New books


WWW sites of interest

All of these addresses begin with http://
ICA National Headquarters
www.io.com/~icahdg/ica/ea.html

Conserv [Communication Server at RPI]
cios.ltc.rpi.edu:4997

Computer-mediated Communication Magazine
www.december.com/cmudmag/currenttoc.html

Journal of Computer-mediated Communication
www.usc.edu/dept/Vannenberg/Vol1/issue4/
vol1n04.html

Technological determinism (Articles on technology)
www.aber.ac.uk/~dge/deterct.html

The Dilbert Zone (essential organizational humor)
www.unitedmedia.com/comics/dilbert/

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New editor

Helps from the new editor of the Division IV newsletter. This newsletter is similar to what Anita has successfully labored over in the past. As I get up to speed on developing new ideas, and making contacts with ICA members there will be some subtle changes. First, I expect to increase the amount of information about internet distribution lists and WEB sites. While it is easy some days to conclude that there is nothing useful in cyberspace, I believe that this is wrong. The listing of World Wide Web addresses is of that. Meanwhile please contact me if you have any juicy news!

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Eric's parting words...

Greetings from Tampa! I want to take this opportunity to once again thank our dedicated vice-chair, paper readers, and division secretary for their hard work in putting together the program. Chicago is certain to be an outstanding conference. If you submitted a paper or panel for consideration, you should have heard by now about the status of the submission. While the overall number of submitted papers was down (57), quality was up. We need to find a way to maintain quality while increasing the number of submissions. My get theory is that our members have been so successful in making their work relevant to the public that they have less time to write - what do you think? I’d love to hear your opinion.

As you plan your stay in Chicago, there are a number of Division Four activities you should be sure not to miss. First, plan to attend the May 23 preconference on “Communication and the Future of Work.” A registration form with a list of featured speakers is attached to this newsletter. Register early, as seats are limited to 25. Second, don’t miss our two plenary speakers, Karl Weick (U of Michigan) and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (U of Chicago). Weick’s topic Friday morning will be “Sensemaking, dialogue, and community.” Csikszentmihalyi will discuss “Creativity at work” on Saturday. Third, take a chance Saturday night and attend the first ever joint OrgCom/MassCom cocktail party and blues jam session. Bob Kubes’ band “The Professors” will be there, with Larry Grossberg “responding” to the pandemonium that is likely to ensue.

Fourth, check out some of our experimental panels. For the first time we are trying a “high density” session that combines brief presentations with posters. Also, during the competitive poster session, two senior scholars will circulate and give feedback to presenters. You should too!

And, of course, don’t miss the Top Three session, the presentation of the Redding Award, and the ever-popular business meeting, at which time I will hand the reins of the division over to Kathy Miller.

There are a few other activities and opportunities worth noting. Bruce Hyde of St. Cloud State U has organized a theme panel on “The Pedagogy of Dialogue” that picks us up and expands upon many of the issues raised last year with Bill Isaacs. I encourage you to attend.

Dennis Munby will be calling around to identify nominations for paper readers for the division, as well as for our next secretary. And John Lawrence needs your help in finding ways to increase division membership. We are now third largest (behind MassCom & inter-cultural) and could do a better job of recruiting people to join us.

The international column

There is no column this issue. Two individuals in the Philippines and Japan have been contacted. Both have expressed an interest in reporting on activities in their respective countries. I am also looking for correspondents in Latin or South America and Africa. I think that these geographic areas are underrepresented in terms of our knowledge about organizational communication research activities.

Future conventions

May 23-27, 1996
Chicago
May 25-29, 1997
Montreal
July 20-24, 1998
Israel
ICA Division Four Preconference  
May 23, 1996  
Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Future of Work: Communicating Under a New Social Contract

Participants: George Cheney, Patrice Buzzanell, Steve May, John Llewelyn, Buddy Goodall, Kathleen Reardon, Jane Jorgenson, Fred Steier, Robin Clair, Katherine Miller, Michael Holmes, Linda Putnam, Fred Jablin, Stan Deetz, Cynthia Stohl, Teresa Harrison, Gail Fairhurst, Gary Kreps, Eric Dishman, and Kathy Krone.

Registration Form

Name: ____________________________________________

Department: ________________________________________

Institution: _________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

Phone: Office: _______________ Home: _______________

Please make a check for US$25 Payable to the International Communication Association and forward it with this form by April 7, 1996, to:

International Communication Association  
P.O. Box 9589  
Austin, Texas, 78766 USA

Please register early because seats are limited to 25 people.

If you have questions regarding the preconference, please feel free to contact Dr. Eric Eisenberg at (813) 974-6823 or EEISENBE@CIS01.CIS.USF.EDU.