Bits and Pieces

MEMBERSHIP

Division IV has 517 current members as of October 1, 1992. This number is down slightly from the 530 members affiliating with the division on March 1. Membership has, however, remained relatively stable over the last several years.

Our members represent 26 countries from Australia to Hong Kong, Japan to The Netherlands, South Korea to Venezuela. There are 73 members in 25 countries around the world and 444 members in the USA. The international flavor of Division IV contributes to its success.

If you have colleagues who share your professional interests, suggest they join Division IV!

ELECTRONICALLY MAILED NEWSLETTER?

One of the suggestions made during the 1992 Business Meeting in Miami, was to send the Division IV NEWS using electronic messaging. As editor, I am perfectly amenable to that suggestion. What I need to know from the membership is how many of you would like to receive your newsletter electronically?

If you would like to try receiving your newsletter electronically, please send me your electronic mail address. My INTERNET address is on the front of this newsletter.

NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please send items for inclusion in the next Division IV NEWS to the editor no later than February 15, 1993.

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News From the Division Chair

We're looking forward to an exciting convention in Washington, D.C., May 27-31, 1993. We hope lots of Division IV members can attend!

DOCTORAL STUDENT CONSORTIUM

Plans are almost finalized for the Organizational Communication Division's third Doctoral Student Consortium, which will be held on workshop day, May 27th, at the Washington, D.C., ICA Conference.

Doctoral students who have completed or are close to completing their Ph.D. coursework, but who have not yet begun work on their dissertations, will be eligible to participate. Morning and afternoon sessions will focus on the Consortium research theme—Charting New Waters: Turning Points in Research Programs. The sessions will include presentations and informal discussions by established scholars in the discipline who have transitioned into areas such as structurization, post-modernism, ethnography, negotiation, international organizations, socialization, and others.

The evening sessions will explore a number of issues relevant to socialization to the profession, including ethical concerns in professional and consulting roles, building a meaningful program of research, and juggling roles and setting priorities as a new faculty member.

To date, the speakers and discussion facilitators include Teri Albrecht, Eric Eisenberg, Lloyd (Buddy) Goodall, Fred Jablin, Bob McPhee, Peter Monge, Dennis Mumby, Linda Putnam, Fred Steier, and Cynthia Stohl.

All graduate students meeting the criteria are encouraged to participate. So, mark your calendars for May 27, 1993. Complete registration information will be in the next newsletter.

BETTY FRIEDAN SPEAKS TO US!

Division IV is happy to announce that Betty Friedan will be a featured panelist on Friday, May 28, talking about Women and Work Issues. In addition, our second featured panelist is Hank Sims from the University of Maryland, who will be talking about the Communication Implications of the Superleadership Model.

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Announcements

MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS

R. Wayne Pace, a professor of organizational behavior in the Marriott School of Manage-ment at Brigham Young University, received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Human Resource Development Professor's Network of the American Society for Training and Development at its national meeting in New Orleans in June. The award recognizes a professor for excellence in teaching and research in the field of human resource development.

Pace was ICA President in 1971, Western Speech Com-
Australia, Part 3
GETTING TO KNOW AUSTRALIA: TRAVELLING AROUND

Time is getting away. We are now down to 20 months before the 1994 ICA Convention in Sydney. In my last column, I discussed some ideas for getting to Australia; this time I will discuss some of the major cities and regions outside of Sydney, which you might consider visiting during your stay there.

For the tourist, the land area of Australia often comes as a surprise. Australia is similar in size to the contiguous United States, or most of Western Europe. The climate ranges from tropical in the North, to deserts in the West, and temperate to cool in the South. Generalised questions about the weather such as 'What's the climate like in Australia?' really have no meaning.

The federal capital of Australia is a beautiful city called Canberra, situated in the Australian Capital Territory. Australia is divided into seven states:

- Western Australia, all the western side of the country, capital is Perth, locals called and groopers;
- the Northern Territory, the top middle part of Australia known as the "top end," capital is Darwin, locals called 'territorians';
- South Australia, the bottom middle part, capital is Adelaide;
- Queensland, the top eastern part, capital is Brisbane, locals called banana vendors;
- New South Wales, the middle eastern part, capital is Sydney;
- Victoria, bottom southeastern part, capital is Melbourne, and;
- Tasmania, southerly island, capital is Hobart.

If you are travelling to distant cities, flying is the quickest way to go. The airline network is extensive and has very high standards. The main airlines are Ansett, Australian, and Compass. Be prepared to book in advance and to look for bargains—deregulation has made airfares competitive in Australia. There is also an extensive range of long distance buses, trains, and the usual hire car companies.

PLACES TO VISIT

Like any country, just travelling around meeting the locals is a worthwhile experience; Australia is very safe, clean, and friendly by any standards. Here are some highlights for visitors.

The furthest city from Sydney is Perth (pop. 1 million), situated on the Indian Ocean at the mouth of the Swan River. It has excellent beaches and the old port of Fremantle is well worth a visit. To the south of Perth are extensive forests of Jarrah and Kauri trees as well as some excellent wineries around the Margaret River area.

The Northern Territory is sparsely populated, and has many tribal aborigines. It is a good place to find aboriginal art and culture. Darwin, a relatively small frontier-like city, is typically Australian. Kakadu National Park, the world's largest tropical wetlands, contains the largest nesting grounds for the world's largest bird; goliath pelican. Litchfield National Park, which includes the world's largest monolith, is a true wilderness area. Alice Springs is another popular place to visit.

Adelaide (pop. 1 million), in South Australia, has a dry Mediterranean climate, the Adelaide Hills, and the Flinders ranges great for touring. The Barossa Valley to the north of Adelaide (60km) is a premier wine area.

In Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's greatest coral reef—a must. Resorts and coastal towns in Queensland adjacent to the reef, such as Cairns, Rockhampton, and Townsville, deserve a visit. The islands of the Whitsundays are wonderful. To the south of Queensland is the capital, Brisbane (1 million), and Surfers Paradise—semi-tropical climate with brilliant resort beaches.

Melbourne is Australia's second largest city with a population of 3 million. It has excellent galleries and good shopping. The Great South Road from Melbourne to Adelaide is a popular scenic route. Further south is Tasmania, a place for nature lovers. It has unspoiled forests, mountains, and unique animals dating from prehistoric times. The Tasmanian devil must be the ugliest, most vicious animal I have seen—it's so horrible it's almost beautiful.

Another interesting excursion is a trip along the Murray River (Australia's Mississippi River). A number of one day to one week trips are available. I have not talked about tourism in New South Wales or trips to Canberra, which are closer to the conference venue, Sydney. I will discuss these regions in future issues as the conference draws closer.

For our strine (Australian) students, a few more phrases: owwygeonnimite? = How are you? wossaste? = What time is it? brissie = Brisbane melbun = Melbourne tassie = Tasmania pm = Englishman septic tank = American

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