ICA HMC Interest Group Business Meeting – 2022
Friday May 27, 2022, 5 PM
Paris, Europe (+ hybrid)

Present: Andrea Guzman (Chair); Chad Edwards (Vice-Chair); Margot van der Goot (Secretary), Hannah Mieczkowski (Student & Early Career Representative); Katrin Etzrodt (Social Media and Web Manager) + about 20 persons

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Meeting chaired by Andrea Guzman

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I. Welcome

Our Interest Group was approved at ICA 2019 in Washington DC. So this is our third business meeting, and -after two years of online ICA conferences due to the pandemic- it is the first one on-site (and hybrid).

II. Officer reports

A. Dr. Hannah Mieczkowski – Student & Early Career Representative

- We organized an Early-Career Scholar Mentoring Event in November 2021. Beforehand, in September 2021, we sent out a survey to gauge interest among early scholars and mentors. The deadline for abstract submission was after the ICA deadline, so early career scholars could adapt and use their ICA paper for this mentoring event. The event took place on Zoom, and in small groups early career scholars and mentors paired up. Afterwards there was a discussion with all participants. The main feedback was that the session was constructive, helpful and appreciated, and that it would have been nice to have more time together.

- The International "Meet the lab" event 2022, of which Carmina Rodríguez Hidalgo as international representative is the main organizer, will also be of special interest to students and early career scholars.

- Another Early-Career Scholar Mentoring Event will be organized in Spring 2023.

B. Dr. Carmina Rodríguez Hidalgo – International Liaison
(During the meeting represented by Andrea Guzman)

- The International "Meet the lab" event 2022. This is a networking event, to be organized in November 2022, that is planned to bring together HMC researchers, university departments carrying out HMC work, and HMC labs worldwide who would like to showcase their work and/or find possible collaborations or meaningful feedback about their work. The event aims to include scholars throughout the world and help them to reach out to each other outside of the main ICA conference. The event is member-focused and intends to serve the members of our interest group. Soon a survey will be sent out to gauge members’ preferences for this online event.

C. Dr. Margot van der Goot – Secretary & Katrin Etzrodt – Social Media and Web Manager

1. Social Media Efforts

   Our Interest Group is on Twitter (@ICA_HMC) and Facebook (Human-Machine Communication Scholars). We are monitoring whether we should be present on other social media as well.
2. Website Launch
From today we have a new website! https://humanmachinecommunication.org/
All information on our Interest Group can be found there.

D. Dr. Chad Edwards – Vice-Chair

1. Conference information
As Vice-Chair, Chad was responsible for the conference programming. This is the first on-site ICA conference in which HMC has its own sessions.

- The submissions to our Interest Group again went up this year. The acceptance rate was 67%, which is a bit higher than for other divisions and interest groups, but at this point in our growth we think that this is a good thing.
  28/55 papers were accepted
  3/3 posters were accepted

- A warm thanks to the reviewers. 2 to 3 reviewers were assigned per paper; 2 for each abstract. In the future we will aim for more reviewers per paper, but now we wanted to give colleagues a break after two years of pandemic and overwork.

2. Recognition of this year’s Top Paper Winners

- We have a top paper panel, in which the following papers are presented:


  Tanja V. Messingschlager & Markus Appel: “Creative Artificial Intelligence and Narrative Transportation” [Faculty Top Paper Award]

  Jinping Wang & Zeynep Tanes: “Examining the Effects of Conversational Chatbots on Changing Conspiracy Beliefs About Science: The Paradox of Interactivity”

  Fanjue Liu, Heidi Makady, & Kun Xu: “Mapping the Landscape of Human-Machine Communication Research: A Systematic Review of Empirical Research From 2010 to 2021” [Commented MvdG1: These two also an award?]


2020:
Jihyun Kim, Kelly R. Merrill, & Chad Collins: “The Mediating Role of Perceived Usefulness in Relationship AI and Task AI” [Faculty Top Paper Award]

2021:
Jason Archer: “Imagining Haptics and Robotic Surgical Assistant Futures” [Student Top Paper Award]
Sonja Utz, Lara Wolfers, & Anja Goritz: “The Effects of Situational and Individual Factors on Algorithm Acceptance: An Experiment”
Aike Horstmann, Jonathan Gratch, & Nicole Kramer: “Who’s to Blame? Reactions to Negative Feedback Transferred via a Person-Instructed Computer Agent”
Jan-Philipp Stein, Paula Cimander, & Markus Appel: “Power-Posing Robots: The Influence of a Humanoid Robot’s Posture and Size on its Perceived Dominance”

4. Conference Paper Submission Limits for Next Year

- Next year we will include the following sentences in the call for our interest group:
  “Each paper/proposal may be submitted to only one Division or Interest Group, OR to the theme sessions. Submission of the same paper/proposal to more than one division is not permitted, and will disqualify the paper. In keeping with the Human-Machine Communication Interest Group’s goal of fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in research in all its forms, individual scholars can be listed as first author on a maximum of two submissions. No more than two submissions will be reviewed from any given first author”.
  This is in line with what other divisions and interest groups do. The main reason is to give a wider variety of people the opportunity to submit and present.

E. Dr. Andrea L. Guzman – Chair

1. Recognition of Past Leaders
In 2019 the Interest Group started, with Andrea Guzman as (inaugural) Chair, Chad Edwards as (inaugural) Vice-Chair, Steve Jones as (inaugural) Secretary, Sharon Ringel as (inaugural) International Liaison, Henry Goble as (inaugural) Student and Early Career Representative, and Austin Lee as Social Media and Web Manager.

In 2021-2022 the officers were Andrea Guzman as Chair, Chad Edwards as Vice-Chair, Margot van der Goot as Secretary, Carmina Rodríguez Hidalgo as International Liaison, Hannah Mieczkowski as Student & Early Career Representative, and Katrin Etzrodt as Social Media and Web Manager.

After this conference, Chad Edwards will be Chair, and Jihyun Kim will be Vice-Chair.

We thank all officers for their commitment to letting HMC grow.
A special warm thank you goes to Dr. Andrea Guzman. Andrea developed the first Blue Sky (with Steve Jones and David Gunkel) that started the HMC journey at ICA. She has been a strong advocate of HMC and our place in ICA for seven years. Andrea has led the interest group with strength and determination for the last three years. At the same time, she has demonstrated in all actions that HMC is a community that genuinely cares about its members, mentors students, and is open to all types of scholarships. Under her leadership, HMC is being praised at ICA for having a strong commitment to international diversity (over half of HMC’s members are non-US scholars).

In addition, there are the organizers of the HMC preconference. This year the organizers were Autumn Edwards, Jamie Banks, Jihyun Kim, and Margot van der Goot. Thanks goes also to the reviewers.

2. Explanation of Interest Group
It started with a Blue Sky Workshop in Puerto Rico, 2015. After this there have been post-conferences (2016) and annual pre-conferences (2017 onwards). In 2019, Washington D.C., we became an Interest Group. This road from having pre-conferences to being an Interest Group went very fast. The Interest Group has grown in numbers significantly, which shows HMC constitutes a emerging area of research within ICA. From the start it has been important for us to be an egalitarian group.

The difference between an Interest Group and a Division relates to the ICA Board. Just like a Division, an Interest Group has a member in the ICA Board. The difference is that for an Interest Group this is a non-voting member. There are criteria to become a Division (e.g., stability, sustainability, continuing to be an important area), it is not just a numbers game and it is not an automatic process. It is a longer term process. It may not be hugely important to become a Division. Under the leadership of Chad Edwards, we can further look into this.

3. Current Membership Numbers and Information
We currently have 333 members. This is an enormous growth from the Blue Sky Workshop in 2015 (24-30 participants) and the 90 signatures needed in 2019.

Importantly, we are a diverse group in terms of geographical spaces, methods, and epistemologies. Members come from 20-25 different countries. Our Interest Group is being praised for being 50.4% not US; out of all Divisions/Interest Groups we currently rank fourth in this respect.

4. Bylaw Adoption
We adapted them last Fall, and they were passed with a large margin in the online voting procedure. Voting on bylaws is always done in the ICA-wide elections in Fall, since not everybody is able to attend the annual business meeting. Bylaws follow an ICA-wide template. We can specify several aspects for our Interest Group, e.g., the names of top awards, how we select these, etc.

5. ICA Board Report – Information for Interest Groups
- Upcoming conferences will be in Toronto (2023), Gold Coast, Australia (2024), and Denver (2025). For 2026, locations in the Global South are under consideration.

- Please remember that you need to register for the closing plenary in the Sorbonne.

- Next year there is a new formula during the main conference. All Divisions/Interest Groups will get a time slot for an escalator (mentorship) session, to promote professional development and the engagement of new members. This will be allocated in the ICA slots, and does not count against the time slots that we get assigned to our Interest Group.

6. Reception Information

Our reception is this Sunday May 29 @ 18:30PM. It is a joint reception, co-organized with Communication Science & Biology, Information Systems, Game Studies, and Computational Methods.

III. New Business & Questions

- At the pre-conference, the Jake Liang Top Paper Award went to:
  Tony Liao & Kun Xu, “Is it time for augmented reality theory? Human-machine communication when humans wear machines”

- Autumn Edwards, editor-in-chief of the journal Human-Machine Communication (https://stars.library.ucf.edu/hmc/) provides information about the journal. The journal has one volume per year + special volumes. Volume 4 (2022) has been published. Leopoldina Fortunati is volume editor, and offers mentorship, encouragement, and rigorous thinking. The journal is open access, international and interdisciplinary. The upcoming deadline is June 15. Please consider submitting your work to the journal.

- Jaime Banks notes that regarding HMC social media we can also consider the use of a Discord channel. For instance at the pre-conference it came up that it would be useful to share literature etc. together.

- Eun-Ju Lee, ICA President-Elect at the end of this conference, plans the 2023 conference and presents the conference theme. The ICA 2023 conference theme of Reclaiming Authenticity in Communication invites communication scholars to examine how authenticity has become a variable, rather than a constant, in public discourses and popular culture across the globe, and with what relational, social, political, and cultural implications. This theme is relevant for any Division and Interest Group. The call will be launched at the end of this conference.

The 2023 conference in Toronto will again be Thursday-Monday, and will be hybrid. The exact format will be decided upon based on the survey that will be sent out at the end of the conference. Please fill out the survey and be brutally honest. The conference venue will be one location for all meetings; 90% of the beds will be in the same hotel.
Thanks to everyone in the community, for staying connected to each other in this turbulent time.

IV. Announcement of Officer Elections

- In the ICA elections in Fall the following positions are open within our Interest Group: Secretary, Student- and Early Career Representative, and International Liaison. This is a great way to get involved.

V. Transition of Officers

The (virtual) gavel is passed to Chad Edwards as Chair, and Ji hyun Kim as Vice-Chair.

VI. Adjourn