Mobile Communication Division  
Business meeting minutes

Programmed: May 28 May 2023, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM; Hyatt - Regency 3+4 (Hyatt)

Chair: Keri Stephens (The U of Texas at Austin)  
Vice Chair: Mariek Vanden Abeele (Ghent U)  
Secretary: Kathrin Karsay (KU Leuven)

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM; M - Chestnut West (Sheraton)

About 50 people attended

Agenda

1. Chair’s report & Division Status  
   Keri Stephens
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11. Transition to new leadership  
    Mariek Vanden Abeele

1. Chair’s report (Keri Stephens, Chair)

Our chair, Keri, presents facts and figures about the state of our division:

- In terms of membership, we are at 266 members (as of August 2022)
- Finances are good ($3,913; prior to ICA 2023); $500 will be spent for the Emerging Scholar Award, and the Preconference was sponsored with $200.
- Keri highlights the internationality and diversity of our division, being among the top global sections within ICA. Furthermore, we have a good mix of senior and emerging scholars.
- We had fewer paper submissions compared to last year and a lower acceptance rate, filling 12 total sessions (including four hybrid sessions and a business meeting)
  - Papers: Submitted: 52, Accepted: 35, Acceptance Rate: 67%
  - Extended Abstracts: Submitted: 41, Accepted: 27 Acceptance Rate: 56%
  - Research Escalator: 4 Submitted, 3 Accepted
  - Panels: Submitted: 3, Accepted: 2
- Of our 87 papers/extended abstracts programmed, the first authors were from 20 different countries.
- Authors were asked to choose to present in person or virtually (this didn’t impact the acceptance rate this year)
- Student-led papers were down from ICA 2023 but remain very high quality!
- Travel Grant Award winner: *The Psychological Influence of Number of Profiles and Decision Mode on Dating Apps: When Locomotion is Self-Devaluing*. Marina Thomas, U of Vienna, Alice Binder, U Klagenfurt, Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Keri further recognized and thanked divisions reviewers and chairs. Also, she asked about the sessions that included two chairs for the first time. Overall, the response was very positive; in particular for hybrid sessions, two chairs were handy.

Keri informed us of the motions from the ICA Board meeting:

- ICA is financially healthy; the budget passed
- Funds are being devoted to continuing internationalization and inclusion efforts
  - Committee to explore tier systems
  - Three Regional Conferences
- Despite its success, we won't get a free session for a Welcome Session next year. Keri recommends not using a session for this next year but creating a welcome video to share on the website.
- We won't get a free session for Research Escalator. A recommendation would be to handle those sessions virtually instead.
- Keri proposes to create a Virtual Events Manager Position to enable online interaction, community building, etc., to improve the virtual ICA experience.

Keri reminded us about the importance of the keyword. She explains that for the automated matching of reviewers, only the first of the three provided keywords is used for the matching algorithm. Thus, she emphasizes the importance of the first keyword.

2. Pre-conference (Mariek Vanden Abeele, Adriana de Souza e Silva)

Our vice-chair, Mariek, reports about the 20th Annual ICA Mobile Preconference: “Keeping it Real After 20 Years: Reclaiming Mobile Communication Scholarship in a Phone-Less Future.”

- The conference had about 35 attendees, eight workshops, and a thought-provoking keynote by local host Jeff Boase.
- The pre-conference continues to be a space where mobile scholars can meet and share ideas—in workshop formats, as the “traditional” presentations are scheduled for the main conference.
- Mariek thanked the sponsors.

Next, Adriana announced the 21st edition of the pre-conference in June 2024:

- The location and local host are still to be determined.
- The pre-conference proposal call will be released in September/October 2023. The deadline for workshop submissions is December 2023; acceptance notifications are planned for January 2024
- Those interested in joining the pre-conference planning team, please get in touch with Adriana.

3. Doctoral consortium (Didem Özkül)

Didem Özkül, Co-Organizer of the Doctoral Consortium (together with Bree McEwan from the Communication and Technology Division of ICA), updates the group:

- 18 Doctoral students (5 groups) participated in the doctoral consortium.
- 10 Mentor; More mentors are needed from Mobile Division (we only had one this year)
• 3 Feedback sessions, Poster session, and Professional development session – overall, a success!

4. Secretary (Kathrin Karsay)

Our Secretary, Kathrin, presents information on the four communication channels of the interest group.

• Email to members via ICA list (strictly to current members)
• ICA Mobile Website (https://www.icamobile.org)
• Twitter Profile @ICA_Mobile (772 Followers, increase by 255)
• ICA LINK community ‘Mobile Communication’ (258 Members, 98 Discussions)
• Our tweets have an impact: 22.9K Tweet impressions 28 days before the business meeting (56.8K for May 2023)
• Twitter data indicates that @ICA_Mobile Followers are fairly diverse

5. Student & Early Career Rep (Anneleen Meeus)

Our Student and Early Career Representative, Anneleen, reports on the social activities from last year.

• #MobileComm Early Career Lunch: On-site lunch in Toronto to connect Mobile Comm early career scholars; Great success with about 30 participants
• Social Media hashtag #ICAMobileMoments helped improve our group's visibility further.

6. IL Updates (Waqas Ejaz)

Our International Liaison (IL), Waqas, emphasizes that Global South scholars need literature access, yet can't access literature themselves. He thus proposes to add an online form to the ICA Mobile Website where researchers can indicate which article, book chapter, etc., they need. The form will be linked to Waqas’ email. If he cannot access the literature, he will ask ICA Mobile members whether they can provide them.

7. Mobile Media & Communication (Veronika Karnowsk & Adriana de Souza e Silva)

Veronika, Co-Editor of Mobile Media & Communication, gives an update on the journal:

• The 5-year Impact factor: 4.107
• Ranking in communication: 31 out of 467 (CiteScore) / 45 out of 447 (SJR)
• Original submissions past year (May 2022-April 2023): 256
• Current acceptance rate: 17% (higher than usual due to the anniversary issue)
• Upcoming special issues / Calls (available on the journal website)
  - “Homelessness and Mobile Media” guest editors Maren Hartmann, Justine Humphry, David Lowis & Will Marler, to be published in January 2024
  - There is also an open call for Research Software Reviews; this review section is a dialogue-oriented format, a short format of 1000 words. Submissions can be sent to the section editor Jakob Ohme, mmc.software.review@gmail.com
• Veronika thanks all reviewers and authors.
Rich Ling adds that proposals for the edited book series at Routledge, edited together with Gerard Goggin, Leopoldina Fortunati, and Suzanne Richardson, are welcome. Proposals might include either single (or multiple) authored monographs or edited collections and should be directed to any of the editors.

8. Awards (Keri Stephens, Chair)

Keri Stevens lead through the awards presentation.

The Top 1 Paper Award Winner:
Person- and Situation-Specific Variance in Media Use: A Meta-Analysis by Anna Schnauber-Stockmann, Michael Scharkow, Veronika Karnowski, Teresa K. Naab, Daniela M. Schlütz, & Paul Pressmann

The Top 2 Paper Award Winner:

The Top 3 Paper Award Winner:
Should I Stay (Online) or Should I Go (Offline)? How Conflicting Norms of Disconnection and Availability Correlate With Mobile Media Use Across Generations by Sarah Geber, Minh Hao Nguyen, & Moritz Büchi

The Top 4 Paper Award Winner:
A Tale of Two Concepts. Differential Temporal Predictions of Habitual and Compulsive Social Media Use Concerning Connection Overload and Sleep Quality by Kevin Koban, Anja Stevic, & Jörg Matthes

Emerging Scholar Research Awards, $500 grant:
Understanding the Association between Digital Disconnection and Psychological Well-being, a Daily Diary Approach by Lise-Marie Nassen, Ph.D. candidate, KU Leuven

2021 Top Dissertation Award:
Stress Management and Coping Using Smartphones by Mothers of Young Children by Lara Wolfers, University of Hohenheim

Congratulations to all award recipients!

9. Fall elections (Lynne Kelly)

Lynne, Head of the Elections Committee, informed us about three positions to be filled in Fall 2024: Secretary, Early Career Representative, and Internationalization Liaison. The positions will be assumed after the Assume the position after the Australia (’24) Conference. Each position is for two years, and candidates should be active members of the Mobile Comm Division. Details and full calls are available on the icamobile.org website.
Role of the Nomination Committee
- The committee reviews nominations and selects finalists
- Committee members: Chair, Lynne Kelly, Kathrin Karsay, Keri Stephens, and Lara Wolfers
- Contact: Lynne Kelly, kelly@hartford.edu

10. ICA 2024: Gold Coast (Keri Stephens, Chair)
- Keri reminds the audience about the following year’s conference (attention: one month later than usual) from 20 June to 24 June 2024.
- Theme: Communication & Global Human Rights

11. Transition to New Leadership
The – now official – new Chair, Mariek Vanden Abeele, thanks Keri for her enthusiasm, perseverance, and leadership. She has navigated the division through the Covid-19 pandemic and has been instrumental in achieving the status of a division.