ICA HMC Interest Group Business Meeting – 2023
Friday May 26, 2023, 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM
Toronto, Canada

Chairs(s): Chad Edwards (Western Michigan University)
Participant(s): Jihyun Kim (University of Central Florida), Margot van der Goot (University of Amsterdam), Carmina Rodriguez-Hidalgo (University Adolfo Ibanez) (not present), Hannah Mieczkowski (ZS Associates) (not present) and Katrin Etzrodt (Technical University of Dresden) + about 40 persons attending the meeting

I. Welcome
Great to see so many people here today in this packed room!

II. Officer Reports

A. Hannah Mieczkowski – Student & Early Career Representative
After her PhD, Hannah went to work in industry, so she is not present here today.

B. Carmina Rodriguez Hidalgo – International Representative
- In Feb 2023, she organized the first HMC International Meet the Lab Event. This was an informal online get together between HMC Lab directors and ICA HMC interest group members.
  More information can be found in the HMC Business Meeting Powerpoint.

- In Oct 2023, the second HMC International Meet the Lab Event will be held. It will be online, 20-25 participants, around 1.5 hour. E-mails about this will be sent out in August-September. Please feel free to reach out to Chad if you would like to hear more.

C. Margot van der Goot – Secretary
She is typing the minutes as we speak 😊.

D. Katrin Etzrodt – Social Media and Web Manager
Katrin worked hard on the presence of the interest group on the web, Facebook, Twitter, and Mastodon.

On the web: humanmachinecommunication.org
https://www.icahdq.org/members/group.aspx?id=220218
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/humanmachinecommunication
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ICA_HMC
Mastodon: https://hci.social/@ICA_HMC

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Jihyun did a fabulous job in planning the conference, including coming up with great names for all the sessions.

1. Conference Information
Submissions and acceptance:
A total of 173 submissions
- 83 full papers
- 73 extended abstracts
- 1 poster
- 16 research escalators

A total of 114 accepted
- 61 full papers (out of 83)
- 44 extended abstracts (out of 73)
- 1 poster (out of 1)
- 8 research escalators (out of 16)
- Overall acceptance rate = approx. 66%

A total of 123 reviewers
- 20 students
- 103 faculty/post-doc
- Each paper reviewed by at least two people

Sessions:
15 slots:
- 8 in-person sessions
- 7 hybrid sessions
- 13 high density sessions
- 2 regular paper sessions
  - TOP paper session
  - Theory session

2 posters

Additional sessions:
- HMC Business meeting
- HMC welcome session (NEW): attendees introduced themselves
- Research Escalator session (NEW): one-on-one conversations mentor-mentee, sitting in one room, with plenary introduction and discussion
2. Recognition of this year’s Top Paper Winners: congratulations!
Top faculty paper:
Too Artificial for Advertising? The Implications of Virtual Influencers’ Human Likeness, Tier, and Instagram Verification
   Jiemin Looi, The University of Texas at Austin
   Matthew S. Eastin, The University of Texas at Austin

Top student paper:
Ethics of AI Relations: Examining the Politics of AI Ethics Discourse and Gendered Human-AI relations Through the Case Study of Chatbot Lee Luda
   Jeehyun Jenny Lee, University of Washington

Two other papers in the Top Paper Session:
“But You Shouldn’t Blame Me”: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of the Effects of Performance Failures and Trust Repairs in Human-Robot Interactions
   Xinyi Zhang; Sun Kyong Lee

How Does Children’s Anthropomorphism of a Social Robot Develop Over Time? A Six-Wave Panel Study
   Rinaldo Kühne; Jochen Peter; de Jong Chiara; Alex Barco

3. Preconference
Theme: Authenticity in communicating with machines

Preconference organizers: Jihyun Kim, Katrin Etzrodt, Margot J. van der Goot, Chad Edwards, Seungahn Nah
Technical support: Nan Wilkenfeld

- 56 attendees
- 32 presentations
  - 16 presentations in three regular sessions
  - 16 interactive presentations

Jake Liang Top Paper Winner: Congratulations!
Towards Authenticity in Social Robotics
   Lauren Dwyer, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
   Frauke Zeller, Edinburgh Napier University

Thanks to the sponsors: lower registration fees for all, and reduced registration fees for faculty, students, & scholars from Tier B & C.
Chair report

1. Current membership
n = 298. We are growing tremendously and are doing very well as a community.

2. ICA board report – information for interest groups
- ICA 2024 will be in Gold Coast Australia (20-24 June), will be hybrid again
- ICA 2025 will be in Denver, USA
- ICA 2026: locations in the Global South are under consideration, otherwise it will be in Europe

In 2024, attendance is expected to be lower.

3. Reception information
Right after the business meeting, here on site, joined reception with other divisions and interest groups: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM; 2 - City Hall (Sheraton)

New business
1. Possible bylaw change
There will be only minor changes. The Jake Liang Award needs to be directed to the preconference first and then to the interest group, and there are some language clean-ups. Approving the changes will be online as part of the ICA elections, Fall 2023

2. Update about the journal Human-Machine Communication
Update provided by Autumn Edwards, editor-in-chief
Associate editors are Patric Spence and Chad Edwards. Leopoldina Fortunati is volume editor, and she set the stage for a “mentoring approach”. The focus is not on rejecting-accepting a paper, but on bringing it to a higher level. They all acknowledge they have never worked with a finer set of reviewers.

The journal is indexed in ProQuest, Scopus, EBSCO, Google Scholar, Informit and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). It is awaiting its first official impact factor. It received a mock impact factor of 9.6, which is incredibly high in the communication domain. This is based on the number of citations in the first year of publication.

The journal publishes one volume per year, and also works with special issues.
- Special issue on Gender and HMC has been published
- Regular volume will be coming out soon
- Submission deadline for special issue on Mediatization and HMC has just passed
- Submission deadline for the next volume: June 15
- A special issue on autonomy and HMC will be edited by Caja Thimm
III Other announcements and discussions
Jaime Banks has several opportunities coming up:

- Book on social robotics, in the Steve Jones series, publisher Peter Lang. If you are interested in writing a chapter on dimensions of social robots, feel free to contact her.
- Special issue on Humans and Generative AI, in the journal Technology, Mind, and Behavior. Call for papers will be in Fall 2023.

Andrea Guzman: the SAGE Handbook of Human-Machine Communication that she edited with Rhonda McEwen and Steve Jones will be coming out next month. It includes 69 chapters, provides a historical perspective, and focuses on methods, concepts, and applications. 100+ authors contributed.

Discussion points that came up:
Reviewers
Next year we need more reviewers. We do not want to ask reviewers to review more than five papers. The policy is already in place: submitters are required to review. But not all submitters check the review box. It is possible to see who did not check it, but it is not possible to extract their paper from the system.

Calls to action: be clearer that paper will be extracted; ask ICA again about back-end enforcement; explain to junior scholars (e.g., PhD students with ABD) that their contribution is welcomed; keep an eye on senior scholars who may feel they already contributed enough; ICA and HMC will send out reminders to review also to scholars who do not attend ICA in Australia.

Hybrid high-density sessions
We have many high density sessions; some of these are hybrid. There are some concerns about this format: presentations are already very short, and hybrid leads to technical issues that cost time, which makes the combination of hybrid and high-density particularly problematic (in the eyes of some). ICA decides on the amount of hybrid vs in-person sessions, so no wiggle room there. Next year, in Australia, we will have even more hybrid sessions. All of this is also related to finance. Poster sessions also cost money. We could decide to reject more papers, but that also has a downside.

Calls to action: provide information (potentially short video’s) on how to prepare this type of presentation. Consider alternative formats, like printing posters on fabric. Also having slides sent to the chair beforehand. A professional tech team on site is a requirement.

Acceptance rate
Traditionally we have a relatively high acceptance rate, also to give early career scholars a chance. In the future, we may need to go for a lower acceptance rate. Not next year, but potentially thereafter.

New sessions: welcome session and research escalator
Both new sessions were a success. The HMC welcome session had a packed room with about 35-40 persons introducing themselves. This year ICA gave these two slots for free (i.e., not counting against our paper sessions; our slots are based on number of submissions), most likely
this was only for one year. Which is a pity, because we would like to have both these sessions again next year.

Calls to action: talk again to ICA to try to win these sessions back. An option for the escalator session would be to do it during a regular session, with three divisions together.

Involvement of the Global South
The involvement is still lagging behind, but there are certainly initiatives. The international membership of the HMC interest group is doing good (also compared to other divisions/interest groups), but we are striving to attract scholars from outside the USA and Europe even more. The International Meet the Lab event is specifically aimed at including scholars and labs from the Global South. Within robot research, Jaime Banks is invested in bringing in the voices of indigenous scholars and tribes. The Human-Machine Communication Journal specifically sets out to have diversity in its editorial board. The Journal of Communication now has four editors, also to enhance diversity. The Meet the Editors session on Sunday is recommended.

IV. Announcement of HMC Elections
We will have elections for HMC Vice-Chair. This is a two-year term, with a four-year commitment (serves two-year term as vice-chair, then serves two years as chair). The ICA elections will be online, Fall 2023. Please send an email to Chad by June 15th if you are interested in the position.

V. Transition of HMC officers
Thank you to:
Secretary: Margot van der Goot
International Liaison: Carmina Rodríguez Hidalgo
Student & Early Career Representative: Hannah Mieczkowski

Welcome to:
Secretary: Andrew Prahl, Nanyang Technological University
Student and Early Career Representative: Caroline van Straten, University of Amsterdam
International Liaison: Kun Xu, University of Florida

VI. Adjourn
We are an open community, diverse in terms of among others theoretical, disciplinary, methodological, and geographical backgrounds. We appreciate all of your contributions!