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There are many special Organizational Communication Division events that promise to make our 2003 ICA conference memorable: the Organizational Communication Doctoral Consortium on Friday; the New Member Breakfast and Birds of a Feather sessions (BoFs) on Saturday; the Academic Industry Task Force panel on Sunday; and the Top Paper panel, the Division Business Meeting and the Division Reception on Monday. This column describes these events as well as updates the activities of the Division committees.

The Organizational Doctoral Consortium (Friday, May 23rd, 8.15 am – 5.15 pm), organized this year by the Vice Chair, Steve Corman, Arizona State University, is an opportunity for doctoral students in the area of organizational communication to participate in a day-long series of discussions and presentations with about 20 junior and senior organizational communication faculty members. We have had an excellent response to early registration. There are a few more open slots, so please encourage doctoral students to take advantage of this pre-conference event.

We kick-off the conference with a New Member Breakfast (Saturday, May 24th, 7 am to 8.15 am) in the Orlando Room. We hope this will serve as an exciting forum for the members of the Division to meet new members, and for the new members to get better acquainted with our Division and its practices. We have catered for a good turnout. So we hope you, as well as your recently recruited Division members, will attend. We will be distributing the Division’s Paper Abstracts at the New Member Breakfast.

Later on Saturday, our Division premieres nine Birds of a Feather Sessions (Saturday, May 24th, 3.45 pm – 5 pm). This event will provide an informal/social opportunity for senior and junior scholars to cluster informally at assigned tables to meet and learn more about others who share similar intellectual interests. We have the following nine Birds of a Feather sessions (BoFs): (i) Critical Theory, chaired by Dennis Mumby, University of North Carolina, (ii) Discourse, Discourse Analysis, and Organizations chaired by Linda Putnam, Texas A&M University, (iii) Feminist Theory, chaired by Patrice Buzzanell, Purdue University, (iv) Organizational Change chaired by Ted Zorn, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, (v) Organizational Groups and Teams, chaired by Andrea Hollingshead, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (vi) Organizational Image, Identity and Identification, chaired by George Cheney, University of Utah, (vii) Organizational Networks, chaired by Peter Monge, University of Southern California (viii) Organizational Socialization and Relationships, chaired by Vernon Miller, Michigan State University, and (ix) Organizational Technologies, chaired by Ron Rice, Rutgers University. We are very fortunate to have enlisted prominent
scholars in each of these areas to chair these sessions. We hope you will attend these sessions and benefit from the experience.

On Sunday, the Division hosts the **Academic Industry (A-I) Task Force panel** (Sunday, May 25th, 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm) for dialog about results (or the conduct of research) that has implications for academic-industry knowledge transfer. In a departure from previous years, the Task Force selected the Academic-Industry panelists from all of the Organizational Communication Division paper presenters at this year’s conference. The A-I Task Force is co-chaired by **Mary Eicholtz**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, **Paige Turner**, Saint Louis University, and **Aline Wolff**, New York University. The A-I task force panel will also unveil an effort to use web-based technologies to help foster knowledge networks among and across the scholarly and practitioner communities.

Monday will be a particularly busy day for Organizational Communication Division members. The **Top Paper panel** (Monday, May 26th, 3.45 pm – 5 pm) showcases the Division’s Top four papers. (i) “*Organizations as Discursive Constructions: Unpacking the Metaphor*” by **Gail Fairhurst**, University of Cincinnati, and **Linda Putnam**, Texas A&M University; (ii) “*Maintaining Inter-Organizational Relationships that Build Nations*” by **Marya Doerfel**, Rutgers University, and, **Maureen Taylor**, Rutgers University; (iii) “*Organizational Discourse and New Media: A Practice Perspective*” by **Pablo Boczkowski**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and **Wanda Orlikowski**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and (iv) “*ʻBut That’s What You Call Sisu’: Blue-Collar Discourse of Work, Career, and Success*” by **Kristen Lucas**, Purdue University, and **Patrice Buzzanell**, Purdue University. We are very pleased to have **Stephen Barley**, Stanford University, to serve as the respondent to the Top Paper panel.

As is tradition in our Division, our Top Paper panel will be followed by the **Division Business Meeting** (Monday, May 26th, 5.15 pm – 6.30 pm). Among other items, we will present the **Outstanding Division Member Award** (selected by the two immediate past Chairs of the Division – **Patrice Buzzanell**, Purdue University and **David Seibold**, University of California at Santa Barbara), the **Redding Dissertation Award** (selected by a committee chaired by the Division Secretary, **Steve May**, University of North Carolina, and including **John Lammers**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, **Fred Jablin**, University of Richmond, **Angela Trethewey**, Arizona State University, and **Connie Bullis**, University of Utah. We will also invite nominations from the floor for the Division’s next Vice Chair as well as paper readers for the ICA 2004 conference. The Division’s Nominations Committee is chaired by **Dennis Mumby**, University of North Carolina, and includes **Gail Fairhurst**, University of Cincinnati, **Andrew Flanagin**, University of California at Santa Barbara, and **Katherine Miller**, Texas A&M University. Feel free to contact Dennis Mumby (mumby@email.unc.edu) or other committee members if you would like to nominate yourself or others for Vice Chair or paper readers. For those unable to attend ICA, we will post the minutes of the Business Meeting as well as news about Awards on the Organizational Communication Division’s web site at [http://www.ohio.edu/ica-orgcomm/](http://www.ohio.edu/ica-orgcomm/)
and via the Division listserv (ICAOrgCom@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu) both of which are being managed by Secretary-elect, Caryn Medved, Ohio University.

The Organizational Communication Division Reception (Monday, May 26th, 6.45 – 8 pm) will follow the Business Meeting. Our reception is co-sponsored with Management Communication Quarterly, thanks to editor, Charles Conrad Texas A&M University.

In addition to these events, the Division has over 30 panels and sessions which will showcase the breadth, depth, and leading edge qualities of intellectual scholarship in our Division. I hope you will find this conference an excellent vehicle to engage with interesting ideas and people!!!