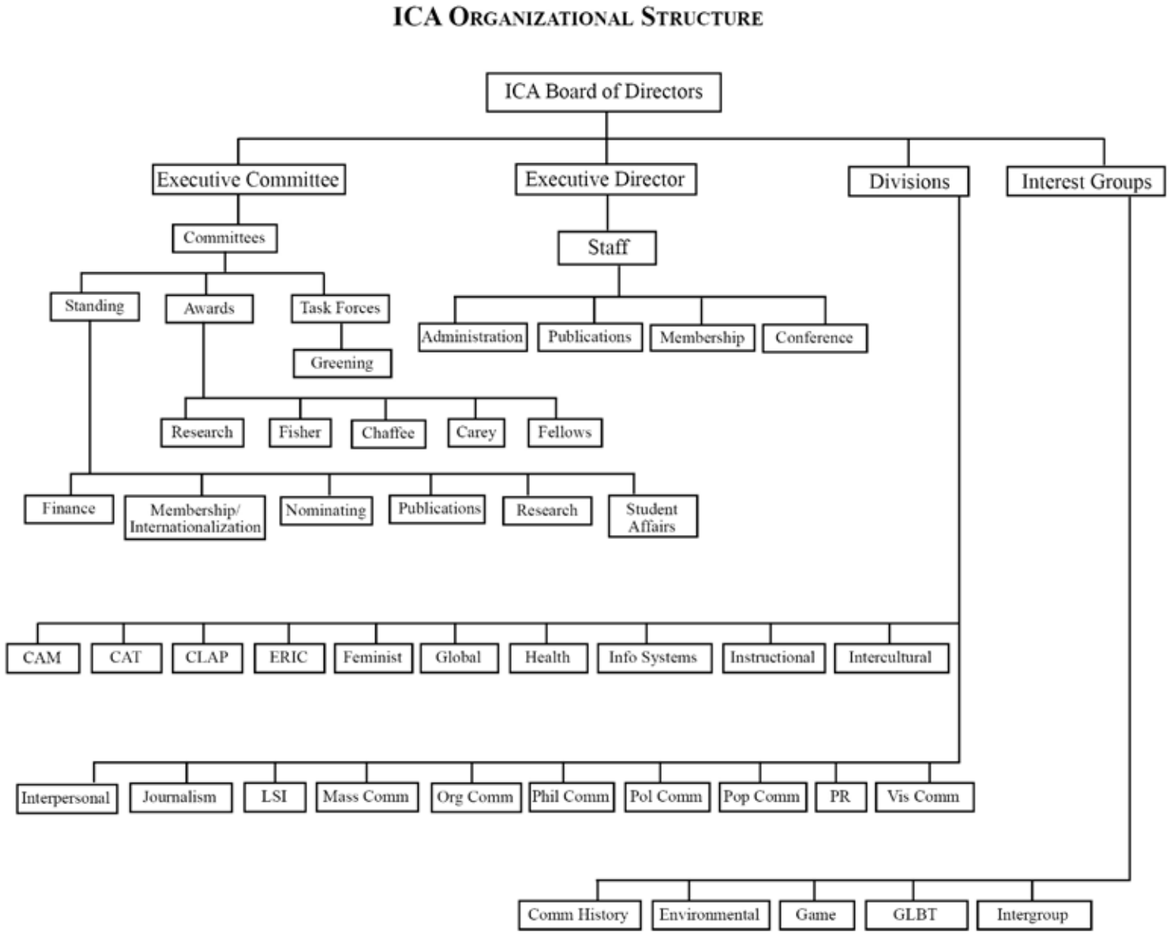
2010 - 2011 **Annual Report**



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The Customs House, photo courtesy of the Greater Boston CVB

With this introduction to the 2010-2011 annual report, which constitutes my last act as ICA president, I would like to first take the opportunity to thank all the members of the ICA administrative team, as well as all my colleagues from the board of directors and the executive committee, for their wonderful commitment to the association. If ICA was able to move forward as it did throughout this year, it is thanks to the outstanding contributions of all these persons, members and leaders who make what our association is all about, i.e., an association dedicated to excellence in academic research worldwide.

1. When I started my presidential term last June, I had set three priorities:

reinforcing the international character of our association, especially by developing more links with regional, national and continental associations of communication,

2. reinforcing the circulation of knowledge at the international level, mainly by reflecting on possible ways to increase the accessibility and visibility of work that is traditionally underrepresented in our journals and

3. working on ICA's international visibility. I am happy to report that, thanks to the very active involvement of committee and taskforce members throughout the year, these three priorities were translated into very concrete programs of action, which have already started to be implemented.

Francois Cooren, U de Montreál, Canada
ICA President, 2010-2011

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Noam Chomsky (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)
Closing Plenary Speake, ICA Conference, Boston

Regarding the first agenda item, related to the international character of our association, I was lucky enough to rely on a very dynamic ICA membership and internationalization committee, chaired by Boris Brummans. This committee worked very hard to find practical solutions that could help our association move forward on its way to more internationalization. Their final report, which was discussed in May 2011 in Boston, gave way to three concrete recommendations, which were all voted in by the board of directors:

1. In order to encourage divisions and interest group to broaden their reach for members, three concrete actions will be taken every year:

   a. reminding each year the division and interest group chairs that they should include a fair number of non-North-American conference paper/panel reviewers, panel chairs, and respondents. Although it is out of question to impose quotas, a real work has to be done every year to increase awareness of this issue of international representation.

   b. encouraging division and interest group chairs to develop a set of clear reviewing guidelines (or tutorials) for current and prospective conference paper/panel reviewers and to communicate these guidelines in their e-mails to paper reviewers and on their division websites. These guidelines/tutorials will not simply include a set of evaluation criteria, but also advice against trolling, and remind reviewers that they do not have to agree with what they read and that communication is a methodologically diverse field.

   c. asking division chairs to ensure that each panel offered at the ICA conference contains participants (i.e., presenters, chair, and/or respondent) from at least two countries—currently, only single-institution panels are discouraged, not single-country ones.

2. Creation of an online document titled ICA for newcomers. This document will provide detailed information about the divisions, examples of conference papers for each of the divisions, and other useful information for anyone who is interested in ICA but is not familiar with our association. Currently, some of this information can be found under the FAQ section on the ICA website, but it would be a good idea to expand this page (or to transform it into a downloadable document). The 2011-2012 membership and internationalization committee will be in charge of writing down this document, which hopefully could be available on our website by next year.
3. Designing guidelines for ICA regional conferences. As you know, these conferences are meant to increase ICA's visibility and attract new members. They are organized across the world, particularly in areas where ICA is not very known (e.g., South America, Africa, certain parts of Europe, such as France). What were missing so far were clear guidelines that would help the organizers submit their proposals and the ICA executive committee make decision about which conference to sponsor. Here again, some very specific recommendations were made by the committee, which were all accepted at the board meeting in Boston.

Regarding the second agenda related to the reinforcement of the circulation of knowledge at the international level, I asked the Publication Committee, chaired by Amy Jordan, to develop a standardized form that will be used by ICA journal editors for their year-end reports to the ICA Board. The creation of this standard report, which was accepted by the board of directors, will help us know what type of scholar gets to be published in our journals, especially in terms of nationality, divisions and gender. It will also allow us to compare ICA journals with each other and have a way to identify where some progress could be made, for instance in terms of international representation.

Finally, on the question of ICA's international visibility (my third agenda item), I am happy to report that some very good progress has been done on two important items:

1. The International Communications Director taskforce, chaired by Alison Bryant, submitted a strong job description for this position, as well as an evaluation tool and a proposal for funding. This proposition was voted in by the board of directors in Boston, which already allowed us to announce a job opening in June 2011. If everything works according to our plans, our new director could start working in January of February 2012. This new position should increase the visibility of our association at the international level, since ICA will be benefiting from the full time involvement of a staff member whose responsibility will be to increase the public visibility of our association and our field among key publics and network at the global level.
2. The board of directors also voted in a proposition made by the liaison committee, chaired by Noshir Contractor, a proposition that will help us redefine the role of our regional board members-at-large. Until now, these members, elected for three years, were only supposed to be present at the board meeting to represent five different regions of the world where ICA is (more or less) represented in terms of membership. In addition to this function of representation at the board level, they will now be asked to serve as ICA Ambassadors in the regions they represent. This means, for instance, that these persons will become key intermediaries between ICA and regions of the world where our membership is historically underrepresented. Although I will not list here all the strategies that will be recommended by this committee, I can tell you that they will help us make these functions of representation more effective for our association.

In addition to these three key agenda items, I am also happy to report that ICA now has clear policies for all questions related to our association's political engagement. Thanks to the hard work of the ICA Political engagement taskforce, chaired by Sandra Braman, some key recommendations were submitted to our mid-year board meeting, which allowed us to vote on policy items related to this question in Boston. With this new policy, which was accepted by the board of directors, ICA executive and board members are now in a better position to make decisions related to the political engagement of our association.

Also, thanks to the work of the Taskforce on New Possible Formats for ICA Conferences, ICA members are invited to contribute ideas about possible formats. Specific questions on conference formats are included in the annual members' survey. Finally, the Taskforce on Greening ICA, chaired by Chad Raphael also made concrete propositions that will allow us to make ICA even greener.

As I am closing this introduction, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to all the ICA members, who allowed me to serve this association during this term. I am also offering a lot of encouragement to the upcoming president, Larry Gross, who already did a wonderful job with the Boston conference, and to his own successor, Cynthia Stohl who, I am sure, will do a fantastic job with Phoenix!

By all standard measures the Boston conference was a resounding success. Following a record-breaking number of submissions - which led (happily or sadly, depending on your perspective) to a record rejection rate - we broke previous records for registrations, with an ultimate total of 2,507 folks. Of course, in addition to those physically present in Boston, this year's conference saw the first full-fledged addition of the Virtual Conference component, that registered 119 folks (outside of Boston attendees, who had full access as part of their on-site registration).

The Virtual Conference was among several innovations at this year's meetings that hold promise for the future. At the suggestion of student members we initiated a series of Master Classes, affording members an opportunity to meet with and learn from senior scholars in a less formal setting. This year's events, featuring John Hartley, Youichi Ito, Annie Lang, Max McCombs, and Patti Valkenburg, were a notable success, drawing substantial numbers for early evening sessions.

In an effort to stimulate regional interaction and move towards greater engagement by scholars from all parts of the globe, we set up a series of receptions for the different regions, and these, too, seemed to be quite successful. In fact, the European region reception became one of the first to provoke the hotel to enforce the fire code - another ICA first! - when more folks showed up than were permitted in the room. I know that Cynthia Stohl is already thinking about ways to build on these new program elements next year.

The Virtual Conference, however, is the most significant of this year's innovations, as it offers enormous promise for the future. This initiative was made possible by the enthusiastic engagement and efforts of our publishing partners, Wiley-Blackwell, who are committed to exploring this exciting new avenue for communication and interaction. Many people, spread across two continents, contributed to the success of this effort - we had conference calls that included participants in Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, Oxford, and Croatia, creating quite a timing challenge! I want to mention and thank Kivmars Bowling, Emily Karsnak, Vanessa Lafaye, Igor Novakovic, Eric Piper, and Margaret Zusky for their tireless dedication.

Of course, as a first-time experiment, the Virtual Conference was definitely a work-in-progress, and not everything worked as planned. Most of the live sessions were not well thought-through in advance - we didn't really know what to expect - and we learned a lot about what not to do, as well as what to do next year. We were pleased by the amount of discussion that the online papers stimulated. In some instances there were multiple comments and responses, and it was clear that there can be more engaged discussion of papers in the virtual venue than often happens in either traditional paper sessions - how often have we heard: "sorry, we're out of time, and there's no time for discussion" - or in the interactive display sessions. I am confident that in future years we will find more ways to make creative use of this valuable new capability.

One popular component of the virtual conference was the two pre-recorded keynote lectures, by Henry Jenkins and Barbie Zelizer, that received numerous visits during the conference and beyond. The keynotes and the conference papers on the virtual site remained up beyond the conclusion of the Boston event.

One dimension of the virtual conference that is certainly more important than we expected is that of the twitter feed. After some confusion over the hashtag for the conference - we eventually settled on #ICA11, and we'll be ready to pounce on #ICA12 for Phoenix! - it became obvious that this was going to be an active part of the conference. In all, 347 people contributed to the #ICA11 hashtag, with a total of 2377 individual tweets. With 287, 356 twitter followers, the "exposure" of these messages was 1,179,203! (See the "wordle cloud" at the bottom of this page for an array of the most popular terms.)

One of the questions for next year will be whether to set up a conference backchannel on Twitter. In general, it seems appropriate for ICA to more fully engage with Twitter, as another means for us to be in communication. We will also look into setting up a Facebook page for the conference.

Among the more traditional highlights of the Boston conference were two overflow plenary ses-

...and the President Elect

Interactive Poster Session, ICA conference Boston. Photo, Sam Luna

sions that required us to open walls to more than double the size of the rooms! The plenaries were also live streamed through the virtual conference site, thus reaching more folks beyond Boston.

The conference opened with a plenary session on "Communication as the Discipline of the 21st Century," with Craig Calhoun, president of the Social Science Research Council, and respondents Joe Cappella, Sonia Livingstone, John Durham Peters, and Georgette Wang. It was gratifying to see the crowd remain present and engaged even as the session ran overtime and the reception was already underway. On Monday we needed even more space to accommodate the numbers who turned out to hear Noam Chomsky speak on "Democracy, the Media, and the Responsibility of Scholars."

On Saturday ICA president Francois Cooren gave the presidential address, on "Communication Theory @ the Center: The Communicative Constitution of Reality," at a session which featured the annual awards ceremony. Receiving

Executive Director Michael Haley and ICA presidents review interactive poster scores. Photo, Sam Luna

awards in recognition of their accomplishments and service to the field and to the organization were:

New ICA Fellows: Patrice Buzzanell (Purdue U, USA); James P. Dillard (Pennsylvania State U, USA); Janet Fulk (U of Southern California, USA); Ronald E. Rice (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA); Cynthia Stohl (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA); Vish Viswanath (Harvard U, USA)

Fellows' Book Award: Carolyn Marvin (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award: Sandra Ball-Rokeach (U of Southern California, USA)

Steven Chaffee Career Productivity Award: Jennings Bryant (U of Alabama, USA)

Outstanding Book Award: Kate Kenski (U of Arizona, USA); Bruce Hardy (U of Pennsylvania, USA); Kathleen Hall Jamieson (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

Outstanding Article Award: Robert LaRose (Michigan State U, USA)

Applied/Public Policy Award: Michael Stohl (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA)

Young Scholar Award: Dmitri Williams (U of Southern California, USA)

James Carey Urban Communication Award: erin mcclellan (Boise State U, USA)

Communication Research as an Agent of Change Award: Robert McChesney (U of Illinois, USA)

Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award: Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics, United Kingdom)

Communication Research as an Open Field Award: Janice Radway (Northwestern U, USA)

While it was gratifying to have folks congratulate me on how well the conference went, it seemed a bit like a concert, where the one person who isn't playing an instrument is given credit for the musical performance. Many people contributed to the success of the conference, of course, and I'd like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to some of these, although I am sure that I will miss some who deserve thanks.

The Local Arrangements Committee - Julie Dobrow, Tom Nakayama, Jim Shanahan, Elizabeth Swayze, and Vish Viswanath - helped members take advantage of Boston's many attractions.

Larry Gross, USC Annenberg, USA
ICA President-Elect, 2010-2011

The members of the conference planning committee - Division and Interest Group officers - had to wrestle with our record number of submissions in the usual tight timetable, and also figure out how to work in the new virtual conference sessions - and most came through on time and with great skill.

I have enjoyed working with, and learning from, my colleagues on the Executive Committee: Patrice Buzzanell, Francois Cooren, Sonia Livingstone, Cynthia Stohl, and Barbie Zelizer. Sonia has earned her parole after 5 years, and she will be missed. We will certainly assure that her commitment to the project of internationalization will not falter.

Anyone who has been involved in organizations such as ICA knows that our revolving-door leadership structure means that we are dependent on the dedication and skill of the staff. Here ICA is extraordinarily blessed, and I am especially appreciative of the skillful management and navigation provided by Emily Karsnak, Sam Luna, Amanda Pike, Mike West, and someone named Michael Haley.

Phoenix 2012

After our very successful 2011 conference, preparations for our 2012 conference in Phoenix are now in full swing. Along with our Executive Director Michael Haley, I visited Phoenix in March to get a sense of the location and the opportunities and challenges' the site presents. The conference will be held May 24-28, 2012 at the Phoenix Sheraton Downtown, a new hotel that is located adjacent to a large convention center. The hotel offers many amenities and advantages for our members, including a very reasonable room rate, $115 USD, free wi-fi available in all the conference rooms, several types of meeting rooms that will enable different type of formats, public meeting spaces, and enough rooms so that most of our members can stay at the conference hotel. The Westin, located within a block is our overflow hotel. Phoenix's light rail provides quick (20 minutes), easy (direct from airport to hotel) and cheap (about 3.00 USD) access to the hotel and many of Phoenix's museums and points of interest. The area surrounding the hotel has a fair number of restaurants and the city and its environs offer many interesting possibilities for pre-conference and post-conference meetings. Given the controversy surrounding Phoenix as the selected conference site, I have met with the local arrangements committee, including Majia Holmer Nadesan (ASU West), Amira De La Garza (ASU) and Diane Rutherford (The Arizona Republic) to address many of the issues that were raised at the last two ICA board meetings and in discussion with ICA members. We are in the process of planning some (hopefully) exciting and provocative events for our members that explore the relevant issues both locally and globally.

The conference theme for the Phoenix conference, "Communication and Community," was chosen specifically to enable ICA to address our discipline's role in the study and understanding of community and the controversies surrounding contemporary events like those in Phoenix and throughout the world. Along with the conference theme chair, Patricia Moy (University of Washington), we hope to create a conference program that a) explores the role of communication in the constitution, development, maintenance and dissolution of community, b) addresses the normative, ethical, methodological and theoretical challenges of emerging notions of community, and 3) examines the ways in which communities (including our own academic community) address the tensions, contradictions, and dualities of community convergence/divergence and fragmentation/integration. Communication scholars across ICA divisions and interest groups are well positioned to articulate the multi-level dynamics of community and to engage various communities in our work. To integrate our theme more fully into our conference and recognize the outstanding divisional contributions that are being presented we will be giving top theme paper awards to a select group of papers in addition to featuring cross-divisional papers, collaborative projects, and mini-plenaries in specially identified theme panels. A series of interdivisional debates addressing critical contemporary issues of Communication and Community are being planned as well as series of special events focusing specifically on our regional communities.

Based on feedback from ICA conference attendees, new session formats are being designed to further attendees' active engagement in the intellectual debates and emerging research, pedagogical, and professional paradigms across our field. For example, I have instituted an extended session for all divisions and interest groups for the Phoenix conference. Panel planners are urged to use this 2.5 hour slot in new and creative ways, including sessions comprised of working papers

The Grand Canyon, photo by Sam Luna

and feedback, town hall debates about critical issues in the division, visual and performance sessions that enhance traditional presentations, bringing in local NGOs, schools, or other community groups to interact directly with conference participants, etc. At our planning session in May, conference planners were very interested in new ways of "conferencing." We all look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in these extended sessions.

We will continue to tweak and experiment with new opportunities in the enormously successful Virtual Overlay component of the conference that Larry Gross began in Boston. Larry and the staffs at Wiley and ICA did a superb job putting on this complex technological/conference experiment. We have learned a great deal from the experience and the immediate feedback we have thus far received. This feedback, along with the results of our conference on-line survey, a twitter survey to those who participated in the very active tweeting during the Boston conference, and a detailed survey and analysis of user input from Wiley will hopefully help us make next year's virtual conference even better, more accessible, and more engaging.

The Phoenix conference is also an opportunity for ICA to implement many of the ideas our membership and internationalization committees have developed for enhancing our sense of community for first time attendees and those coming from nations that have not previously been well represented at ICA. We will be developing a newcomer's guide for navigating the conference along with several other initiatives including pre and post conferences that address scholarly and professional concerns.

Overall, the plans for ICA Phoenix are progressing well. Panel planners and board members have been highly receptive to the innovations that are being proposed. I continue to welcome any ideas for plenary speakers or special events for the Phoenix conference. Planning the conference is truly a community effort.

Cynthia Stohl
U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
ICA President-Elect 2011-2012

Sedona Red Rocks, photo by Sam Luna

State of the Association

ICA, as an organization continues to be a very healthy association. ICA's membership is strong with approximately 4,300 members per year. The last fiscal year's finances are sound and we are in our third full year of owning and operating the new office building. 2010-2011 continues to show some recovery over our investment portfolio.

We are launching the new ICA website in conjunction with the conference in Boston. I would like to thank the Executive Committee and the board for all of their input in making our website more functional and interactive.

Sam Luna will facilitate a special training for division officers on Friday at the conference in Boston to help division leaders utilize the tools better.

ICA continues the process of encouraging members to choose fewer journals to receive by mail. Most members who have renewed have elected to limit their mail subscriptions. However, many members remain unaware of this option in spite of this being given to them on several opportunities. We are also "going green" at the ICA board meeting by not producing the board packets and instead, conducting the meeting through visuals from a web link.

ICA's green effort continues at the Boston conference with recycled bags and water bottles as well as encouraging people to select non-print items Approximately 50% of attendees chose to have the printed program on flash drive rather than in printed form. Food and beverage choices in Boston will be made to minimize waste. All members will be encouraged to use the recycle bins provided through out the conference venue. We are continuing to explore options that will increase our green efforts, yet remain cost effective.

Amanda Pike, in membership services was on maternity leave through March 2011. I would like to thank the ICA staff for covering for her during her absence.

The overall health of the association is solid and we will continue to focus on improvements and innovation in the coming year.

All members are encouraged to contact the ICA staff with any questions or suggestions.

2016 Conference Site Selection Update

According to the ICA rotation, the 2016 conference should be located in Asia or Oceania/Africa. Since the January on-line board meeting two extreme natural disasters have occurred that may alter our site selection for the 2016 conference. I continue to have conversations with hotels and meeting facilities as well as among the Executive Committee.

Shanghai, China – This site is supported by the Chinese Communication Association and several major local universities. China clearly has one of the fastest growing academic populations and an increasing presence in the field of communication. Some people have raised the issue of government control and censorship over program content and we are evaluating the likelihood and extent of this concern. I am continue to explore possible conference hotels and conference centers.

Based on the positive feedback from the midyear board meeting, a conference in China seems to be the priority; it is a logical choice given the growth of communication scholarship and relationships between some Chinese universities and programs in Europe and the US However, as the exploratory process continued, coupled with recent events in Northern Africa and China, open access to the internet became an issue. It was extremely difficult to get an accurate answer to what limitations we would face by having a conference in China. In order to address these possible complications, we would need university sponsorship, much like we had with Nanyang University in Singapore. For this type of international conference, a local host institution is necessary to get approval and to navigate the complex local bureaucracy. Although China has been encouraging the Chinese academic community to actively engage in international exchanges, including hosting conferences in China, the barriers, such as acquiring police security permits and complying with whatever restrictions are in the permit, may be insurmountable for now. There are also some very real technical limitations in addition to matters of principle to take into account. Sufficient bandwidth remains a problem – it is both expensive and hard to obtain.

One might argue that the aforementioned reasons are precisely the reasons to hold an academic conference in such a locale. Moving forward, we will need to weigh the benefits against the limitations of going to China, particularly those that influence our conference model: The Virtual Conference would not be a possibility in China (are we willing to suspend it for a year?); delegates would be constrained in their communication (no Facebook or Twitter as we know it) (annoying, but perhaps not fatal?)

Hong Kong and Macau do not have the same restrictions since they are special administrative territories of China. To date, Hong Kong is very expensive and all meeting space seems to be already booked. Macau is not as expensive and I am continuing negotiations on possible meeting space and hotel rates.

Fukuoka Japan – This site is being supported by the Japanese Communication Association. There is a large convention hotel (Hilton) located in Fukuoka in which we could be primarily self contained. Given the relationship ICA has with Hilton, it is likely we could get most of the meeting room charges reduced or eliminated. There are many direct flights from Asia, Europe and Oceania that would allow people to avoid Narita airport if they should choose. Osaka Japan finished as a runner up to Singapore for the 2010 conference and the Japanese are very interested in hosting this meeting and would hold their annual meeting at the same time.

Michael Haley, Ph.D., CAE
ICA Executive Director

The midyear board meeting also expressed a strong desire to look at Japan as a destination that has not hosted an ICA annual conference. Since the board meeting, a number of unfortunate events have occurred. Fukuoka is in southwest Japan and was not directly affected by either the earthquake or the tsunami. However, the issue of lingering radiation is still ill defined and may become a long term concern. The hotel we would like to use is booked the end of June 2016, so we would need to hold the conference in mid June(17-22)which might be problematic for some members. The Japanese Communication Association remains a strong advocate for holding this meeting in Japan.

Gold Coast/Brisbane Australia – This site is being supported by the Australia/New Zealand Communication Association. The Gold Coast is located just south of Brisbane. It would be held in the Jupiters hotel and conference center. Jupiters is expanding both its meeting space and the number of hotel rooms. The new facility will be able to accommodate the meeting. ICA has not met in Australia since its 1990 meeting in Sydney. It will have pleasant weather, but distance and transportation to the Gold Coast could be an issue as well as the cost of the meeting rooms in the conference center. The ANZCA annual meeting would be held in conjunction with the ICA meeting. The universities in this area see this as the hub of communication research in Australia and perhaps the Asia Pacific. The communication departments in the local universities have committed to support the conference if this site is selected with financial underwriting. To date Uni-

versity of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University and Bond University – have secured pledges of at least $52,500 in cash to support the 2016 conference should the ICA support the Gold Coast bid. These are baseline commitments from the Vice-Chancellors and Faculties that may be increased if the bid goes to the next stages of negotiation, and is in addition to in-kind support that can be provided for the conference, such as use of the facilities of the two Gold Coast based campuses (Bond and Griffith) and two Brisbane campuses (UQ and QUT) for pre-conference events.

Two venues that have been identified as possible locations for delegates to conduct pre- or post-conference activities, such as the Couran Cove Island Resort (http://www.couran.com/) and the O'Reilly's Lodge in the Gold Coast hinterland (http://www.oreillys.com.au/). Both are certified ecotourism sites, and could provide an important element of the conference experience to international delegates.

Auckland, New Zealand – This site is being supported by scholars in New Zealand. They were working with New Zealand Conventions. Because of the Christchurch earthquake and its associated devastation, the New Zealand government has not yet made an expected announcement regarding the completion of a National Convention Centre that would ensure they could easily meet all ICA conference requirements. They are requesting some additional time to see if a bid is even realistic at this time given the circumstances.

Secondary sites in Australia, Japan, and China are also being actively considered and could possibly be supported by the local communication associations if the primary sites proved unworkable or unaffordable. Specific hotel and/or conference centers have been contacted and initial contract proposals are being reviewed. Additionally, some sites have contacted ICA and are interested in pursuing the bidding process and hosting the conference. Little information is currently available but would be developed if there is board interest. These locations include:

Pattaya Thailand

Hyderabad India

Beijing China – The meeting would be at the Shangri-La hotel complex in central Beijing.

Melbourne Australia – The meeting would be held in the Melbourne conference center and/or the Hilton hotel.

Osaka Japan – The meeting would be held in the Osaka convention center and/or the Royal Rega hotel.

Sydney Australia – The meeting would be held in the Sydney convention center.

HKConvention-ExhibitionCTR, photo courtesy of the Hong Kong CVB

Translation Using Google Translates

For the last four years, ICA has used members fluent in German, French, Korean, Spanish and Mandarin to provide translation of certain static pages of our website and the abstracts for our journals. This has been an approximate $40,000 USD expense per year and at times, pages of the website lag in current information because of the translation process. This approach was taken four years ago because automatic, web-based translation systems were relatively poor quality.

Automatic web-based translation systems have made tremendous strides. While still not completely accurate and missing some of the nuances of all languages, they are significantly better, particularly Google Translates. Because of these inaccurate nuances, a statement will be present on the ICA website acknowledging the weaknesses of the system and encouraging the user to get an accurate translation of any material they wish to use. ICA is currently using the Google Translates for the virtual conference in Boston.

The proposal is to replace the current translators with a goggle translates system. This accomplishes at least three main goals: To free up $40,000 to help fund the new staff position of Communications Director; the user receives the most recent and relevant information because it is driven by the user at any particular moment; and this allows translation of ICA information to increase from six languages to over 80 languages.

ICA Fellows

I became chair of the ICA Fellows at the Singapore Conference (June, 2010). My major Fellows activities since that time were: (1) a fair amount of encouragement for fellows to nominate new fellows and books for the book award; (2) soliciting feedback on whether fellows preferred to meet at a breakfast or a social hour (a breakfast meeting was preferred and held at the Boston meeting); (3) organizing two mini plenary panels of recently elected fellows; (4) informing new fellows of their election; and (5) preparation of biographies and power point slides for the introduction of panel participants and new fellows.

Ron Nussbaum chaired the Fellows Book Award Committee. There were 5 nominations and Carolyn Marvin's fine book, When old technologies were new: Thinking about Electric communication in the late nineteenth century, was selected for the award.

Participants in the first Fellows mini plenary were: Wolfgang Donsbach, Gail Fairhurst, and Joseph Turow. Barbie Zelizer chaired this panel.

Participants in the second Fellows mini plenary were: Michael Slater, Michael Roloff (due to a family health situation, Michael was unable to attend), Dafna Lemish, and Robert Hornik. Cindy Gallois chaired this panel.

There were 13 fellow nominations and 6 people were elected. They are: Ron Rice, Patrice Buzzanell, James Dillard, Janet Fulk, Cynthia Stohl, and Vish Viswanath. While wonderful scholars all, it may be important for my successor (Robert Hornik) to encourage more nominations from outside the US and to contact division and interest area chairs to encourage nominations from a broader array of specialties.

As my predecessor (Cindy Gallois) did for me, I will pass along my files to my successor, Robert Hornik. Bob will find that Michael Haley and Sam Luna are wonderfully supportive.

Sandra J.Ball-Rokeach
USC Annenberg, USA
ICA Fellows Chair

Dualing laptops, 2011 ICA Boston Conference, photo by Sam Luna

Board Members At-Large

Africa - Oceania

Juliet Roper (U of Waikato, New Zealand)

It has been very pleasing to work with ICA towards greater internationalisation of the organisation, both through working as ICA Member at Large for the Oceania-Africa region and as part of the Internationalisation Committee. The positive effects of greater inclusion in the organisation are being felt, although there is clearly much more work to be done. The feedback from those who attended the first ICA social event for the region at this year's Boston conference was overwhelmingly positive, with everyone saying they would like the event to continue at future conferences. Many who could not get to Boston also said that they hoped to attend a similar event in the future. Another factor that improved communication across the region was that ICA provided a group email to members – a small thing, but enormously helpful.

It was also very affirming to have ICA offer to provide some support for regional conferences in the future, notably for the Australia New Zealand Communication Association (ANZCA). The ICA President-elect attended the ANZCA conference (and gave a key-note presentation) in New Zealand in July and this most certainly served to forge greater links between the two groups.

Juliet Roper, Board Member at Large, Africa-Oceania

In spite of great steps forward in helping the Oceania groups feel more included, the Oceania/Africa region is vast and therefore coordination of activities within the region is difficult. I am very much aware that serving our African members is difficult and would recommend that ICA consider establishing this as a separate region, with support as necessary and possible from others.

Americas - non-US

Rebecca Lentz (U of Montreal, Canada)

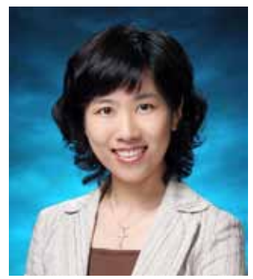
This was my first year as an At Large board member so what I did first was to ask ICA staff to help me compile a list of ICA members that are either from or currently living in Americas countries (except the US). In January 2010 I sent them an email invitation to join a listserve that I created through McGill University where regional members could exchange ideas and opportunities. At present, we have 52 subscribers with representatives from Canada, Brazil, Mexico, and Jamaica. I send information to the list periodically; however, there hasn't been much, if any discussion on it so far. At ICA in Boston this year, we hosted regional receptions for the first time, and I was happy to see how many came to the Americas reception. Many were at ICA for the first time and it seemed as if they enjoyed finding ways to meet others from their region, areas of study, and also languages.

Rebecca Lentz, Board Member at Large, Americas (nonUS

East Asia

Eun-Ju Lee (Seoul National U, Repblic of Korea)

This past year, I've involved in two ICA committees as a member: (1) Task Force on New Possible Session Formats and (2) Membership and Internationalization Committee. For each committee, I've provided my input in response to the chair's call and actively engaged in composing the summary report submitted to the board. I've been also serving as a co-publicity chair for the Third International Conference for Social Informatics (SocInfo 2011, Oct. 6-8) to be hosted by Singapore Management University, for which ICA is an official supporter. In that role, I've widely circulated the flyer and encouraged my colleagues in communication and other related fields to participate. Lastly, I hosted the regional networking session at the ICA annual conference, which was well-attended with about 50 members from various countries including Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, and China. Among the attendees were also those currently residing in the U.S., either as a graduate student or a faculty, but originally from the region. Given that Boston is less accessible than most other U.S./international cities to those in East Asia, and as the members' awareness of this kind of event grows, I expect more active participation next year. Perhaps we might want to consider different formats to fully utilize this "regional" session as a rare opportunity to hear from the members concerning various ICA policies and activities. For example, the idea of ICA's supporting regional conferences was much discussed in the Membership and Internationalization Committee, but my input was based mostly on my own experience, with no clue as to how regional members would generally respond.



Eun-Ju Lee, Board Member at Large, East Asia

Europe

Gianpietro Mazzoleni (U of Milano, Italy)

In 2010-2011, as member-at-large representing Europe I was engaged in the Membership & Internationalization Committee, chaired by Boris H.J.M. Brummans, providing information about European activities, experiences and problems, as far as their representation in the ICA is concerned, and giving feedback for the report that the Committee submitted to the ICA President François Cooren. The proposals made by the Committee received wide support from the Board of Directors and from the President and will be followed-up by a series of initiatives the ICA will take to ameliorate its international character and outlook.

Gianpietro Mazzolini, Board Member at Large, Europe

One immediate application of the new internationalization policy was the organization of regional networking sessions at the Boston Conference this year. The European session was perhaps the most successful one in terms of number of participants. All 830 European-based ICA members received my invitation by mail, and more than 400 responded, all enthusiastically. The expected attendees were about 200, but at the last moment more than 300 came to the meeting.

The aim of the informal session was to have members to discuss possible ways to collaborate, explore ideas on how ICA

ICA Board of Directors Meeting, photo by Michael West

can better meet our needs, and address issues such as journal publication, conference presentations, and any other topics that seem relevant. It was also the occasion to introduce the incoming member-at-large for the next three-year term, Karin Wahl-Jorgensen (University of Cardiff), who gathered the message to strengthen the participation of European members in the ICA.

West Asia

Rohan Samarajiva, Board Member at Large - West Asia

The main things that I was involved in were the Internationalization Task Force and the regional networking session in Boston. I believe the Task Force made real progress under the dynamic leadership of Boris Brummans. The well-thought-out recommendations that were adopted lack one thing only, an effective monitoring mechanism. But the manner in which the regional networking sessions were organized points not only to how they can be monitored but how we can create incentives for their implementation.

Rohan Samarajiva, Board Member at Large, West Asia

This is the first time regional sessions were organized. How were the invitations sent? In the case of the mysterious region called "West Asia," invitations were sent to all members with addresses west of Viet Nam (and east of Turkey?). We who live in this region do not call it by this name or even consider it a region, but that is a different topic for a different time.

The point is that ICA knows the geographical location of all its members. All that has to be done for the effective implementation of the decision to increase the representativeness of those who review papers for the divisions (and therefore of those appointed as chairs and discussants) is to prepare and publish the percentages of chairs/discussants by region as listed in the membership database. This is a proxy for regional presence among reviewers. A simple table published in the newsletter (preferably showing current year and previous year percentages) should be enough incentive to broaden participation in the reviewer pool. We can then see whether the regional representativeness among paper givers will increase.

USS Constitution, Boston, MA, photo courtesy of Greater Boston CVB

Sections

Children, Adolescents & the Media

Chair: J. Alison Bryant (PlayScience LLC, USA)
Vice Chair: Amy Jordan (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

The 2010-2011 academic year, the third full year of the Children, Adolescents, and Media Interest Group, has been another successful growth year for CAM. The membership hovered around the 200 member mark during our Singapore conference year, and then has continued its growth spurt to almost 280 members as of this report. Our current member make-up has members from approximately 35 countries and every continent. In addition, we have a broad cross-section of people from universities, NGOs, for-profit firms, and non-profit groups.

At this year's board meeting, we will be submitting a proposal for full division status; and our membership is very excited about the possibility of this recognition of our unique area of study. In addition, after this year's conference, we will be transitioning in new group leadership. Alison Bryant (PlayScience) will be stepping down as Chair, and the current Vice-Chair Amy Jordan (UPenn) will become the new Chair. Erica L. Sharrer (UMass-Amherst) will begin her term as Vice-Chair.

At last year's conference we awarded four top paper awards. In addition, our awards committee nominated several members for association-wide awards this year. We continue to promote our CAM Interest Group Awards Fund endowment, which will be used to provide monetary awards for dissertation and top paper awards, as well as for student conference travel, as soon as it has sufficient funding.

Current key topics under discussion are further coordination between the interest group and the Journal of Children & Media, a need for increased PR for the activities of the division and its members, additional support for young scholars in the field, and continued growth of the group.

J. Alison Bryant, Chair
Children, Adolescents & the Media

Division Status Proposal

The Children, Adolescents, and Media Interest Group was founded in 2008, and had its first business meeting at the International Communication Association conference in Chicago in 2009. The group was founded based on the interest of a significant number of association members to have an intellectual space in this organization for those who study the special populations of children and adolescents. Internationally, similar cohesive movements around this unique area of study have been happening concurrently, most notably the founding of the Journal of Children and Media.
Within three years, this interest group has become a critical place for research and conversations between scholars. It has become the "go to" intellectual home for those of us who are interested in understanding the complex relationships between children and adolescents, and the ever-changing media world around them. Our conference program is both varied and cohesive, and we continue to have new members (and non-members) submitting papers and panels every year.
Most indicative of the unique intellectual space that this group holds, and most important from an ICA by-laws perspective, is the continued growth of the group and our maintenance of more than 200 members for over two years. In August of 2008, we "started" with 115 members, and grew to 207 by June of 2009. We maintained our membership with the Singapore conference (202 in August 2010), and have had another surge in membership coming into the 2011 Boston conference. We currently have 278 members (as of May 1st).
Based on the maintenance of our membership numbers at more than 200, as outlined in the by-laws; and, more importantly, the special "home" that scholars of children, adolescents, and media have found with this special interest group; we propose that this group be given division status as of the board meeting at the 2011 ICA conference in Boston.

Communication & Technology

Chair: James Katz (Rutgers U, USA)
Vice Chair: Kwan Min Lee (U of Southern California, USA)

The Communication and Technology (CAT) division of ICA continues to grow in numbers as well as vitality, both in the US and abroad. We had great attendance in our division's sessions as we introduced and publicized a strong discussion orientation. Our business meeting in Singapore was attended by about 60 members, and we awarded top paper prizes to the three highest scoring papers involving a faculty member and three highest scoring papers authored exclusively by students. The top-ranked faculty paper and the third prize-winner both came from outside of the United States (the Netherlands, Singapore) and the second prize-winner was from the United States.

As of January 2011, our division recorded 656 members, second only to Mass Communication division. James Katz from Rutgers University and Kwan Min Lee from the University of Southern California become chair and vice chair of the division starting after the business meeting in Singapore.

We received as many as 321 paper submissions and 23 panel proposals for the Boston conference. We accepted 135 papers (42.06%), including four papers assigned as part of the virtual conference, and eight panels (34.78%) for programming at ICA 2011. We had three reviewers for each paper and panel (2 faculty + 1 student). The final accepted panels were decided based on the review results (both quantitative and qualitative) and the convergence of the topics with the conference theme. We had a total of 270 reviewers who volunteered, with 90 directly and indirectly being identified as graduate students or non-PhDs. Based on their e-mail addresses and job affiliation, we identified 79 out of the 270 reviewers as being from outside the United States, i.e., a total of 29%. We created 26 sessions based on the 116 accepted papers and a poster session accommodating another 19 accepted papers. Among the 26 sessions that has a moderator, 8 are being chaired by scholars from outside the United States.

James Katz, Chair
Communication & Technology

CAT also held under the supervision of vice chair Kwan Min Lee the annual competition for the HS Dordick Prize award, given to the author of what is judged to be the best dissertation in communication technology written in the past year. All entries were carefully reviewed by a system of evaluation by external reviewers. The winner was Dr. Alexander van Deursen from the University of Twente in

the Netherlands. He was awarded his PhD degree from outside the United States, so the judges' decision thus further highlights the international dimension of ICA.

As evident from our activities this year, CAT is not only active but also truly international in scope. We expect that the division will experience a greater international presence after Singapore. Our current self-studies based on keywords of interest to CAT members and analysis of their affiliations with other ICA units continue to give us a better idea of our membership, including its internationalization, shaping our future work in important ways.

Communication History

Chair: Jefferson Pooley (Muhlenberg College, USA)
Vice Chair: Philip Lodge (Edinburgh Napier U, UK)

The Communication History Interest Group was officially created as of the annual ICA meeting in San Francisco, in May of 2007, after the requisite petitioning and approval processes. As of November 1 of 2007, the Communication History Interest Group had 116 members. Our number of members grew steadily until the fall of 2009, when it peaked at 236 members. After the 'purge' of non-renewing members in February of 2010, our number of members went down to 164. As of April 2011, the Interest Group's membership stands at 217.

The Interest Group elected a new incoming Secretary in the summer of 2010. Deborah Lubken (University of Pennsylvania) began her service as secretary at the conclusion of the 2010 ICA elections. In keeping with the ICA bylaws, she will serve two years as Secretary.


Jefferson Pooley, Chair
Communication History

The Interest Group approved new bylaws in the 2010 ICA elections, which can be found at: http://communicationhistory.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2008/05/CHIGbylaws.pdf and created a new website in the spring of 2011: http://communicationhistory.org/.

After the paper submission and review process was completed, the Communication History Interest Group recognized two papers with awards in 2011. Frank Fee (U of North Carolina USA) and Meaghan Fritz (Georgetown University USA) were awarded the top paper award, and Edgar Simpson (Ohio U USA) was awarded the top student paper award.

The Interest Group sponsored two Preconferences for Boston 2011: Mediating War & Technology, and Post-Rorty Pragmatism: The New Wave of Pragmatism in Communication Research.

The next year will find the Communication History Interest Group looking to grow. Since Singapore 2010, our membership has steadily increased. We continue to work on expanding our membership outside of North American and Western Europe, and will be planning an international outreach campaign in our Business Meeting in Boston. Internationalizing the group continues to be a challenge, though it is a challenge well worth pursuing.

Communication Law & Policy

Chair: Peter Humphreys (U of Manchester, UK)
Vice Chair: Laura Stein (U of Texas - Austin, USA)

In early December 2010, 94 papers and five panels were submitted for competitive review to the Communication Law and Policy division for the May 2011 conference in Boston. For individual submissions this represents a 38% increase on the average for the preceding three years, and about 27% higher than the average for the two preceding North American based conferences (the number of session proposals has remained constant over these four years).

Forty-three papers were accepted for presentation in panels and the interactive poster session at the May 2011 ICA conference, along with three panels of the five submitted; one of the accepted panels being the CL&P Virtual Session. We had strong panel submissions again this year, as well as a rich range of paper topics.

The 2011 CL&P Top Student Paper award was earned by Christopher Seaman and Daniel Linz (both of University of California, Santa Barbara) for a paper entitled, "The Secondary Effects Doctrine Since Alameda: An Empirical Re-Examination of the Justifications for Laws Limiting First Amendment Protection."


Peter Humphreys, Chair
Communication Law & Policy

The other top three papers for the 2011 conference are: Robert Larose, Johannes M. Bauer, Kurt DeMaagd, Han Ei Chew, Wenjuan Ma, and Yumi Jung (all of Michigan State U) "Public Broadband Investment Priorities in the United States: An Analysis of the Broadband Telecommunications Opportunity Program".

Cheryl Bishop (Quinnipiac U), "The Right to Truth: Access to Information About Serious Human Rights Abuses".

Robert Frieden (Pennsylvania State U), "Legislative and Regulatory Strategies for Providing Consumer Safeguards in a Convergent Information and Communications Marketplace." Congratulations to all of these authors.

About one quarter of the individual session papers accepted were student papers and about half of the posters.

Internationalization

The CL&P division again has fairly consistent levels of participation from outside the United States, as reflected in the number of authors of paper submissions, the authors of papers and panels accepted, the paper topics of submitted and accepted papers, and not least in the division leadership.

Of the 94 papers submitted, 31 have authors at institutions outside the U.S. and a significant portion of the authors at U.S. institutions appear to be international students. Of the 43 papers accepted, 17 have authors at institutions outside the U.S.

Many of the topics of the papers submitted and accepted provided international or comparative treatment of issues. Of a total of 18 participants on the three panels accepted, 7 are from outside the United States.

Overview of Paper and Panel Submissions to the CL&P Division		
Year	Papers	Panel Proposals
2003	56	5
2004	55	1
2005	70	12
2006	53	6
2007	77	6
2008	72	5
2009	77	5
2010	56	5
2011	94	5

The pool of 60 volunteer paper and panel reviewers included 17 scholars from outside the U.S.

Peter Humphreys of Manchester University, UK, who served as vice-chair during 2009-2010, now continues to serve as division chair for 2010-2012.

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair: Myria Georgiou (London School of Economics, UK)
Vice Chair: Roopali Mukherjee (CUNY - Queens College, UK)

Ethnicity and Race in Communication (ERIC) remains one of the youngest divisions in ICA. The division has been working hard to become more inclusive with active initiatives to represent the diversity of international scholarship across the field of ethnicity, race, migration and diaspora in communication studies. ERIC's 13 panels at the Boston conference reflect this diversity though we are still aiming to advance international presence in our ranks.


Myria Georgiou, Chair
Ethnicity & Race in Communications

This year, ERIC's new leadership is taking over. Roopali Mukherjee from CUNY, who has been serving as vice-chair for two years, will be taking over as the new chair of the division at the end of the Boston conference. At the conference we will also be welcoming the new vice-chair of ERIC, Miyase Chistensen from Karlstad University, Sweden.

The current chair of the division has been elected with a mandate to advance the division's internationalisation, collaborative practice within ICA and beyond, and to promote the interdisciplinary and international diversity of scholarship on ethnicity, race, diaspora. Her aim has been to advance activities in these three areas. Targeted activities have included:

Representing the interdisciplinarity of scholarship in the fields of race, ethnicity, migration and diaspora in communication studies in our panels.

Supporting as much as possible the participation of young scholars to the conference with travel grants.

Co-organising panels and a reception with other divisions.

Having an executive committee which is truly international.

As part of ERIC's internationalisation activities and promotion of its work, the division has co-organised a high profile panel with the 'sister' group of IAMCR ('Diaspora and Media' working group) at last year's conference. Unfortunately it has not been possible to repeat this experience this year.

We have put on a vote the increase of ERIC's membership fees, from $3 to $4. This increase has now been approved. We hope that this small increase will allow us to further support members – especially young scholars – with travel grants and awards.

Membership

This remains a challenge. The global financial climate has not helped and our membership remains in lower numbers than we hoped. However, we continue to canvass our friends and former members with an aim of reaching and surpassing our previous levels of membership.

Awards

We are delighted to be able to offer 11 travel grants this year and to also offer paper awards to the three best papers submitted to ERIC. Having the Larry Gross Travel Grant to our disposal this year was very helpful and we are grateful for that.

Feminist Scholarship

Chair: Diana Rios (U of Connecticut, USA)
Vice Chair: Radhika Gajjala (Bowling Green State U, USA)

About FSD

The Feminist Scholarship Division is interested in exploring the relationship of gender and communication, both mediated and non-mediated, within a context of feminist theories, methodologies, and practices.


Diana Rios, Chair
Feminist Scholarship

The Division explores issues such as feminist teaching; international commonalities and differences by race, class and gender; women's alternative media; and feminist cultural studies. Members support and encourage feminist scholarship in other divisions and support linkage between scholarship to issues concerning women professionals.

Research Competition Overview

- FSD had a total of 94 (13 sessions and 81 individual) submissions for the annual convention.
- A total of 44 individual and 6 session submissions overall were accepted.
- The top student paper award went to Lauren Bratslavsky, U of Oregon, USA
- The top faculty paper award went to Maria Mirca Madianou, U of Cambridge.
- We awarded one student travel grant based on merit – LaurenBraslavsky, U of Oregon, USA.

Dr. Angharad Valdivia Receives 2011 Teresa Award

The Feminist Scholarship Division is pleased to announce Angharad Valdivia as the 2011 recipient of the Teresa Award for the Advancement of Feminist Scholarship. This award recognizes individuals whose work has made significant contributions to the development, reach and influence of feminist scholarship in communications.

Valdivia, from the University of Illinois, will be the third recipient of the Teresa Award. This award was established through an endowment from Dr. Yoo Jae Song of Ewha Women's University in South Korea. In creating the endowment, Yoo Jae wanted to establish an award that would recognize outstanding feminist scholars whose research and leadership have shaped communications in significant ways but who have not received recognition for their achievements. The award honors Yoo Jae's mother, Dr. Teresa Kyuguen Cho, a Korean American pediatrician who died in Philadelphia in 2006 at the age of 83. A reception and award ceremony will be held May 29 at 6:00 PM, after a special panel on Editing Feminism and Feminist Editing: Exploring the Politics of "Feminism" in the Editorial Process at 4:30 PM.

The first Teresa Award was presented in 2009 to Dr. Dafna Lemish of Tel Aviv University at the ICA conference in Chicago. The second Teresa Award was presented in 2010 to Dr. Lana Rakow of the University of North Dakota.

Also--Sut Jhally will be presenting a screening of his film "The Codes of Gender" on Saturday at 6:00 PM at ICA, Boston. This is co-sponsored by the Popular Communication and Feminist Scholarship Divisions.

Of note---The 10th Anniversary celebration of Feminist Media Studies Reception On May 28th, at 6:00 PM.

Game Studies

Chair: John Sherry (Michigan State U, USA)
Vice Chair: Dmitri Williams (U of Southern California, USA)

The interest group's membership numbers continue to hover around the 200 member mark. Importantly, a substantial percentage of members continue to come from outside of North America.


John Sherry, Chair
Games Studies

During the meeting in Boston, we will pass the chair's gavel to our incoming elected chair Dmitri Williams. Dmitri is a distinguished scholar and was present during the early meetings that lead to the formation of our Interest Group. Jimmy Ivory will take over the vice chair duties from Dmitri. He has been active in the IG from the beginning and has contributed his time whenever called upon. The IG remains strong and in good hands.

Conference News

The IG received 72 paper and 8 panel submissions for the Boston conference, an increase of 27 total submissions over last year. Despite the increase in submissions, we were provided fewer meeting slots this year (7 meeting slots, plus a virtual session). We were able to program 31 papers, 2 panels, and 5 posters for an acceptance rate of 47.5%.

Top Paper Awards

- The Aesthetics of Subjectivation: Figuring the Self in the Processes of Digital Gameplay, Gerald Alan Voorhees (High Point University)
- Impact of Visual and Social Cues on Exercise Attitudes and Behavior of Overweight Children Playing an Exergame, Benjamin J. Li (Nanyang Technological University), May O. Lwin (Nanyang Technological U)
- Fail With Honour or Win by Cheating? A Qualitative and Quantitative Exploration of Cheaters' Motivations in Online Multiplayer Games, Wannes Ribbens (K.U.Leuven), Yorick Poels (K.U.Leuven), Gertjan Lamotte (K.U.Leuven)
- Exploring Persistence in Gaming: The Role of Self-Determination and Social Identity, Joyce L.D. Neys (U of Rotterdam), Eduard Sioe-Hao Tan (U of Amsterdam), Jeroen Jansz (Erasmus U -Rotterdam)

We would like to thank Dmitri Williams for his excellent job organizing an interesting program for Boston and we would like to thank all the paper reviewers for their excellent work.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Studies

Co-Chair: Lynn Comella (U of Nevada, USA)
Co-Chair: Vincent Doyle (IE U, Spain)

The GLBT Studies Interest Group received 38 individual submissions and 3 panel proposals for the 2011 Conference. A total of 21 papers were accepted and programmed into three panel sessions, one virtual session, and one interactive poster session. Our acceptance rate for the 2011 Conference was 42%.

Our membership is holding steady at just over 100 members.

Two travel grants were awarded this year to the authors of the top two student papers:

- From the «Jerry Springer Smackdown" to the "Oprah Winfrey Sitdown": Paradigmatic Shifts in Transgender Visibility, Andre Cavalcante, U of Michigan.
- A Promiscuous Archive: Affect, Activism, and Digitizing Queer Zines, Mara Williams, U of Oregon.

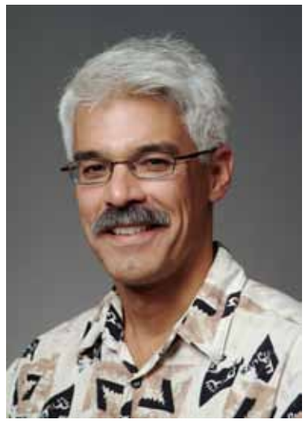
GLBT Studies has elected a new female-identified co-chair this year. Adrienne Shaw will be replacing outgoing co-chair Lynn Comella after the Boston Conference.

Lynn Comella, Co-Chair
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual
& Transgender Studies

Vincent Doyle, Co-Chair
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual
& Transgender Studies

Global Communication & Social Change

Chair: Robert Huesca (Trinity U, USA)
Vice Chair: Antonio LaPastina (Texas A&M U, USA



Robert Huesca, Chair
Global Communication
& Social Change

The May 2011 annual conference of the International Communication Association in Boston marks the end of the Division's fourth year. Its third year was celebrated at the Division's dinner in Singapore in the Indian district near Mustafa's market.

Divisional membership is 452 (up by 14% from 397 in 2010). The budget for FY 2011 is $2,361 (up by 18% from $1,990 in FY 2010). For the 2011 conference, 34 panel submissions (up 15% from 30 in 2010) and 176 papers (up by 46% from 121 in 2010) were received. Seventy papers were programmed for 2011 for an acceptance rate of 40 percent. Nine panel sessions were programmed for 2011 for an acceptance rate of 26 percent. Four papers were programmed for the virtual conference for 2011, the first year that the division has participated in this event.

At its 2010 Business Meeting, the Division recognized its top paper winners, the best book ward winner, and its incoming division secretary Jeff Peterson. A nomination's committee was formed to recruit two members to run for Vice Chair. Rashmi Luthra (U. Michigan Dearborn) and Nancy Morris (Temple) agreed to run for office. In late 2010, the division was notified that Luthra won the election and will assume the role of vice chair in 2011.

Awards

The Division recognizes three Top Paper awards, one of which shall be a student, each year. In 2011 Top Paper Awards were given to:

- "Cultural proximity from an audience point of view - Why German students prefer US-American TV-series," Daniela Schluetz, U of Music, Drama and Media, Beate Schneider, U of Music and Theater
- "Disjuncture and difference from the banlieue to the ganba: Global hip hop and the politics of information," Fabienne Darling-Wolf, Temple U
- "Social Networking Sarajevo Roses: Digital Representations of Post-Conflict Civil Life in (former) Yugoslavia," Debbie James, Wayne State U (student)

Conference registration waivers and $200 in conference expenses were awarded to three students: Debbie James, Wayne State U, Florencia Enghel, Karlstad U , and Felicity Duncan, University of Pennsylvania.

The Division issued a call for awards for top dissertation, article, book and lifetime achievement. The Division received two nominations for top dissertation, two nominations for best book, and no nominations for best article and lifetime achievement. The winner of the top dissertation was Yael Warshel, a graduate of U.C. San Diego for the dissertation titled, How do you convince children that the "army," "terrorists" and "police" can live together peacefully? A peace communication assessment model. The best book honors were awarded to Bella Mody, U. of Colorado, for the publication of The geopolitics of representation in foreign news: Explaining Darfur.

Health Communication

Chair: Monique M. Turner (George Washington U, USA)
Vice Chair: Mohan Dutta (Purdue U, USA)

The Division has 541 members representing 32 countries. For the 2011 conference, the Division received 292 papers (154 were accepted) and 12 panel proposals (5 were accepted). The division had 75 reviewers, each reading approximately 12 papers. The Division was able to support 5 students with travel awards to the 2011 meeting with Division and ICA funds. At the 2010 meeting in Singapore, David Buller (Klein Buendel, Inc., USA) stepped down as the Chair of the division and Dale Brashers (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA) became the chair. Monique M. Turner took over as Vice Chair. In July of 2010 Dale Brashers unexpectedly passed away, making M. Turner the division chair. In October of 2010 we held an election for a new Vice Chair, to begin immediately; Mohan Dutta (Purdue University, USA) was elected. Jeff Niederdeppe (Cornell U, USA) was remains the secretary of the division. Elizabeth Gardner won the dissertation of the year award and Mindawati Wijaya won the thesis of the year award.

Monique Turner, Chair'
Health Communication

Information Systems

Chair: Robert F. Potter (Indiana U, USA)
Vice Chair: Elly Konijn (VU-U, Amsterdam)

This year the Information Systems Division continues a commitment to maximizing scholarly interactions between attendees to the annual conference by programming competitive papers in eleven High Density (HD) sessions. The HD format allow for eight different pieces of scholarship to be presented in a single session, with the authors delivering brief verbal presentations prior to interacting with interested attendees at poster exhibitions which further explain the research. We also have four papers (three faculty and one student) in the "Best of Info Systems" panel. Two other panels on methodological innovation have been scheduled along with five papers in the virtual overlay.

Robert Potter, Chair
Information Systems

The strong international representation of papers in the division continues,

with one-third of all scholarship presented (30 of 90 scheduled papers) including authors from outside the United States. Furthermore, Elly Konijn, the division's Programming Vice Chair has once again done a remarkable job recruiting internationally for paper reviewers. She will turn over her database of these reviewers to the incoming Vice-Chair Prabu David.

After several years of having the position filled by volunteer, this year the division will hold an election for Secretary/Webmaster.

Instructional & Developmental Communication

Chair: Rebecca M. Chory (West Virginia U, USA)
Vice Chair: Brandi N. Frisby (U of Kentucky, USA)


Rebecca Chory, Chair
Instructional & Developmental Communications

Boston conference

A. Submissions/Acceptance

8 panels submitted, 2 accepted (25% acceptance rate)

57 competitive papers submitted, 26 accepted (46% acceptance)

B. Reviewers

35 faculty (64%), 20 graduate students (36%)

40 US reviewers (73%), 15 non-US reviewers (27%)

14 countries, 5 continents represented

C. Awards

5 Top Paper Awards (certificates only) to 10 scholars (9 US, 1 non-US)

2 Top Paper Awards to Students ($250 from IDD; $150 from ICA; a Conference Registration Waiver); 1 US student, 1 non-US student

Internationalization

A. 2011 Boston conference

Reviewers

13 non-US countries, 5 continents represented

15 non-US reviewers (27% of total)

Awards

1 Top Paper Award (Singapore student)

Authors

5 authors from 5 non-US countries, 4 continents

B. Other Activities

Email inviting "suspended members" to rejoin division
(16 non-US countries represented)

Email soliciting nominations for division secretary

Email soliciting participation in online questionnaire about division

Division plans

A. Discuss future of graduate student awards

Teaching

Dissertation

B. Discuss future direction of the division

Intercultural Communication

Chair: Ling Chen (Hong Kong Baptist U, PRC)
Vice Chair: Steve Mortenson (U of Delaware, USA)

The IC Division voted in the 2010 ICA election to approve changes to bylaws discussed at the business meetings in Chicago 2009 and Singapore 2010. Membership of the division this year represents over 40 countries/territories about the same as last year and slightly decreases from last year.

There are 13 sessions programmed for the 2011annual conference, including one panel and one interactive session. There is also a virtual session in addition. Twenty percent of conference paper reviewers were colleagues from non US universities. Conference presentations represent scholars from universities in Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Turkey, Romania, China, Finland, Germany, Egypt, Lithuania, Estonia, and Malaysia.


Ling Chen, Chair
Intercultural Communication

Of the 4 top-papers—two are authored/co-authored by a scholar from non US universities and one student paper at this conference. For the six student papers accepted for presentation all are provided a small travel grant matched by ICA, so at least one presenter may attend the annual conference in Boston. This year, IC Division co-sponsors a pre-conference with the Interpersonal Communication and Health Communication Division.

We also reinstated the Scholarly Work Award and Dissertation/Thesis Award; one for each will be awarded at the Boston Conference for the first time since the division split in 2008.

Intergroup Communication

Chair: Lisa Sparks (Chapman U/U of California-Irvine, USA)
Vica Chair: Liz Jones (Griffith U, USA)

First, thank you for voting in the ICA election. As a result of your participation we were able to update our bylaws to the following:

Article 3 Officers

Section 1 Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair

Officers of the Interest Group consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will be elected biannually, for a term of four years, of which two years will be as Vice-Chair and then two years as Chair. Nonmembers of ICIG may not be nominated for or hold office.

Section 2 Chair and Vice-Chair Responsibilities

- 2 years as vice-chair: responsible for co-organizing and implementing the division's conference program; this includes developing the call for papers, recruiting paper reviewers, managing the review process (using the online All Academic paper submission website), creating the program sessions, and ensuring that the sessions and panels are implemented smoothly at the conference.

- 2 years as chair: responsible for writing a biannual column about the division, maintaining and updating the interest group website, attending legislative council at ICA (or find a substitute representative), preparing an annual report and agenda for the business meeting, leading the business meeting, organizing top paper and student top paper awards, managing finances, and supervising the elections.


Lisa Sparks, Chair
Intergroup Communication

- year as chair ex officio: Working with the ICA representative for the International Association of Language and Social Psychology to coordinate and/ or promote the IALSP panel.

Second, I want to thank paper reviewers for your continued commitment to review paper submissions. We had a record number of submissions for the 2011 conference and it was pleasing to see both the quality and diversity of the papers, as well as an increasing number of countries reflected in the submissions in terms of both authors and content. We are also trialing virtual papers for the first time. Many thanks to all of you who submitted your interesting and innovative research papers to our interest group. I am pleased to report that the top student paper was by Garrett Broad and Carmen Gonzalez, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at University of Southern California (USC) (garrettmbroad@gmail.com), and the top paper was by Tenzin Dorjee, California State University, Fullerton (tdoorjee@fullerton.edu), Howard Giles, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Valerie Barker, San Diego State University.

Interpersonal Communication

Chair: Walid Afifi (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA)
Vice Chair: John Caughlin (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Walid Afifi, Chair
Interpersonal Communication

There were a total of 112 papers submitted to the Interpersonal Division, including two that were reassigned from other divisions. Of the 112 papers submitted, 49 (43.75%) were accepted for paper presentations, 7 (6.25%) were accepted as interactive papers (posters), and 3 (2.68%) were accepted for the virtual overlay conference. The remaining 53 papers were rejected.

There were 6 panels submitted to the Interpersonal Division, and 1 (16.67%) was accepted. The other 5 were rejected.

The Interpersonal Division is also the primary sponsor for a methods preconference, titled, "Methodology Workshop: Analysis of Longitudinal Dyadic Data." Other sponsors were the Intercultural Communication division, the Health Communication division, and Routledge Publishing Company. Drs. Niall Bolger (Chair, Department of Psychology, Columbia University) and Jean-Phillipe Laurenceau (Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Delaware) will co-lead this full-day workshop. The preconference was organized primarily by Walid Afifi.

Journalism Studies

Division Chair: Frank Esser (U of Zurich, Switzerland)
Vice Chair: Stephanie Craft (U of Missouri, USA)

The Journalism Studies program of 2011 reflects diversity within the division in terms of research methods, focus of study, as well as the international composition of presenters. For Boston we received a record number of 200 full paper and 25 panel submissions.

In order to keep the rejection rate at least somewhat in line with previous years we admitted more full papers than usually by allocating 5 instead of 4 papers to most sessions. This way we were able to program 93 papers (compared to 77 in Singapore, 2010), with an acceptance rate of 46% (compared to 54% in Singapore).

The Journalism Studies Division's philosophy is to favor paper over panel submissions. In selecting panels, the international composition of panel members enjoys high priority. Of the 25 panels submitted, only 5 were accepted, making the acceptance rate very low, at 20 percent. (An additional panel, the 6th best rated, was made a Virtual Panel outside the competition.) The average number of countries represented on an accepted panel was more than 3. We thank the more than 200 paper reviewers in selecting the papers we programmed this year.

Frank Esser, Chair
Journalism Studies

The Division awarded three "top" student and three "top" faculty paper awards. We also awarded three travel grants to graduate student paper presenters. In addition, we awarded for the second time the "Gene Burd Urban Journalism Research Prize"; this is the division's $1,000 dissertation prize named after its donor. A final noteworthy point is that we initiated the process for setting up a "Journalism Studies Publication of the Year Award" by creating a jury (chaired by Wolfgang Donsbach) and drafting nominating rules and selection criteria. It will be awarded for the first time in Phoenix 2012.

Language & Social Interaction

Chair: Richard Buttny (Syracuse U, USA)
Vice Chair: Evelyn Ho (U of San Francisco, USA)

Submissions

104 abstracts submitted; 38 accepted (36.5% acceptance rate – 32 papers 6 posters)

5 panels submitted; 4 accepted (80% acceptance rate – 2 were combined into one virtual panel)

Panels

8 competitive paper panels

1 poster panel

2 proposed panels

1 virtual panel

Richard Buttny, Chair
Language & Social Interaction

LSI continues to experiment with an "abstracts only" submission policy.

The top six abstract authors were invited to submit a complete paper by May 1st to compete for top paper. Because there was only one student paper in the top six abstracts, the next highest ranked student paper was also invited to compete for top paper. A committee has read these papers and determined the awards.

The Top Abstracts & Funding Received

- Mats Ekstrom, Orebro U, Top Paper $400
- Alena Vasilyeva, Rutgers U, Top Student Paper $700
- Brittany Griebling, Delaware County Community College, Student $100
- Jimmie Manning, Northern Kentucky U $100
- Yael Maschler, U of Haifa $120
- Bracha Nir, U of Haifa $120
- Gonen Dori-Hacohen, U of California San Diego $120
- Joel Rasmussen, Orebro U $100
- Leah Sprain, Colorado State U $100

Internationalization

To increase internationalization, I first contacted international scholars to participate as respondents to the virtual conference. Most said no, but many were intrigued by the idea of the virtual conference.

Three out of seven of the top abstracts are from international scholars.

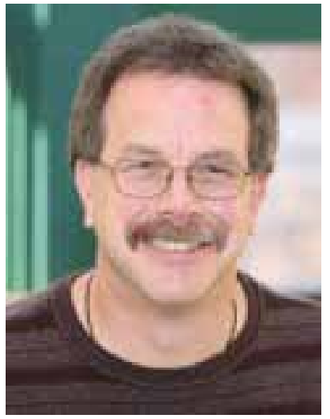
We advertised a variety of international LSI related conferences via our LSI listserv.

We approached international scholars to serve as officers for LSI and some stated that they would be interested in the future.

Mass Communication

Chair: David Ewoldsen (Ohio State U, USA)
Vice Chair: David Tewksbury (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA)

The Mass Communication Division continues to be a strong division. The division received 289 paper submissions this year (up from a 173 last year) and 13 panel proposals. The division was able to accept 134 papers and 6 panels (one additional panel was transferred to ICA and accepted there). The division is appreciative of the nearly 200 volunteer reviewers. Our reviewer pool was inclusive of the broad array of scholars represented by ICA, as were paper submissions and acceptances.



David Ewoldsen, Chair
Mass Communication

The division provided a $500 travel grant to a scholar travelling from Africa.

The division will continue discussions that were started two years ago for a new award for innovative research. The only award that the division current gives is the Kyoon Hur Dissertation Award. This award is given bi-annually and it will be presented this year.

The division continues to work on creating a new set of by-laws. The by-laws were lost some time ago, but a draft of the new by-laws has been created. The by-laws have been discussed at the last two conferences. The division will vote on whether to accept the by-laws or not this year.

Finally, the division wants to congratulate Rene Weber (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara) for his election to vice chair/chair. Rene will be starting his term as vice chair this year at Boston.

Organizational Communication

Chair: Janet Fulk (U of Southern California, USA)
Vice Chair: Ted Zorn (U of Waikato, New Zealand)

Janet Fulk, Chair
Organizational Communication

A committee of the division chaired by the Division Secretary compiles a slate of potential reviewers each year. Ninety-one percent of the non-US members on this initial slate agreed to review for the division, as compared to 74% of US members who agreed to review. The result was a final set of reviewers that includes 25% of members from outside the US. For the 2012 conference, the initial slate contains a larger portion of non-US members (i.e., 40%). The final set of reviewers will be available in early May.

One of the four top papers at the upcoming conference was from non-US based authors. One of the other two finalists for top paper was non-US based. The three top student papers were from students at US universities.

The division Vice-Chair and Secretary are from outside North America, as is the incoming Secretary. In addition, the division ensures, as much as possible, that non-US members are included in various committees.

Issues and Plans for the Year Ahead

Two issues will be addressed in the coming year. First, we have convened a committee to review the by-laws. Based on this review, we will modify both procedures in practice as well as by-laws so that practices and by-laws are consistent with each other. Second, the officers will be addressing the inadequate documentation of the activities required of officers in the Chair sequence.

Philosophy of Communication

Chair: Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths College, London U, UK)
Vice Chair: Laurie Ouellette (U of Minnesota, USA)

Membership Profile

Phil Comm membership: from 267 members in 2005, our division has increased to 366 members today. This remains low compared with 486 in January 2009 and 456 in November 2009, but it is at least good news that since April 2010 membership has been stable. It would appear that we are still suffering the knock-on effect of lower attendance in our division Singapore, a factor which we know affected some other divisions too. The division's proposed name change (see below) is in part planned as a response to this decline. Phil Comm's membership is geographically diverse, and we will continue to monitor this closely, subject to our overall need to increase members.

Preconferences

Phil Comm organized another successful preconference in 2010 on 'Cultural Reserach and Political Theory: New Intersections'. The event was organized by Nick Couldry chair (Goldsmiths, University of London) and Penny O'Donnell (Journalism division and University of Sydney), and co-sponsored by the Journalism, Political Communication, and Popular Communication divisions, and financially supported by the Centre for the study of Global Media and Democracy, Goldsmiths, University of London. The preconference was well attended, with Clive Barnett of the Open University substituting as keynote at the last minute when Catherine Walsh of Ecuador (also a keynote at the Crossroads in Cultural Studies Hong Kong conference) was unable for family reasons to attend.

The Division's Boston preconference is The Future of Public Media: Participatory Models, Global Networks organised by the Center for Social Media, American University, Washington DC and co-sponsored by Journalism, Popular Communication and Communication, Law and Policy divisions.

Nick Couldry, Chair
Philosophy of Communication

Phil Comm Sessions in Singapore & Boston

In spite of the much reduced level of submissions for Singapore (noted in my report last year), the division's programme was successful with many very well attended sessions and a satisfactorily-attended business meeting. For Boston, we are pleased to see that submissions were back broadly to the level for Montreal and Chicago which, however, meant that because our recently reduced membership affected our session allocation, our rejection rate, particularly of panels, was higher than we would have liked. For Boston, Philcomm has contributed a session to the theme plenary and also successfully scheduled a virtual session.

New Divisional Prize

With the Communication Law and Policy Division, we have established the annual C. Edwin Baker Award for the Advancement of Scholarship on Media, Markets and Democracy through an endowed fund created from the estate of Professor C Edwin Baker, Professor of Law and Communication at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The award is intended to honor the enormous contribution made by Professor Baker to communications scholarship with an annual prize of US$500. The first award is to Professor James Curran of Goldsmiths, University of London, selected from a very strong field of candidates.

Divisional Name Change

Following the 2010 Business meeting, a working party was set up to consider a change to the Division's name to reflect its current range of interests and signal its priorities to potential members and paper submitters. The working party was Nick Couldry (chair), Laurie Ouellette (vice-chair), Amit Pinchevski (Vice-chair elect), Christie Slade (past chair), and Tom Streeter. After extensive discussion in late 2010, it was unanimously agreed that a name change was desirable and that the preferred new name was Philosophy, Theory and Critique. This proposal will be put to the Boston business meeting, after which a formal vote of members to approve the change can be held in the autumn of 2011.

Officers

Astrid Hasselbach of University of Bremen became Webmaster of the division from January 2010, replacing Emanuelle Wessels (University of Minnesota). Amit Pinchevski (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) was elected Vice-chair of the Division, taking up his role after the Boston conference.

Political Communication

Chair: Yariv Tsfati (U of Haifa, Israel)
Vice Chair: Claes de Vreese (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

At Singapore, awarded one top faculty paper to Christina Archetti (UK), and 3 top student papers: Susanna Dilliplane (USA), Judith Moller (the Netherlands) and Christian Baden (the Netherlands).

Yariv Tsafati, Chair
Political Communication

Also awarded the best article in political communication 2009 (Keren Tenenboim Weinblett, USA) and the Swanson Award for Service for Political Communication (Doris Graber, USA).

Co-sponsored three conferences: "Transnational Connections: Challenges and Opportunities for Communication and Public Opinion Research," IE University, Segovia, SPAIN, March 17-18, 2011; "Communication on Top Forum," Davos, SWITZERLAND, February 17-18, 2011; and "Political Com-

munication in the New Technology`s Era," Warsaw, Poland, September 22-23, 2011.

Organized a new version of the website politicalcommunication.org, that includes our newsletter, Political Communication Report. Continued presence and activity on the Facebook Page, Facebook Group, Twitter, Linked-in, and Digg.

For Boston, received 132 papers and 22 panel proposals (vs. 182 and 9 for Singapore), representing 25 countries, and accepted 132 and 5 (43% vs. 58% last year). 58% of the papers originated in the US, and the rest came from other countries. Roughly the same rate of papers originating in the US (59%) versus other countries was accepted for presentation at the conference.

Recruited 154 reviewers from 29 countries. 33% of the reviews were submitted by American reviewers, and 46% by European reviewers.

For the Boston conference, awarded two student travel grants (for students from Costa Rica and Singapore).

Popular Communication

Chair: Paul Frosh (Hebrew U of Jerusalem, Israel)
Vice Chair: Jonathan Gray (U of Wisconsin - Madison, USA)

The Popular Communication Division has had a productive year. The Singapore Conference was more successful than perhaps we had anticipated: the slightly smaller size meant that there was a very congenial and intimate atmosphere, and panel presentations were less crowded than at the larger US conferences (17 panels in total, 4 presenters to a panel rather than 5 or more), leaving more time for more in-depth presentation and discussion. The division's programme was consistently well attended, kicked off by a division-sponsored preconference on research methodologies in conditions of globalization. Top papers awards (faculty and student) were given to two US-based scholars, one Canadian and one Israeli. The conference was also very positive socially, with the division reception (held off-site) proving to be particularly popular. Even the business meeting engaged more attention and participation than many recalled from previous occasions, with especially intense discussions over lingering concerns about the Phoenix venue for the 2012 conference (given Arizona's controversial anti-immigration policies), and about the ICA's report on 'greening' the organization. Overall this meant that those who participated in the division's conference activities seemed to have found them very satisfying.


Paul Frosh, Chair
Popular Communication

As expected, the Boston conference call for papers attracted a great deal of interest and a very large number of submissions: 33 panel proposals and 153 individual paper submissions, all competing for 21 sessions, 12 poster presentations and one virtual panel. Overall our acceptance rate was 37.19%, the third lowest of all ICA divisions. In addition to the regular sessions our programme for Boston includes a joint reception with Philcom, Comhist and ERIC, and a special screening of Sut Jhally's film 'Codes of Gender', with Jhally introducing the film in person and taking questions afterwards, organized with the Media Education Foundation and the Feminist Studies Division. Top paper awards (faculty and student) will be given to three US-based scholars and one Australian.

In terms of elections and officers this has been a year of change. Cornel Sandvoss (University of Surrey) ended his two-year term as Chair at the end of the Singapore conference and was replaced by Paul Frosh (Hebrew University), with Jonathan Gray (University of Wisconsin, Madison) taking over from Paul as the new Vice-Chair. Paul was programme planner for the Singapore conference as well as for Boston; Jonathan will plan the programmes for Phoenix and London. In addition elections were held for Secretary and Graduate Student Representative: Stijn Reijnders (Erasmus University) was elected as Secretary and Ranjana Das (LSE) as Graduate Student Rep. They will begin their two-year terms after the Boston conference, taking over from current Kati Lustyik (Ithaca College) and Jonathan Corpus Ong (Cambridge University) respectively.

Two newsletters were sent out to division members during the course of the year: one in October and one in April. Both seem to have been well received, though neither won any major literary prizes.

Our membership has remained stable, with a slight increase from 325 last year to our current total of 348. In terms of diversity 151 of our current members come from outside the US (around 43% of our membership), and over half of those are from Europe. This (limited) diversity is reflected in our current officers: one Israeli (Chair), two North Americans (Vice-Chair and Secretary) and one European (Graduate Student). Following this year's elections for division officials, this has shifted slightly with the replacement of a North American by a European as Secretary.

It is fair to say, however, that while the division has been successful in reaching out to Europeans (mainly the UK and northern Europe, less so France and Southern Europe), it has a great deal of work to do in attracting scholars and students from Asia, Africa and South America: Europe and North America combined constitute approximately 83% or our membership. Although this may reflect overall cross-divisional trends in the ICA, it probably has something to do with the great differences in research traditions regarding popular communication and culture between diverse regions and countries, as well as the difficulties of 'translating' largely microscopic, qualitative textual analyses from one language and culture into others (and into English). However, it is also likely to be the result of institutional inequalities and the homogeneity of existing academic networks. To date no clear divisional strategy has been developed to deal with this issue systematically and over the long term; this is something we definitely hope to rectify.

Regarding overall ICA policy and issues to be raised for the ICA board meeting in Boston, our members are likely to be interested in hearing follow-up about the plans for Phoenix, especially given the discussions last year and the political concerns over the venue. In addition the whole question of the ICA's ability to take political positions on globally relevant communication issues is uppermost in many minds, especially given the centrality of mass and new media to the political upheavals in the Arab world and elsewhere, and the direct attempts by some governments to shut down communication networks both internally and to the outside world. The ICA did not speak out concerning these questions of communication rights (and their abuse): given that other bodies (such as the IAMCR) did issue statements urging the protection of communication rights and liberties, the ICA's comparative silence could be misinterpreted in undesirable ways.

Public Relations

Chair: Craig Carroll (Lipscomb U, USA)
Vice Chair: Juan Carlos Molleda (U of Florida, USA)

The 2010-2011 year was another good year for the Public Relations division.

The Division continued its tradition of wide representation from its international membership for paper readers, chairs, and moderators at the annual conference.

The Public Relations (PR) division had five papers in the Virtual Conference, nine papers as Interactive Posters, and 55 papers in regular Sessions, with a 50% acceptance rate. There were a variety of themes derived from the papers presented. Themes included corporate social responsibility, ethics, framing and agenda-setting; culture; interactive technologies and social media; online and traditional experimental research designs; political public relations; the professionalization of PR; relationship & excellence theory; corporate reputation; risk management; and social media governance.


Craig Carroll, Chair
Public Relations

Endowments and Sponsorships

The Division has two endowments, one for the Robert L. Heath Top Paper Award given each year, and the James E. Grunig and Larissa A. Grunig Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards in Public Relations, given every two years. Members and supporters can donate directly to these endowments via the ICA web page. We continue to enjoy the support of the Betsy Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations for the Top Student Paper Award given each year.

Site for International Collaboration

The Division's website devoted to cross-national public relations research, has been up and running since November 2007 (http://icaprcnrc.org/). The purpose of this database is to be a clearinghouse

on all things related to furthering opportunities for international and cross-national public relations research, including collaboration across national boundaries. Along with the opportunity for Division members to publish their own research profiles, this interactive database features information on Conferences and Events, Calls for Papers, Projects and Collaboration Calls, Working Examples of Cross-National Research, Funding Opportunities, Faculty Exchange Programs, and Open Positions. There are moderators for different sections of the website, but by and large, members are the providers of the content.

Website & Listserv

An on-line forum was introduced to the website which is now managed from the University of Zurich.

Top Paper Awards

The Bob Heath Top Award went to "How Fortune 100 companies are employing corporate communication strategies on Facebook: Corporate ability versus corporate social responsibility" by Sora Kim (University of Florida), Soo-Yeon Kim (U of Florida), and Kang Hoon Sung (U of Florida). Other top papers were: "Is Web 2.0 always better than Web 1.0 for Corporate Public Relations?" by Lindsay Smith (Central Pennsylvania College) and S. Shyam Sundar (Pennsylvania State U), and "The Interplay of Anger, Efficacy, and Identity on Public Perceptions of an Activist Group's Emotional Responses," by Jeesun Kim (Grand Valley State U), and "The Genesis of Climate Change Activism: From Key Beliefs to Political Advocacy" by Connie Roser-Renouf (Center for Climate Change Communication), Edward Maibach (George Mason U), Anthony Leiserowitz (Yale U) and Xiaoquan Zhao (George Mason U), and "Crisis PR in social media: An experimental study of the effects of organizational crisis responses on Facebook," by Peter Kerkhof (Vriej U– Amsterdam), Dionne Beugels (Vriej U- Amsterdam), Sonja Utz (Vriej U Amsterdam), and Camiel J. Beukeboom (Vriej U-Amsterdam).

The recipient of the Plank Center Top Student Paper Award was "Going Glocal in India: An investigation of CSR communication of Best Corporate Citizens," by Rajul Jain (U of Florida) and Maria De Moya (U of Florida). Our other top student papers were: "Exploring the Impact of Employee Empowerment on Organization-Employee Relationship (OER)" by Linjuan Rita Men (U of Miami), "The Ability of Corporate Blog Communication to Enhance CSR Effectiveness: Role of Prior Company Reputation and Blog Responsiveness," Hyejoon Rim (U of Florida) and Doori Song (U of Florida); "Ethical views and its application to perceptions of PR practices in U.S., S. Korea and Japan," Hyun-Mee Kang (LSU) and Richard A. Nelson (LSU), and "The Role of Affect in Agenda Building for Public Relations: Implications for Public Relations Outcomes" by Ji Young Kim (U of Florida) and Spiro K. Kiousis, (U of Florida).

Bumsub Jin (State University of New York, Oswego), "The Roles of Public Relations and Social Capital for Communal Relationship Building: Enhancing Collaborative Values and Outcomes," directed by Mary Ann Ferguson (University of Florida) was awarded the James E. Grunig and Larissa A. Grunig Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. Kristin Pace (Michigan State U), "Accepting Responsibility and Expressing Regret as Crisis Communication Strategies," directed by Dr. Tomasz Fediuk, Illinois State University, was awarded the James E. Grunig and Larissa A. Grunig Outstanding Master's Thesis Award.

In other news, the division has continued lively debate on whether the Division should have an official journal.

Visual Communication Studies

Chair: Luc Pauwels (U of Antwerp, Belgium)
Vice Chair: Michael Griffin (Macalester College, USA)

Luc Pauwels, Chair
Visual Communication Studies

The Visual Communication Studies Division held elections last Fall and as a result appointed Jana Holsanova (Lund University) as the vice-chair-elect. She will take office as vice-chair at the end of the Boston conference, when the current vice-chair, Michael Griffin will become chair.

The ICA 2011 Boston conference attracted a record number of submissions. Some basic data about acceptance and participation:

- Number of panel/paper sessions proposed: 7
- Number of panel/paper sessions accepted: 5
- Number of papers/presentations accepted as part of these session proposals: 22
- Number of individual papers submitted (not part of paper/panel session proposals): 99
- Number of individual paper submissions accepted: 41
- Individual paper acceptance rate: 41%
- Total participant acceptance rate (when including members of paper/panel session proposals: (63/136) 46%

The division continues to attract submissions from all over the world (22 countries)

The participants in pre-formed paper session/panels represent 10 different countries, even though the panel proposals have all come from Germany and the US.

The Division Secretary has been very active during the past year updating the VCS website and issuing the VCS newsletter to our members. Also a VCS Facebook group has been installed (though this tool does not generate much activity).

At the upcoming business meeting in Boston a proposal for specific Bylaws for the Division will be discussed, addressing urgent needs for clarification with regard to the election of officers, the implementation of an advisory committee, awards and grants procedures (types of awards and grants and terms of eligibility) etc.

Interactive Poster Session, ICA Boston. Photo by Sam Luna

Committees

Finance

Chair: Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics, UK)
Members: Patrice Buzzanell, Purdue U, USA), Barbie Zelizer (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

ICA's finances continue to be sound and well-managed – in all, it is worth some 4.5 million dollars. As Finance Chair this past year, I thus continue the trend of my predecessors in being cautiously optimistic about what the association can undertake in the years ahead.

Broadly speaking, ICA gets its income from three main sources. Around 10-20% of the association's revenue comes from the conference: making money from the conference is not central to the conference planning, as it is more in members' interests to keep the conference fees low and to provide as much as possible in helping students and those from UN B & C countries to participate as delegates. However, the conference budget varies somewhat from year to year, depending on attendance, location, etc and so a modest gain provides some flexibility from one conference to the next.

Around 30-40% of our revenue comes from membership income – most of it from regular members, followed by student members. Re-registration as an association member tends to follow the conference itself – since Boston was the best-attended conference ever, I would hope for plenty of membership re-registrations over the summer.

Finally and most important, around half of ICA's income comes from its publications. Such income has been increasingly healthy in recent years, permitting the publications committee to improve the financial support for editorial activities as well as subsidising a range of ICA's activities. In the longer term, the advent of open-access publishing, together with institutional concerns worldwide with the rising charges for journal access, makes for an uncertain prognosis. The Executive Committee met with Wiley-Blackwell during the Boston conference to discuss these issues and possible solutions in terms of developing new revenue streams.

At the Board Meeting in Boston, I presented the budgets for the last and upcoming fiscal years, and these can be found on the ICA website [provide link]. In terms of expenses over the past year, these are generally as predicted, although the cost of redesigning the website [will this be ready by the time the annual report is published?] – which we hope you like! – was

Sonia Livingstone, Chair
Finance Committee

greater than planned.

One saving came from the Board's decision to cease translating the journal abstracts into the six main languages spoken by association members. I report this with some ambivalence, as it was under my tenure as president that these translations first began, a key part of our internationalising efforts. Now, however, Google Translate offers a sufficient facility to replace this cost (of some $40K annually). While the automatic translation is flawed, it operates in many more languages, and will surely improve.

Crucially, this frees up the funds for a Communications Director – an exciting new initiative given the go-ahead in the Boston Board meeting – to promote our activities to key stakeholders beyond the academy and in diverse contexts and countries. At the same time, a task force was appointed to ensure that this initiative is successful and, relevant to my present concerns, cost effective (ideally, covering costs by increasing membership, publication sales and conference participation).

Otherwise, expenses are largely associated with the Washington DC office – salaries, office expenses, etc – as well as the conference preparations, editorial support and, of course, division expenditure. On this last point, I alerted the Board to the fact that most divisions and interest groups tend to underspend their allocation. Do raise this with your chairs as there could be more spent on conference travel or even parties!

Last, the fiscally-minded of you will be glad to know that ICA has now insured its current account balance as advised by the auditors, and it has introduced a whistle-blowing policy. Also noteworthy, we have now completed the process of moving all funds into socially responsible investments. Further, when ICA has any surplus funds, these are used to pay off the debt on the building, as recommended by our financial advisors. It seems likely that the building could be paid off entirely in around 4 or 5 years, then freeing up funds for other purposes. Since the future is always uncertain, this is reassuring.

Two conference attendees check in at the Boston Conference 2011. Photo by Sam Luna

Membership & Internationalization

Chair: Boris H. J. M. Brummans (U of Montreal, Canada)

Members: John Hartley (Queensland U of Technology, Austrailia), Eun-Ju Lee (Seoul National U), Gianpietro Mazzoleni (U of Milan, Italy), & Rohan Samarajiva (LIRNEasia, East Asia)

Internationalization of Conference Paper/Panel Reviewers, Panel Chairs & Respondents

We encourage divisions to broaden their reach for members. Hence, we recommend that from now on, division chairs be encouraged and reminded during each annual ICA Board meeting to include a fair number of non-North-American conference paper/panel reviewers, panel chairs, and respondents. However, this concept should not encourage pre-set quotas.

A good idea would be for each division to create a register of non-North-American reviewers, and people should be recruited to it when they submit papers. The common practice is that division chairs inherit a list of reviewers and add to it based on their contacts—using ICA/division membership as an implicit criterion. Having more people on this list is likely to be welcomed by division chairs because it reduces the workload on individuals and increases the likelihood of getting the results back on time.

As the field has become internationalized, potential non-North-American reviewers may not necessarily be part of division chairs' social networks. If chairs do not know many international scholars (other than their former students), it may be useful to conduct citation research (either on ISI or Google Scholar) and to look up the paper presenters from previous conferences to produce the list of potential reviewers.

Furthermore, we encourage division chairs to develop a set of clear reviewing guidelines (or tutorials) for current and prospective conference paper/panel reviewers, and to communicate these guidelines in their e-mails to paper reviewers as well as on their division website. These guidelines/tutorials should not simply provide evaluation criteria, but also advice against trolling and remind reviewers that they do not have to agree with what they read and that the communication discipline is a methodologically diverse field.

To conclude, we encourage division chairs to ensure that each panel offered at the ICA conference contains presenters (or, more broadly, "participants," i.e., presenters, chair, and/or respondent) from at least two countries—currently, only single-institution panels are discouraged, not single-country ones.

The abovementioned activities should help increase the international diversity of scholars who participate in divisional activities.

ICA for Newcomers

We suggest creating an online guide, entitled "ICA for Newcomers," that provides detailed information about the divisions, examples of conference papers for each of the divisions, and other useful information for anyone who is interested in ICA but who is not familiar with our association. Currently, some of this information can be found under the FAQs section on the ICA website, yet it would be a good idea to expand this page (and to provide it as a downloadable document).

Boris Brummens, Chair
Membership & Internationalization
Committee

The guide needs to combine technical guidance (e.g., thumbnail sketches of divisions and why you might want to join one rather than another) with more general/fundamental guidance of the "why should I care?" variety. We urge caution, though, about treating the scholars who will be addressed in this document as a group analogous to students. We also believe that this guide should not come across as an "ICA for Foreign [i.e., non-North-American] Newcomers." In other words, it should avoid perpetuating artificial distinctions between "international"/"foreign" and North-American/U.S. scholars.

We suggest that questions and themes like the following be included in this document:

What are the reasons for having an association? What is it trying to achieve? In what disciplinary space? For what professional, public, or social purposes?

How does ICA link with and differ from IAMCR, NCA, SCMS, and AoIR? How does it link with different national associations around the world? Is it the "association of associations" where a truly global community of scholars can mix across disciplinary boundaries (a place where people from SCMS can encounter people from AoIR)?

What are the tangible and intangible benefits of becoming (and staying) an ICA member?

What does ICA do? [see current FAQs] The current response to this question provides a link to regional conferences, yet it is not clear how these conferences are linked to ICA (see also section "C. Regional Conferences" of this report). In addition, it will be useful to provide more information about what you have to do to win one of the various awards and why that would be a good aspiration, since many non-North-American scholars are not very familiar with the award culture.

How can I get involved with ICA? [see current FAQs] This section will need to be expanded. It should explain what reviewing entails, how you can become a respondent/chair, and how you can become involved in divisions (and the Board) in other ways.

What fields or specialties are included in ICA? [see current FAQs] Important here is to explain the difference between divisions and interest groups.

Why should I join ICA? [see current FAQs] Currently, the website states: "ICA is an international association for scholars interested in the study of all aspects of human communication. We are dedicated to promoting research and bringing the results of that research to bear on problems and issues of society. As a dynamic and growing organization, ICA encourages its members to become involved in its activities." This description will need to be expanded/developed considerably in view of points (1), (2), and (3) of this section.

What does membership include? [see current FAQs] Currently, one of the points included here is: "Opportunities to network with colleagues who share your teaching and research interests worldwide." It will be useful to be more precise here: How does networking actually work at ICA, particularly at conferences?

We encourage next year's Membership & Internationalization Committee to develop this guide in more detail, and we recommend that the process be opened out so that excellent input can be sourced from across the association. In addition, it would be useful to conduct focus groups with new members at the 2012 ICA conference. This would allow us to gain more insight into the ideas, questions, expectations, etc. that newcomers have with regard to our association.

Regional Conferences

The main idea is that by encouraging/sponsoring regional conferences across the world, particularly in areas where ICA is not very well known (e.g., South America, Africa, certain parts of Europe like France), ICA can increase its visibility and attract new members.

Although we raised a number of questions regarding these conferences in our mid-year report, the Board sees merit in supporting them. Most importantly, the Board does not believe that the responsibility for these conferences should rest on the shoulders of the divisions.

In view of the Board's suggestions, we have outlined the following draft procedures/guidelines for the organization of these kinds of conferences:

Presently, ICA can sponsor a maximum of two regional conferences per year for a maximum of $10,000 USD (i.e., 2x $5,000 USD). This money should be used especially for bringing in and accommodating ICA keynote speakers.

The main organizer, preferably an ICA member, contacts the ICA President and the ICA Executive Director, and sends an official conference proposal, explaining the rationale for organizing the conference and describing its theme in sufficient

detail. Particularly important in this proposal is to specify why this should be an ICA-sponsored conference. Proposals should be submitted by a specific annual date—just like ICA paper submissions are due each November.

The ICA President and the ICA Executive Committee evaluate each proposals based on the following questions/criteria:

Does the proposal provide a convincing/compelling rationale?

Is it likely that the conference (theme) will attract a number of international participants?

Will the conference be held in a region where ICA is not yet very well known, thus increasing ICA's visibility?

What is the overall quality of the proposal (in terms of writing)?

After the ICA President and the ICA Executive Committee have approved a specific proposal, the main organizer creates a structure consisting of different streams (e.g., by areas of expertise, such as interpersonal communication, health communication, philosophy of communication, etc.). Each stream is organized by two to three scholars with expertise in their respective streams. Preferably, at least one of them is an ICA member.

Once the conference structure is in place, the main organizer discusses with the ICA President and the ICA Executive Committee who might be invited as the keynote speaker(s). This/these speaker(s) must be (an) ICA member(s).

Students Planning Strategy at Conference, photo by Michael West

Based on this discussion, he or she develops a detailed budget, which must be approved by the ICA President and the ICA Executive Committee. Subsequently, both the ICA President and main organizer send out a joint invitation to the potential speaker(s).

The main organizer then sends out a call for papers, which includes a description of the conference theme, descriptions of each stream, submission guidelines, etc. The call must state that this is an ICA-sponsored regional conference. However, both ICA members and non-ICA members are invited to participate. Obviously, the call will be distributed via the ICA newsletter, listservs, personalized emails, and at the annual ICA conference.

Stream organizers' task is to find ten to fifteen paper readers who may also function as panel chairs and/or respondents. Ideally, at least 25-33% of them should be ICA members. Once papers have been accepted, stream organizers develop the stream program, consisting of several panels.

Questions for Discussion:

May regional conference registration pass via the ICA website? This may not be a particularly effective way of enhancing potential members' awareness of ICA, but it won't hurt.

May part of the $5,000 budget be used for promotional costs (flyers, posters, etc., including the ICA logo)? We believe that this should be allowed as long as these costs stay within a reasonable range.

How should main organizers deal with questions of language? Should the main language for ICA-sponsored regional conferences be English? Given that the main rationale for supporting regional conferences is to increase ICA membership, perhaps these conferences should be held in ICA's official language (i.e., English).

Should the ICA President (or President Elect) visit each regional conference? In the interest of cost saving, the keynote speaker(s) could represent ICA.

How will the success/effectiveness of these regional conferences be measured? The success/effectiveness could be assessed after two or three years based on clearly defined criteria.

Nominations

Chair: Karen Tracy (U of Colorado, USA)

Members: Isabel Molina (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA), Hiroshi Ota (Aichi Shukutoku U, Japan, Patrick Roessler (U of Erfert, Germany, Bernadette Watson (U of Queensland, Australia)

Karen Tracy, Chair
Nominations Committee

Committee Process

The committee received two nominations by the ICA Association deadline—one for the at-large student board member and the other for an at-large board member for one of the geographic regions. Besides considering these two nominations, we recruited candidates for the other positions. Through consulting with ICA members around the world, as well as studying ICA membership lists in different regions, we identified members we collectively saw as good candidates for each of the four positions that were open. We contacted potential strong candidates and encouraged them to become nominees. For each office, we were looking for candidates who possessed a level of scholarly visibility in line with the demands of that position, as well as suitable prior experience in activities in ICA divisions, committees, and connected associations. The four positions the committee sought nominations for included: (a) president, (b) at large board member for East Asia, (c) at large board member for West/South Asia, and (d) at large student board member. The committee recommends the following candidates for each position.

An appendix with CVs for the candidates is attached (see ICA-CandidateCVs. pdf)

Committee Candidates

1) ICA President

François Heinderyckx, Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles, Director of the Department of Information and Communication Sciences, Brussels

Heinderyckx's research interests include political communication, journalism and news media, with a particular emphasis on science and the media and digital media. He has contributed to projects related to e-government and media literacy. Since 2000 he has published 37 articles, book chapters, and reviews. He is currently the president of the European Communication and Research Association. He has developed research around the notion of quality in communication research and is heading a working group that brings together ICA, IAMCR and ECREA, in which he has been a leader in organizing a large survey among communication scholars to investigate their use and perception of academic journals.

Dafna Lemish, Professor, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, Southern Illinois University, USA. Lemish is currently chair of the Department of Radio/Television at Southern Illinois University. Prior to 2008 she was a professor of communication at Tel Aviv University, Israel. She studies television and children and, most recently, is the author of Screening Gender in Children's TV. Since 2000 she has published more than 40 books and articles and is the founding and current editor of Journal of Children and Media. She is a Fellow of ICA, has served on the review board of many of its journals, was a member of the internationalization committee and the organization's nominating committee, and chaired the feminist division.

(2) at-large Board Member for East Asia [China, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan]

John Nguyet Erni, Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, is a visible scholar in cultural and media studies. He has chaired the Philosophy of Communication Division, co-chaired the GLBT Interest Group, has been a

member of the Executive Board of ICA, and has chaired the Nominations committee Jiro Takai, Professor, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, Nagoya University, Japan, is a visible scholar in communication with an intercultural and interpersonal communication emphasis, an ICA member, President of the Japan-American Communication Association, and involved in Divisions at NCA

(3) at-large board member for West Asia
[Arab League, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yemen]

Hassan Abu Bakar, Communication Program, Universiti Utara Malaysia is a visible organizational communication scholar, has been a member of ICA since 2001 who has been involved in a variety of responsibilities within the organizational communication division and was seminar director in 2008 and 2010 for the International Communication and Media Conference.

Jonathan Cohen, Communication Department, University of Haifa, Israel is a visible media studies scholar, has been involved with ICA since 1995 in a variety of roles including director of an ICA pre-conference, a member of the local organizing committee for the ICA Conference in Jerusalem(1998), and a member of the ICA Ad-hoc Committee Examination of New Publications.

(4) At large Student Board Member

Rahul Mitra, PhD student, Department of Communication, Purdue University, USA, has authored several publications and has been involved in the Organizational Communication Divisions of ICA and has received ICA travel grants and paper awards.

Kikuko Omori, PhD student, Department of Communication, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA is author of multiple publications and has presented papers at ICA and NCA where she received a top paper award.

Student Affairs

Chair: Malte Hinrichsen (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Members: Nicholas Bencherki (U of Montreal, Canada), Anastacia Grynko (Kyiv Mohya School of Journalism), Diana Nastacia (U of North Dakota), Joice Soares Tolentino (Brazil)

ICA Student Member Survey

The results of the ICA student member surveys from 2007 and 2009 show that many such members are not aware of the activities organized for them at annual conferences, and are either not aware of or not satisfied with the means of communication offered to them by the association. Less than a third of the survey respondents reported to have attended student orientation session, less than a half of these respondents went to the student reception, and less than a quarter of these respondents utilized the student lounge. Moreover, less than half of the ICA student members that have responded the surveys seem to read the newsletter articles dedicated to student members, and few such members declare to have enjoyed the articles.

In light of these survey results and subsequent discussions, the ICA Student Affairs Committee has been and will be working towards: better informing existing student members about events and activities; better connecting to existing student members of the association; and enhancing student participation in the affairs of the association.

Efforts have been made in the past year particularly to increase the awareness of ICA student members regarding conference activities and to make the newsletter articles more attractive to students.

An ICA student member survey will be administered online after the 2011 conference. The survey (attached to this report) asks about student awareness of committee activities, ICA student specific events, and newsletter articles. The survey also inquires about student participation in activities and events as well as about suggestions for further activities, events, and topics for articles.

Newsletter Articles for Student Members

The 2007 and 2009 ICA student member survey has shown an overall lack of satisfaction with newsletter articles addressed to student members. Suggestions made for further newsletter articles have been: interviews with journal editors and established scholars; results of collaborative research involving faculty and students; frameworks for teaching and research; ideas about funding opportunities and job search; thoughts about life after graduate school. Additionally, it has been suggested that articles should be vivid and interesting, should contain real life examples, and should refer to international scholars rather than just U.S. ones.

To address this issue, the ICA Student Representatives have decided to approach the newsletter articles by means of interviewing established scholars, engaging scholars in conversations, focusing on international perspectives, and occasionally adding touches of humor.

Recent newsletter articles included advice for emerging scholars from senior U.S. and international scholars, have outlined experiences of the student representatives, and have promoted the conference activities such as the orientation, the preconferences for students, Master classes, and the reception. To make student members aware of the articles, they were posted on Facebook and Twitter in addition to being part of the newsletter.

Further articles will address issues requested by student members, such as journal submission and collaborative projects. These articles will be made available through Linkedin, Facebook, Twitter, and ICA's newsletter, and they will also be widely promoted to student members.

Communication with and among ICA Student Members

From the ICA student member surveys from 2007 and 2009, as well as from discussions with former ICA Student Representatives and Student Affairs Committee members, it has resulted that students affiliated with ICA expect not only increased variety regarding newsletter topics, but also a diversification of the means for reaching them.

This is the reason why an important objective of the Student Affairs Committee is communication between ICA leaders and student members and among ICA student members. To accomplish this objective, two initiatives were undertaken after discussions with Sam Luna and with Bryan Urbsaitis, in charge of ICA's interactive media.

One initiative has been to create a Linkedin subgroup for students in connection with the Linkedin ICA group. This subgroup will be operational in summer 2011 and will be subsequently promoted to ICA student members several times.

Another initiative has been to make the Facebook group for students more available to student members. Also beginning in summer 2011, this group will include specific information for

Malte Hinrichsen, Chair
Student Affairs Committee

students and will be promoted to students.

Through these two groups, the members of the ICA Student Affairs Committee hope to make activities and events better known to student members, and to open new possibilities of sharing information about projects, grants, and jobs.

Organization of Conference Activities for ICA student Members

The ICA Student Affairs Committee has successfully done fundraising for the Graduate Student Reception at the 2011 conference, and has also successfully secured a location that is appropriate for the reception (a well known Bostonian club, Lucky's Lounge, that is within walking distance from the conference hotel).

The committee is also instrumental in organizing the New member and Graduate Student orientation session, and has helped with brainstorming and promotion for the new master Classes for graduate students.

The committee will continue

to plan and promote activities for students for future conferences.

Further activities

The ICA Student Affairs Committee will continue to work towards better informing ICA student members of the affairs of the association and towards further integrating such members into the association.

In addition to continuing the writing of the newsletter articles for students, the work on the communication venues for students, and the planning and promotion of the conference activities for students, the following steps will be taken by the committee members within the next year: creating an ICA student representative handbook, to outline the tasks of the function and thus to ensure a smoother transition from one student representative to another; analyzing the results of the newly administered survey, to understand the needs of student members and to better address these needs; and starting an awareness campaign to attract more international students to ICA from countries that are currently under-represented in the association.

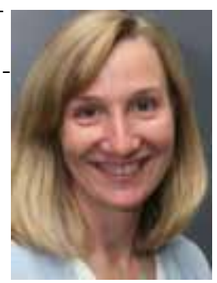
Publications

Amy Jordan (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

Karin Becker (Stockholm U, Sweden), Frank Esser (U of Zurih, Switzerland), Dale Hample (U of Maryland), Daniel Robichaud (U of Montreal, Canada)

Item #1: Editor recruitment

As the EC is well aware, recruiting top-notch scholars for the open editor positions of Communication Yearbook and Communication Theory was particularly difficult this year. Despite this, we have advanced the names of two high quality scholars whom we feel are appropriate for their positions.



Amy Jordan, Chair
Publications Committee

Communication Yearbook

Dr. Elisia Cohen (University of Kentucky) was the sole applicant for the open editorship of Communication Yearbook in this round. The Committee feels that she is well qualified for the role and has advanced her name to the EC. (A previous applicant, Trudy Milburn, did not advance after earlier deliberations by the executive committee felt she was not suitable for the position.)

Communication Theory

The committee received three complete applications for the editorship of Communication Theory. The application materials came from Thomas Hanitzsch, Michael Huspek, and Karin Wilkins. The publications committee came to consensus on advancing the candidacy of Thomas Hanitzsch.

Item #2: Standardization of Editor reports

With input from current and previous ICA journal editors, as well as Mike West and Michael Haley, the Publications Committee developed a template for editors to follow in crafting their annual reports. We look forward to hearing how it was received by the editors and whether it has reduced the amount of variability in reporting.

On the horizon

A discussion of a proposal (from ICA member Katherine Sender) for ICA journals to uphold the code of best practices in fair use that ICA's ad hoc committee developed (which can be found here: http://www.icahdq.org/publications/reports/fairuse.pdf.)

Publications

Communication, Culture & Critique

John Downing (Southern Illinois U, USA)
Editor-in-Chief

Avg. days from submission to first decision	0.00	75.00
Avg. Reviewer turnaround time (days) - Original	0.00	31.00
Avg. Reviewer turnaround time (days) - Resubmission	0.00	0.00
Avg. Reviewer turnaround time (days) - Revision	1.00	21.00
Avg. Time to Assign Reviewer (days) - Original	0.00	18.00
Avg. Time to Assign Reviewer (days) - Resubmission	0.00	0.00
Avg. Time to Assign Reviewer (days) - Revision	0.00	0.00
Avg. days from submission to final decision	0.00	83.00

Backlog issues: Current editor (Downing) assumed responsibility January 1st, 2011, while transitioning from fall semester, 2010, at Århus University, to Spring semester Fulbright position at Helsinki University (January-March) and Tampere University (March-May), and thence to the American University of Paris (June). The normal learning curve combined with this trajectory has generated delay, not least in the submission of this report and in the absence of data for certain questions specified in the new template.

Statistics and Acceptance Rates

Number of submissions	37
Desk rejection process	17
Number of revise and resubmits	14
Number of acceptances	6

Topic Areas of submitted and accepted manuscripts: Topics & Manuscripts page in Scholar One only supplies a graphic without explanation. Nor is there any explanation of what more might be done in order to answer this question.

Country of Origin for submitted manuscripts and accepted manuscripts (1/1 – 6/6/2011			
Australia	1	Japan	1
Belgium	2	Norway	1
Canada	2	Spain	1
Denmark	1	UK	3
India	2	USA	25
Israel	2		
	Total	41	

The table below, drawn from the Scholar One website, appears to be based on different data (e.g. Hong Kong is listed, but not the other nations above); it is included here because it represents one source of information, but also because it suggests the system's data-organization process may perhaps need some expert attention.

Country	Accept	Reject	Total	Accept Ratio
Hong Kong	1	0	1	100,00 %
India	0	2	2	0,00 %
United Kingdom	0	1	1	0,00 %
United States	5	14	19	26,32 %
Total	6	17	23	26,09 %

On a different page in Scholar One – Manuscripts Received (Detailed) - the figure of 59 submitted articles is given, along with 3 Comments and 1 Review, for the past 12 months. It is my first time doing this, but the ICA Committee will perhaps understand at least some of my bewilderment – and frustration - at not being able to produce a more definitive report.

International Scholars publishing within USA: Not a topic supplied in Scholar One.

International representation of editorial board: No change from previous year.

Gender of authors (first author) for manuscripts (submitted and accepted): This information is not generated within Scholar One, at least if the lists of topics and issues is any guide.

Recommendations

Suggested Tables/Appendices

Submissions by Country

Submissions by Topic Area

Submissions by Gender of Lead Author

Communication Theory

Angharad N. Valdivia (U of Illinois, USA)
Editor-in-Chief

Journal Status*

Total Citations:	657
Journal Impact Factor:	1.208
Journal rank by IF in category/categories: ranked 15 of 55 journals in Communication	
5 year IF:	2.376
Cited half-life:	7.2

*This is the information that is available as of May1, 2011, and reflects figures for 2009. In late June, Thompson-Reuters will release the 2010 Impact Factor data.

Time manuscripts are under review

	Number of Days
First Decision	57
Revise and resubmit	88
Final Decision	82
Backlog Issues	None

Summary of Review Process

	Number of Papers
Number of manuscripts received	204
Number of manuscripts decided	149
Number of revisions submitted for publication	55
Number of manuscripts accepted	22
	Average Number of Days
Time between submission and editorial decision	81.0
Time between acceptance and publication	____
Acceptance Rate	10.3%

The desk rejection process includes manuscripts that are not appropriate to the stated mission of the Journal. Manuscripts are rejected when they fail to reference the field of communication or they do not attempt an engagement with or intervention with the theory in the field. Sometimes manuscripts are rejected because they do not meet formatting or style guidelines.

Summary of Editorial Board by Nationality

Country	Number on Editorial Board
Australia	2
Belgium	1
Canada	4
Chile	1
China	1
Denmark	1
Germany	3
Puerto Rico	1
South Africa	1
Spain	4
United Kingdom	1
United States	22
United States – International Scholars	4
United States—Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholars	8

Summary of Author's Sex by Decision

	Male	Female
Accept	12	10
Reject	66	59
Revise and Resubmit	26	29

Summary of Nationality of Institution by Decision

	Australia	Bosnia and Herzogovina	Brazil	Canadá	Chilé	Denmark	Estonia	France	Germany	Hong Kong	India	Iran
Accept	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Reject	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	2	4	2	2	3
Revise and Resubmit	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0

	Israel	Italy	Republic of Korea	Kuwait	Malaysia	Netherlands	New Zealand	Pakistan	Portugal	Singapore	South Africa	Spain
Accept	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reject	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	2
Revise and Resubmit	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Taiwan	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States
Accept	0	0	0	16
Reject	1	1	4	63
Revise and Resubmit	0	0	2	31

Summary of Topic Category by Decision

	Info. Systems	Interpersonal	Mass Comm	Organizational	Intercultural & Dev'l	Political
Accept	1	0	2	0	0	1
Reject	3	3	22	7	7	7
Revise and Resubmit	1	1	3	1	1	1

	Instructional & Dev'l	Health	Philosophy of Comm	Comm and Technology	Popular	Public Relations
Accept	0	1	1	3	1	0
Reject	6	5	12	13	4	5
Revise and Resubmit	1	0	1	2	1	1

	Feminist	Comm Law & Policy	Language & Social Interaction	Visual	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender	Intergroup
Accept	1	0	1	0	0	0
Reject	3	3	5	2	1	2
Revise and Resubmit	0	0	2	1	0	0

	Ethnicity and Race in Communication	Global Communication and Social Change	Journalism	Children, Adolescents and Media	Communication History	Game Studies
Accept	2	3	1	1	3	0
Reject	10	6	9	4	0	2
Revise and Resubmit	1	1	1	0	0	0

Human Communication Research

James E. Katz (Rutgers U, USA)
Editor-in-Chief

Between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, we received 172 original and 74 revised manuscripts of which 24 (11.65%) have been accepted for publication. The dispositions as reported by the Scholar One system are shown in Tables 1 and 2. Please note that Tables 1a and 2a are based on submission date, while Tables 1b, 2b and 2c are based on decision date; this accounts for the varying data reported between the two sets of tables.

One of the objectives of the editorial team has been to enhance the quality and impact of the articles in the journal. Another has been to expand the range of expert involvement in the journal. In terms of the first area, we have sought to more actively involve associate editors in a two-step review process. We have also given a greater emphasis on the likely field interest of the submission under consideration, in addition to the traditional emphasis on the rigor of the methodology. In terms of expanding the scope of involvement, we have actively sought to recruit for the review process international scholars as well as emerging younger scholars. Finally, we have looked for ways to enhance the reputation and recognition of the journal. One initiative in this regard we have continued to explore has been to seek to improve the design and graphical presentation of the journal. However, we discovered that the latitude we had for such influence was insufficient to effect desired improvements.

There has been notable press coverage of an article by Scott Campbell & Nojin Kwak published in HCR 37-2. Several media outlets picked up the story, perhaps the most notable being http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42670316/ns/technology_and_science-tech_an

In terms of the international representation on our editorial board (n=88), we would note that 8 are from Europe, 7 from Asia, and the remaining 73 based in the United States. However many of the US-based members are non-US nationals or were born and raised outside the United States.

As shown in Table 2a there has been geographical dispersion throughout most of the world in terms of manuscript submissions, though the U.S. continues to predominate. One hundred and fifty submissions have come from the United States, five from the Finland, four from Japan, and two from Iran, among others.

We have not collected information about submitters' age, gender, political or religious views, handicapped or military veteran status, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

The entire editorial team looks forward to continuing our efforts to increase the quality and significance of the journal while also expanding its international scope in terms of content and participation.

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Manuscript Decision	Number of Manuscripts	Percentage of Total
Accept	24	11.65 %
Major Revision	29	14.08 %
Minor Revision	42	20.39 %
Reject	111	53.89 %
Total	206	100.0 %

Information based on all manuscripts received between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, grouped by manuscript decision

1 B

Manuscript Decision	Number of Manuscripts	Percentage of Total
Accept	26	11.0 %
Major Revision	33	13.9 %
Minor Revision	47	19.8 %
Reject	131	55.3 %
Total	237	100.0 %

Information based on all manuscripts with a decision date between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, grouped by manuscript decision

2 A

	# Manuscripts	Percentage
Australia	2	1.0 %
Belgium	3	1.5 %
Chile	1	0.5 %
Finland	5	2.4 %
Germany	2	1.0 %
Hong Kong	2	1.0 %
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2	1.0 %
Israel	4	1.9 %
Japan	4	1.9 %
Korea, Republic of	4	1.9 %
Malaysia	1	0.5 %
Netherlands	5	1.9 %
New Zealand	1	2.4 %
Portugal	1	0.5 %
Russian Federation	1	0.5 %
Singapore	3	0.5 %
Spain	4	1.5 %
Sweden	2	1.9 %
Taiwan	3	1.0 %
United Arab Emirates	1	1.5 %
United Kingdom	5	2.4 %
United States	150	72.8 %
Summary	206	100.0 %

Information based on all manuscripts received between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, grouped by country of submission

2 B

	# Manuscripts	Percentage
Australia	3	1.3 %
Belgium	3	1.3 %
Chile	1	0.4 %
China	1	0.4%
Finland	6	2.5 %
Germany	2	0.8 %
Hong Kong	2	0.8 %
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2	0.8%
Israel	4	1.7 %
Japan	5	2.1 %
Korea, Republic of	6	2.5 %
Malaysia	1	0.4 %
Netherlands	5	2.1 %
New Zealand	2	0.8%
Portugal	1	0.4%
Russian Federation	1	0.4%
Singapore	3	1.5 %
Spain	3	1.3 %
Sweden	2	0.8%
Taiwan	3	1.3%
United Arab Emirates	1	0.4%
United Kingdom	5	2.1 %
United States	175	72.8 %
Summary	237	100.0 %

Information based on all manuscripts with a decision date between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, grouped by country of submission

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Country	Accept	Reject	Total	Accept Ratio
Australia	0	2	2	0.0 %
Belgium	1	1	2	50.00%
Chile	0	1	1	0.00 %
China	0	1	1	0.00 %
Finland	1	1	2	50.00 %
Germany	0	2	2	0.00 %
Hong Kong	0	2	2	0.00 %
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0	2	2	0.00 %
Israel	1	2	3	33.33 %
Japan	2	0	2	100.00 %
Korea, Republic of	0	6	6	0.00 %
Malaysia	0	1	1	0.00 %
Netherlands	1	1	2	50.00 %
New Zealand	1	1	2	50.00 %
Portugal	0	1	1	0.00 %
Russian Federation	0	1	1	0 .00 %
Singapore	0	3	3	0 .00 %
Spain	0	3	3	0.0 %
Sweden	0	2	2	0.0 %
United Kingdom	0	3	3	0.0 %
United States	19	94	113	16.81 %
Summary	26	130	156	16.67 %

Information based on all manuscripts with a decision date between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011 (manuscripts accepted by country)

Journal of Communication

Michael Cody (U of Southern California, USA)
Editor-in-Chief

JOC Status

JOC officially went "online" using the Scholar One/Manuscript Central program on January 1, 2008. Between January 1 of 2008 and December 31, 2010 (3 years), a total of 819 new original manuscripts were submitted to JOC and reviewed at least once by reviewers – yielding at least one "editorial decision." This number excludes new submissions waiting for Reviewer Assignment, or new submissions currently under review. This number also excludes manuscripts forwarded by the former editor, Michael Pfua. This number also excludes "desk rejections," manuscripts the editor declined to send to reviewers due to the nature of the formatting, content, or lack of theory.

No manuscript was "Accepted" for publication during the first phase of the review process. In fact, the typical manuscript progresses through three phases of Revise and Re-submit before it is "Accepted" formally for publication. During the 3 years spanning 2008, 2009 and 2010 a total of 1146 editorial decisions were made, with the following outcomes:

Accept for publication, 113 manuscripts, 10%
"Final Version," 77 manuscripts, 7%
Minor Revision, 152 manuscripts, 13%
Major Revision, 130 manuscripts, 11%
Rejection, 671 manuscripts, 59%

The "Acceptance" rate of 10 to 11% is the average for ICA journals (based on my understanding). The category above saying "Final Version" means that I have "Accepted" the manuscript for publication pending certain final changes. We give authors 90 days to re-submit a manuscript, and by the time the 77 manuscripts are eventually returned, the number of "Rejections" will also increase. In my previous two reports I counted "desk rejections" in my calculations, but I did not keep an accurate count of these in 2010, and Mac Parks took over processing new submissions in September of 2010 and while I encouraged him to complete as many "desk rejections" as possible, I did not ask him to keep a count of these. Why encourage "desk rejections" – reviewer fatigue and the quality of JOC publications. If we received 325 new manuscripts a year (which has happened recently), one cannot send all of them out to reviewers – doing so consumes considerable time, effort and social capital. Further, we are devoted to advancing theory in JOC, and an editor should recommend authors to submit to a different journal if the paper is not sufficiently theoretical in nature.

The reader should not assume that the manuscripts listed above under the category of "Major revision" and "Minor revision" progress linearly toward "Acceptance." A number of authors completed a poor job in revising manuscripts, and the reviewers and editor concluded that the manuscript was not progressing sufficiently toward "Acceptance."

My last recommendation for changes at JOC is to modify the Manuscript Central program in such as way that manuscripts categorized as "Minor revision" or "Major revision" (by the Editor and

Reviewers) are re-categorized as "Overdue" or "Late" by the computer program after 120 days.

Why? We give authors 90 days to re-submit a paper and authors sometimes contact us to get an extension, otherwise they are "locked out" of a manuscript folder. However, it appears that some authors who were discouraged by the reviews simply decide to send a manuscript to a different journal or to publish a paper in a book chapter or to some other outlet. Thus, while we perceived the reviews as a "Minor" or "Major" revision, authors may be discouraged sufficiently to perceive the reviews as a "rejection." This proposed change is important because it will reduce slightly the number of manuscripts in the system that are technically being "revised," and one can add together the "Rejected" manuscripts and the "Overdue" manuscripts to get a better assessment of the number of manuscripts we "reject" and the one's authors perceived to have been functionally rejected.

Unresolved matters

We inherited a lengthy backlog. In fact, I published 15 manuscripts accepted for publication by the previous Editor, and these were published in early 2009. In 2009 we were only allocated 800 pages in 4 issues published each year. After some persuasion, ICA/Blackwell began to publish 6 issues a year, allocating 1200 pages. This is great news for JOC. Sadly, because of the backlog I inherited and the sheer numbers of manuscripts submitted, I estimate that I will also hand off to the next editor 13 to 15 manuscripts. I hate to have to do this, but it is inevitable. We are currently trying to keep these publications to one of Mac Parks' 6 issues.

I think it will be hard to avoid any backlog at all until we simply publish JOC completely online, but the ICA President told me recently this outcome is unlikely.

However, I have to credit Mike West with making a decision in the summer 2009 that proved to be significant. Mike West argued that we (many ICA journal editors) had been accepting manuscripts that were too long, and if we cut the "final" manuscript to a uniform 35 pages we'd be able to publish more manuscripts each year. I was resistant to this at first, but came to realize he was correct – some manuscripts were submitted at 35 pages, but after three revisions had grown to 60 pages – consuming space for perhaps two manuscripts. The briefer each manuscript becomes, the more we can publish.

International reach

After accepting the position of editor in 2007, Michael Cody talked with Michael Pfau about retaining most of the members of his editorial board, and solicited nominations from Krishnamurthy Sriramesh, Mohan J. Dutta, Larry Gross, Peter Vorderer (editor of Media Psychology), Kevin Wright (editor of the JCMC), Wolfgang Donsbach and others in order to ensure diversity in the membership of the Editorial Board and to include more international reviewers, including reviewers from the Pacific Rim and from Europe. We have created a large, editorial board, twice the size as the previous editor, and we have long list of 400+ active reviewers we use at JOC. Both of these lists include as many international scholars as possible; many in Israel, Germany, the Netherlands and Hong Kong, with a few more in Spain and Egypt.

Time under review

Authors had previously complained that the review process took too long. During the last three years, we have been able to produce a fairly quick turn-around in reviewing these manuscripts. Now, authors complain about how long it takes to see their manuscript appear in print. I do not have an answer to this problem.

Turn-around times for reviewing have remained stable to several years:

(a) We assigned reviewers within 10 days of receipt (on average),

(b) Reviewers typically submitted reviews in 36 days (on average), and

(c) The Editor-in-Chief made a "first decision" on a manuscript in 54 days (on average).

Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication

Maria Bakardjieva (U of Calgary, Canada)
Editor-in-Chief

Introduction

The Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (JCMC) was transferred to a new editorial team in January 2011. Dr. Maria Bakardjieva (University of Calgary) has taken on the role of editor of JCMC and Delia Dumitrica (University of Calgary) has taken on the role of managing editor. At the time of the transfer, seven accepted manuscripts were in the journal's bank and four of them have already been included in volume 16 issue 3. The last issue of this volume is scheduled for June 2011. It will only allow us to include about 4 paper because the previous issues have taken up most of the page limit for the volume.

Since January 2011, the new editorial team has received 135 new submissions (as of April 14, 2011), updated the manuscript submission guidelines on the journal's page with Wiley and ICA, and updated the letter templates for the correspondence with the author. The team successfully published its first volume, which appeared without any delays (April 2011).

Key statistics

1. **Journal status** (e.g., ranking, ISI impact factor, circulation)

Impact Factor: 3.639

ISI Journal Citation Reports © Ranking: 2009: 1/54 (Communication); 3/65 (Information Science & Library Science)

Circulation: no data

(Source: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291083-6101)

2. **Review timeframe**

Median time from submission to decision: 51 days.

Average time for Accepted manuscripts:

81.33 days between original submission and first decision

169.38 days between original submission and final decision

Number of revisions: 1.15

Average time for Rejected manuscripts:

54.4 days between original submission and first decision.

55.6 days between original submission and final decision.

3. **Statistics and Acceptance Rates**

Number of submissions: 462 (440 Research papers, 22 Research briefs)

Desk rejection process: Manuscripts that do not fit with the areas of interest of JCMC are rejected before the review process. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the journal and the general openness of the notion of a 'computer' (e.g., does the mobile phone qualifies as one?) these decisions are not straightforward. Often we find that

the submitted manuscripts are more appropriate for a computer/ information science journal (i.e. they focus on ICTs from a technical or mathematical perspective), or for marketing or psychology journals. Due to the extremely high number of submissions, manuscripts are also gauged for quality, for example presence of theoretical perspective and developed methodology. Some desk rejections are made on that basis.

Original submissions:

Accept	Major Revision	Minor Revision	Reject	Reject (Inappropr.)	Total
1 (0.3% of total submissions)	35 (9.2%)	5 (1.3%)	299 (78.5%)	41 (10.8%)	381

Revisions:

Accept	Major Revision	Reject	Total
10	4	4	18

4. **Country of Origin** for submitted manuscripts and accepted manuscripts

Information based on all manuscripts with a decision date for the period under review:

5. **Editorial board**

Representation by country:

US: 29

UK: 2

Germany: 1

Netherlands: 1

Australia: 1

Cyprus: 1

Representation by gender:

Female: 16

Male: 19

6. **Special issues:** two special issues have been published since April 2010. Three special issues have been proposed. One has been accepted and is in the final stages of reviewing. The other two proposals are still at the "call for papers" stage the agreement being that the submissions will go through the regular JCMC reviewing process.

Recommendations

Acceptance/ Rejection rate by country: US articles heavily predominate. It is important to come up with strategies to attract quality submissions from other areas of the world. The pool of reviewers: One of the major problems with which we are confronted is the lack of sufficient number of willing

reviewers for specific topics (e.g., online social networks such as Facebook and the likes). We receive an increasing number of submissions dealing with these applications, but there are simply not enough experts to rely on. We have already used most of the reviewers in this field in the first months of the year. Another problem is that of ensuring a fair review process: how can we improve the process through which we identify suitable reviewers? We do not have enough resources to update the reviewer database. The reviewer database has to be expanded and diversified. We suggest that ManuscriptCentral be linked to the ICA membership database to allow a broader circle of reviewers to be reached.

The rate of rejection: Although a low rate of acceptance vs. submission may be seen as an indicator of a tough review process, it also depletes our reviewer pool. It is critical that we come up with a way to sift the submissions and send out fewer papers for review. However, this would mean significant increase of working hours invested in the process of pre-selection by the managing editor and the editor-in-chief. At the current volume of submissions we are unable to ensure sufficiently rigorous pre-selection. This of course increases the work load at the later stages of the process. In simple terms, we are swamped. As the JCMC is an interdisciplinary journal, we often have reviewers decline because they receive too many review requests from various journals. Competition for reviewers seems to be high; what can we do to retain and build an expert pool of reviewers?

Late reviews: As a new editorial team we are still unsure what our policy in cases of late reviews should be. When should we assume a reviewer will not fulfill the promise to review? We would appreciate input from more experienced editors on that issue.

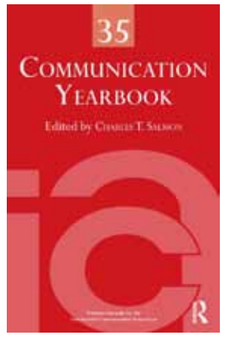
Editorial board: I would like to know if the ICA has any formal policy concerning the formation and changes in editorial board membership.

Special issues: No formal process of proposing and approving special issues seems to be in place. At the same time, special issue proposals come in quite often. I would like to hear from other editors and the ICA Publications Committee about best practices and policies regarding special issues so that a more structured approval process can be established at the JCMC.

Administrative workflow: The number of working hours required for the administration of the submissions and reviews is high. The JCMC's managing editor Delia Dumitrica has previous experience in that role from another journal. She is competent in this area of communication studies. She is fluent in using ManuscriptCentral and her dedication and work ethic are as high as they come. Never-the-less she constantly feels overwhelmed by the number of submissions. I strongly urge the ICA to consider providing funding for more working hours by the managing editor. At this rate of submission, if the journal wants to maintain a quality review process and professional communication with authors, the managing editor should be hired for about 20 hours per week. As the editor-in-chief, I need to get at least one course release per year in order to stay on top of my tasks. Therefore, I have to split the current editorial stipend in two to be able to pay both the managing editor and my university for the release. I believe it would be adequate to increase the editorial stipend (or designate funds within the ICA headquarters) to fully cover a managing editor's salary at 20 hours per week. I am certainly open to learning about efficient ways of handling the submission flow by editors who have to deal with similarly high submission rates.

I still do not have enough experience and data, but I suspect that at this submission rate and annual page limit the JCMC will see longer waiting times between acceptance and publication in the near future. Together with the Wiley-Blackwell editorial staff and with the approval of Mike West we have made the decision to decrease the font and margins of the published pages in order to open up more space. This is a palliative measure. The ICA may need to negotiate with the publisher an increase of the annual page limit.

The report template included several categories for which the system does not keep a record: "Topic", "International Scholars publishing within USA" (??) and "Gender".



Communication Yearbook

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Volume 35

Volume 35 of Communication Yearbook continues in the vein of providing state-of-the-art reviews of communication systems, processes and effects, through interdisciplinary and international lenses.

As can be seen in the accompanying table of contents, the Volume reflects a broad cross-section of the eclectic interests of the community of ICA scholars, addressing such topics as:

- the role of women pioneers in the early days of mass communication scholarship;
- communication in copreneurial and family businesses;
- communication technology and aging;
- the communication of love across cultures;
- new perspectives on critical discourse analysis;
- "anonymous" communication as a subfield of communication studies.

Overall, twelve manuscripts were selected for publication from a pool of thirty-five submissions. Four internationally renowned scholars (Mihai Coman, Romania; Jon Nussbaum, USA; Ruth Wodak, Great Britain; and Pen Hwa Ang, Singapore) were recruited to serve as discussants for the volume.

Associate editors and editorial board members for the volume were once again selected to provide strong international representation and perspective. The four associate editors were: Cindy Gallois (Queensland, Australia); Nurit Guttman (Tel Aviv, Israel); Christina Holtz-Bacha, Erlangen-Nurrnberg, Germany; and Joseph Walther, Michigan State, USA).

Volume 36

Volume 36, the final volume of my editorship, is shaping up to include some extraordinary review essays. A distinguished roster of internatinal and interdisciplinary scholars will include such luminaries as: Miles Hewstone (Oxford University; social psychology); Joel Best (Delaware; sociology); Xinshu Zhao (Hong Kong; communication); Wolfgang Donsbach (Dresden; communication); and Linda Putnam (UCSB, communication). Additional data will be available once the editorial process is completed for this volume.

The ICA Handbook Series, in collaboration between ICA and Routledge, publishes edited review volumes on broad and emerging topical areas of communication research. Handbooks published or in press as of March 2011:

1. Strömbäck, J., & Kaid, L. L. (Eds.). (2008). Handbook of Election Coverage Around the World.
2. Wahl-Jorgensen, K., & Hanitzsch, T. (Eds.). (2009). Handbook of Journalism Studies.
3. Cheney, G., May, S., & Munshi, D. (Eds.). (2010). Handbook of Communication Ethics.
4. Handbooks under contract and in progress as of March 2011:
5. Esser, F., & Hanitzsch, T. (Eds.). Handbook of Comparative Communication Research. [publication anticipated 2011]
6. Giles, H. (Ed.). Handbook of Intergroup Communication. [publication anticipated 2012]
7. Simonson, P., Peck, J., Craig, R. T., & Jackson, J. P. (Eds.). Handbook of Communication History. [publication anticipated 2012]

Carbaugh, D. (Ed.). Handbook of Communication in Cross-Cultural Perspective. [review completed, contract under discussion, publication anticipated 2013]

Several other handbook projects are currently under development, with publication of one or two handbooks per year anticipated. We are actively seeking ideas for potential handbook topics and editors. We would be grateful for any suggestions or inquiries from members of the Board or other ICA members. Email me: Robert.Craig@Colorado.edu and/or Linda Bathgate (Senior Editor, Routledge): Linda.Bathgate@taylorandfrancis.com.