JOURNALISM STUDIES
BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 27, 2012
Phoenix

Frank Esser, Zurich (Chair)
Stephanie Craft, Missouri (Vice Chair)
Agenda

1. Approval of 2011 Minutes of Business Meeting, Boston
2. Latest ICA News from the 2012 ICA Board of Directors Meeting
3. Latest JS Division News: Membership Growth and Make-Up
4. 2012 Paper Competition and Review Process
5. New Policies for Paper Submissions and Programming?
6. Top Paper Awards, Travel Awards
7. Dissertation Award
8. Outstanding Publication of the Year Award
9. Elections: Outgoing and Incoming Officers
10. Off-Site Reception
11. New Business

12. PLUS: Francois Heinderyckx, Sandra Braman
2011 Business Meeting in Boston

Minutes of the Journalism Division
Boston, 27th May 2011 (4.30 pm - 5.45 p.m.)

1. Chair Frank Esser opens the meeting at 4.30 p.m.
The agenda is amended by item (9), Division secretary.

2. 2010 business meeting minutes
Minutes were approved.

3. ICA Scoop
Frank sums up the current developments in ICA.

4. Paper competition
The Boston conference is the largest ICA ever. The division received 200 full papers (up from 142 in Singapore), out of which 93 were accepted (vs. 77 in Singapore). The acceptance rate is lower in Singapore (46 % vs. 54 %). Furthermore, 25 panels were submitted, but only 5 (+1 virtual) could be accepted (Singapore: 7 submitted, 3 accepted). The panel acceptance rate is much lower than in Singapore (20 % vs. 43 %).

Chair Frank Esser explains the current paper review process. Currently, no PhD students are reviewing, but this might be necessary if the number of papers rises further.

The division discusses the comments section in the reviews, as there were complaints about reviews without any comments on the reasons for why a manuscript was rejected. The discussion leads to a motion that comments to authors should be mandatory. The motion is approved by the division members.

Frank will talk to ICA HQ and inquire about technological solutions to make reviewer comments mandatory for the Phoenix conference.

"Dropping the respondent" (in favor of a 5th presentation per session) and the introduction of "High density panels" (with 10 punch-line presentations) are being discussed as possibilities to increase the acceptance rate and expose members to a greater diversity of research presentations. However, some members at the business meeting voiced regret over a permanent loss of respondents, and others argued that high density sessions may not fit the discursive character of much of the journalism research conducted by our members. Based on the discussion, Frank promised to take account of these sensitivities when making program decisions for the 2012 convention in Phoenix. High density should thus be avoided, and respondents should not be dropped in all sessions (but will be in some).

5. Student and faculty top paper awards ceremony
Top Student Paper Awards
1. The dyad of sources and rhetorical frames: A network analysis of framing the Iraq "Insurgency" – Jacob Dittmer, University of Oregon
2. Journalistic and white identifications and the failures of diversity – Kevin Dulan, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

Top Faculty Paper Awards
1. The sociology of professions, boundary work, and participation in journalism: A review of the literature – Seth Lewis, University of Minnesota
2. The influence of the intended audience on the design of foreign news – Bella Mody, University of Colorado – Boulder; Xin Liu, California State University – Stanislaus
3. Post television news and disaster reporting: Towards a new moral imagination – Lilie Chouliara, London School of Economics and Political Science

Stephanie Craft awards diplomas. The Top Student Paper winners receive a money prize/travel grant.

6. Dissertation Award: Gene Burd Urban Journalism Research Prize
Gerry Gumpert, president at the Urban Communication Foundation, awards the Gene Burd Dissertation Prize to the following two dissertations:
1. Kristin L. Gustafson (University of Washington, Bothell) for the dissertation "Grassroots, activist newspapers. From Civil Rights to the Twenty-first Century: Balancing Loyalties and Managing Change"
2. Lokman Tsiu (University of Pennsylvania) for the dissertation "A journalism of Hospitality"

The prize comes annually with a $1000 check. Despite having two winners this year, both receive the full prize money.

7. New "Journalism Studies Publication of the Year" Award
The new "Journalism Studies Publication of the Year Award" is introduced by Frank and approved by the division members. The idea was first discussed at the 2010 Singapore Business Meeting.

Wolfgang Donsbach – who chairs the jury committee for the first two years – explains the award. The Business Meeting approves that – at least for the first two years until procedures are established – the award should be given out for journal articles only (an expansion to other genres will need a new vote). Nominations must come from another person than the authors themselves (for example, from jury members, divisions members, ICA members, or journal editors), and all nominated articles must be in English. A call for nominations will be issued by the division chair each year. Jury members are nominated by the division chair and approved by the Business Meeting. The jury consists of division members (no active officers) and serves for two years until replaced. It is suggested that the award should come with a money prize with details still to be determined.

The award is introduced to give the division more weight, respectability and attention; and it should give scholars recognition for original, groundbreaking work. Current committee members, in addition to Wolfgang Donsbach, are Joseph M. Chan, Henrik Ornebring, Zvi Reich, Jane Singer and Karin Wahl Jorgensen.

8. Budget & membership dues
The division has an annual budget of $1,509 (503 members paying the minimum fee of $3 each). The budget is currently spent annually on top student paper prizes, student travel grants, and the reception. To pay for these expenses, the division leadership is dependent on raising an additional $1500 from donors.

Frank notes that the division is the 7th largest in size but only the 14th largest when it comes to the division budget. He proposes various options to moderately raise membership dues; this would allow the division to honor award winners more adequately, offer more support to top students, and relieve the division leadership from the fundraising pressure in these difficult times. Various rates are discussed; ultimately a motion to raise the dues to $6 dollars (in line with other divisions of our size) is supported unanimously by the business meeting.

9. Division secretary
Thorsten Quandt is the outgoing secretary. Since nobody present at the Business Meeting volunteered to run, Frank announced an online election.

10. Journal affiliations
The division has three affiliated journals: Journalism, Journalism Studies and Equid Novi – African Journalism Studies. Frank invites members to submit their work there and announces that the division may use these outlets for an irregular column.

12. Website
The website will be updated in parallel with the update of the general ICA website.

13. Off-Site Reception
Information by Thorsten Quandt on the joint „off site“-reception held jointly with the Political Communication Division. Thorsten Quandt thanks the donors for their support.

Respectfully submitted, Thorsten Quandt
ICA News from Phoenix Board Meeting

1. ICA finances solid; 4300 members
2. New Communications Director  JP Gutierrez
3. ICA journals
5. Conference site rotation; conference date
6. New candidates for ICA president
   - Michael Slater, Ohio State U
   - Peter Vorderer, U of Mannheim
7. New chair of ICA Publications Committee
   - Frank Esser, U of Zurich
Division News

- Journalism Studies Division only 8 years old
- Most active division in terms of paper submissions
- Tremendous growth curve…
Growth of Journalism Studies Division

# sessions allocated to our division

- NO
- NY
- DD
- SF
- MO
- CH
- SG
- BO
- PHX

- 2004
- 05
- 06
- 07
- 08
- 09
- 10
- 11
- 2012
Growth of Journalism Studies Division

Phoenix 2012: Biggest Divisions

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<th>Division</th>
<th># Paper Submissions</th>
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*Weighted by membership and previous submissions
## Paper & Panel Competition

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<td><strong>Acceptance rate:</strong></td>
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Internationalization of the Division

Membership

USA 51%
Europe, Israel 31%
Can, Aus, NZ 8%
Asia 8%
Afri, Arab 2%
Internationalization of the JS Division

**JSD Membership**
- U.S.: 51%
- Europe: 31%
- Asia: 8%
- Can, Aus, NZ: 8%
- Afri, Arab: 2%

**JSD Paper givers in Phoenix**
- U.S.-based: 51%
- non U.S.-based: 49%

ICA-wide average 65%
Phoenix Program - Innovations

- 2 ½ hour colloquium "Innovating in Journalism Studies: New Theoretical and Methodological Approaches"
  - 8 presentations
  - responses by journal editors

- Special Session “Contemporary Dangers in Practicing Journalism”
  - Kevin Sites (author/journalist)
  - Ann Peters (Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting)
  - Frank Smyth (Global Journalist Security/Committee to Protect Journalists)
  - Howard Tumber (editor of *Journalism*)
New Policies for Paper Submissions and Programming?

- **Tightening policies on paper exclusivity**
  (not published before conference)

- **5 instead of 4 papers per session**
  (chair = respondent; more succinct response; 12 min presentations)

- ...?
Top Student Papers

1. **Nicolas Gilewicz** (U of Pennsylvania)
   “To Embody and to Embalm: Collective Memory in the Final Editions of Closed Newspapers”

2. **Matthias Revers** (U at Albany)
   “Journalistic Autonomy as Cultural Practice”

3. **Christian von Sikorski** (U of Cologne)
   “Issue-Specific News Frames Affecting Recipients’ Attitudes toward Disability”
Top Faculty Papers

1. Thomas Hanitzsch (U of Munich), Rosa Berganza (U Rey Juan Carlos)  
   “Explaining Journalists’ Trust in Public Institutions Across 20 Countries”

2. Christine Lohmeier (U of Munich), Catalina Barzescu (U of Rotterdam)  
   “Reporting Anticommunist Protests in Moldova”

3. Matthew A. Carlson (Saint Louis U), Jason Peifer (Ohio State U)  
   “The Impudence of Being Earnest: Jon Stewart, the Journalistic Community and Boundary Traversal”
Dissertation Prize

“Gene Burd Urban Journalism Research Prize”

Nikki Usher
- “Making Business News in the Digital Age”
- defended at University Of Southern California, 2011

Awarded by:
- Urban Communication Foundation
New Award!!

Journalism Studies “Outstanding Publication of the Year” Award

IDEA:
• This award should give our division more weight, respectability and attention; and it should give scholars recognition for original, groundbreaking work.
  1) Open call for nominations
  2) Nominees shall be ICA members
  3) Journal articles only

Committee:
• Wolfgang Donsbach (Chair)
• Jane Singer
• Henrik Ornebring
• Zvi Reich
• Joseph M. Chan
• Karin Wahl-Jorgensen
ICA knows the following division awards:

- Outstanding article
- Outstanding article led by a doctoral student
- Outstanding book / edited volume
- Outstanding contribution to the (sub)field
- Outstanding dissertation award

- Award committees should serve for 2 years, with 50% stepping down in one year and 50% the next. This will ensure continuity.
- Committees should honor diversity in gender, country, subfield and seniority.
- The division website (and newsletter) should showcase the most recent awards.
- Awards should be guided by explicit criteria which are made widely available.
First Winner

Journalism Studies “Outstanding Publication of the Year” Award

Kevin G. Barnhurst (U of Illinois)
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Special mentioning:

Christopher W. Anderson (College of Staten Island)
New officers

**Outgoing Chair:**
Frank Esser (U of Zurich)

**Incoming Chair:**
Stephanie Craft (U of Missouri)

**Incoming Vice Chair:**
Matthew A. Carlson (Saint Louis U)

**Incoming Secretary:**
Erik Albæk (U of Southern Denmark)
Upcoming conference

International Conference of the Polish Communication Association
Gdańsk, September 14-15, 2012

Matters of Journalism: Understanding Professional Challenges and Dilemmas

Thomas Hanitzsch, David Weaver, Kaarle Nordenstreng, ....
Reception

At ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism

Thanks to Craig Allen
New business?