Greetings!

Steve May, our secretary and webmaster, reports that our division website will be completely updated by the time you receive this newsletter. Take a look at our website! We have photos from recent conferences, past newsletter columns, minutes from our 2001 business meeting, Top 3 papers, historical information on award-winners and division officers, conference abstracts, and much more. To complete part of our website archives, we are looking for details on our W. Charles Redding Dissertation Award winners. If you know of an award winner, please send the person’s name, dissertation title, university from which the Ph.D. was granted, and advisor, to Josh Barbour, our division historian (barbour78@aol.com).

We’re pleased to announce our Interactive Display Award winners from our two poster sessions in May 2001. There was a tie in the first session so the winners are:

- **Anne Hubbell**, New Mexico State U, and **Caryn Medved**, Ohio U, for their display, “Measuring Trustworthy Organizational Behaviors: A Review of the Literature and Scale Validation”

- **Diane Monahan**, Keene State College, for her display, “Employees’ Responses to Aggression in the Workplace”

In the second session, several authors wrote individual papers on the work-family communication theme but designed a single poster. We are awarding our Interactive Display Award certificate to the collaborative efforts of:

- **Paige Edley** and **Ginger Bihn** of Bowling Green State U, for “How Single Mothers Balance Work and Family: Identity Work and Family/Friends”


- **Annika Hylmo**, George Mason U, “It's Kind of Like Leaving Home: Men, Women, and the (Re)negotiating of Relationships at Home and Work in a Telecommuting Organization”

- **Laura Prividera**, Bowling Green State U, “A Home Life Worth Working For: The Effect of Peer Marriages on Organizational Life”

Congratulations! We’ll present the Interactive Display Award certificates at our business meeting next July in Korea.

I would like to thank Bob McPhee, Arizona State U, for summarizing the feedback on our high density panels. Unfortunately, only around 10 people responded to the e-mail and division newsletter column requests for feedback. On the positive side, our division members said that they enjoyed receiving feedback from a couple of
respondents and from audience members. The challenge of presenting theory and research in such constrained time limits was productive. However, members expressed concerns that the time might be inadequate for complex theoretical development and that the format might lower audience members’ expectations and attendance. (On the issue of audience attendance, our high density panels had very high attendance for the presentations, but not necessarily for the interactive portion of the panel). Some aspects that we might consider changing are the ways chairs organize and time their sessions as well as the ways respondents provide feedback. Members note that some audience members feel shy about coming up and talking to presenters, whereas other audience members monopolize a single presenter’s time. Another comment that deserves consideration is that such panels may not work well when presenters have divergent or clashing orientations (and lack time to explain). Overall, high density panelists did superb jobs of presenting material coherently, fully (we… as much as can be done in 5 minutes!), and enjoyably. Nosh Contractor, our program planner for the 2002 conference, and I will review these comments and others as we discuss our upcoming conference. We’d appreciate further suggestions if you’d like to e-mail them.

As you’ll see in this issue of the ICA newsletter, the ICA headquarters move to DC is going smoothly. Also, the board has been making decisions about new editors for some of our association publications (Communication Theory, Journal of Communication, and Communication Yearbook).

The annual Organizational Communication Mini-Conference that features dissertation research presentations is being held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. If you’re interested in this miniconference, please contact John Lammers for details (jclammer@uiuc.edu). The miniconference is being held during the weekend of September 21-23, 2001.

I am sad to say that Ann Redding, the partner of ‘The Father of Organizational Communication,” W. Charles Redding, passed away at the beginning of August 2001. Just as Charles did, Ann requested that donations be made either to the ICA W. Charles Redding Dissertation Award or to the W. C. Redding Graduate Fellowship at the Department of Communication, Purdue University.

If you have news that you feel would be of special interest to our division members, please let me know. I hope that this upcoming academic year is a productive and enjoyable one for you!

Take care,
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