ICA’s Mission

The International Communication Association aims to advance the scholarly study of human communication by encouraging and facilitating excellence in academic research worldwide. The purposes of the Association are:

(1) to provide an international forum to enable the development, conduct, and critical evaluation of communication research;

(2) to sustain a program of high quality scholarly publication and knowledge exchange;

(3) to facilitate inclusiveness and debate among scholars from diverse national and cultural backgrounds and from multi-disciplinary perspectives on communication-related issues;

(4) to promote a wider public interest in, and visibility of, the theories, methods, findings and applications generated by research in communication and allied fields.

Overview

The International Communication Association was formed in 1950 by bringing together academicians and other professionals whose interest focused on human communication.

The Association maintains an active membership of more than 4,300 individuals of which some two-thirds are teaching and conducting research in colleges, universities and schools around the world. Other members are graduate students, and those working in government, the media, communication technology, business law, medicine and other professions.

ICA's activities fall into three main categories:

- It holds a major annual conference of some 2000 academics in the field of communication from around the world, along with occasional regional conferences;
- It publishes a series of high quality journals and related publications both broad-ranging and specialized;
- It supports the research activities of its members. This includes a prestigious series of annual awards, representation to professional, funding and policy agencies, enabling collaboration, dissemination and publicity, and facilitating the activities of its many divisions and interest groups.

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the President Elect
2009-2010

Barbie Zelizer
President Elect and
2009 Conference Planner

Report on the 2009 Conference
Delivered to the ICA Executive Committee
and Board of Directors

The 2009 ICA Conference – Keywords in Communication – was the second largest conference in ICA history. A total of 2198 attendees from 56 countries participated. The conference report has been organized according to its main features. Conference submissions included 2,564 paper submissions and 263 panel submissions. Acceptance rate was at 48%, largely because of adding one simultaneous session, going to full programming on Monday, and adding back into the mix one plenary session (which went in part to cross-unit sessions). Within divisions and interest groups, acceptance rates varied slightly.

• The conference consisted of 509 sessions, including 5 plenaries, 8 mini plenaries, 15 cross unit sessions and 9 theme sessions. A total of 91 top papers were awarded, with 14 top paper sessions.

• New programming initiatives included:
  o Cross unit sessions (15 in total)
  o Closing reception (registration reached maximum capacity weeks before the conference)
  o Professional programming as part of mini plenaries (scheduled in response to survey and interest from junior faculty)

• A total of 12 preconferences started off the conference, two more than in previous years.

• ICA awarded a total of $36,195 in support. In travel grants, $10,400 was given to Students of B/C countries, $7350 to faculty of B/C countries. $6200 to Students of A countries, $400 to Faculty of A countries and conference waivers of $11,845.

• This year the ICA Business Meeting was separated from the Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address in an attempt to focus more closely on each for its own merits. The Business Meeting (Thursday, 4 – 5 pm) was open to all ICA members, while the Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address (Saturday, 4.30 - 5.45 pm) not only included the multiple association-wide awards but also recognition of those receiving special awards from the divisions and interest groups. It also included ICA President Patrice Buzzanell’s Presidential Address, “Resilience: Talking, Resisting, and Imagining New Normalcies into Being.”

• ICA this year went green. All extraneous handouts were eliminated from the conference bag, the conference bag was environmentally sound and foldable, and all conference attendees had the option of receiving the conference program on a USB memory stick instead of hardcopy. An open forum was held in Chicago (Saturday, 9.00 am) to secure member feedback on how best to shape this initiative.
Highlights

• Opening Reception – Annual welcoming reception, Marriott Hotel, Chicago Ballroom D (Thursday, 7:30-8:45 pm).

• Plenary Poster Session, displaying 132 individual poster displays by members across the divisions and interest groups. Three of these poster displays were given awards for best poster and a fourth will be recognized for best visual display (Sunday, 12.00-1.15 pm).

• Neighborhood Tours, including an architectural river cruise, a tour on the Chicago El, a walking tour of Jane Addams Hull House and neighboring sites, an historic skyscraper walking tour, an evening on the town in Old Town/Lincoln Park, a walking tour of Oak Park and Frank Lloyd Wright sites, an evening on the town in Bucktown/Wicker Park, and a tour of Boystown.

• Closing Reception in the elegant Murphy Auditorium at the American College of Surgeons (Sunday, 7-9 pm).

Opening Plenary, Closing Plenary, Mini-plenaries, and Theme Sessions

“Keywords in Regulation, Or How the FCC and Others See Regulation in the Digital Age,” ICA’s opening plenary offered a discussion of how regulation does, could, and should look in an era characterized by digital communication. Chaired by Robert W. McChesney (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA), the session began with an address by Michael Copps, the U.S. Federal Communications Commissioner and Acting Chairman. They were joined by Robin Mansell (London School of Economics, United Kingdom), Joseph Torres and Georgette Wang.

Closing Plenary

Communication and Shock Resistance: The Role of Narrative in Meeting the Current Crises (Monday, May 25, 10.30-11.45 am). ICA’s closing plenary featured award-winning Canadian author and journalist Naomi Klein. Klein, who writes regularly for The Nation and The Guardian, is syndicated internationally by the New York Times, and whose reporting from Iraq for Harper’s Magazine won the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism, discussed how public moments of shock are exploited by politicians to further strategic initiatives.

Mini-Plenaries

Eight mini-plenaries, four of which were each scheduled concurrently at noon on Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, continued an initiative begun last year by ICA President Patrice Buzzanell.

Friday Mini-Plenaries

• W. Lance Bennett (U of Washington, USA), Daniel Dayan (CNRS-Paris, France), John Hartley (Queensland U of Technology, Australia) and Annie Lang (Indiana U, USA) shared their thoughts on the different intellectual vantage points emphasized in the keyword “Message” in “The Message.”

• Nick Couldry (Goldsmith College, London U, United Kingdom), Lauren Berlant, James Curran (Goldsmith College, London U, United Kingdom), Michael Delli Carpini (U of Pennsylvania, USA), Shanto Iyengar (Stanford U, USA), and Michael Schudson (U of California - San Diego, USA) moved the assessment of the deliberative and decision-making capacity of the public sphere from stiff dichotomies to conceptual gradualism in “The Public Sphere, Public Culture and Reasoned Public Choice.”

• Marshall Scott Poole (U of Illinois-Urbana, USA), Peng Hwa Ang (Nanyang Technological U, Singapore), Peter Golding (Loughborough U, United Kingdom), Francois Heinderyckx (U Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium), Kathleen Hall Jamieson (U of Pennsylvania, USA), Jacqueline R. Meszaros (National Science Foundation, USA), Douglas Storey (Johns Hopkins U, USA), and Stefaan G. Verhulst (The Markle Foundation, USA) comprised a panel of scholars and funders in a conversation about how to enhance the funding experience in “Funding for Research.”

• Chaired by Cindy Gallois (U of Queensland, Australia), newly inaugurated fellows Brant R. Burleson (Purdue U, USA), Jesse G. Delia (U of Illinois, USA) and Jon F. Nussbaum (Pennsylvania State U, USA) presented
research in the area of interpersonal communication in the Fellows Sessions “Projections of the Future from Reflections on the Past: Interpersonal Issues.”

Saturday Mini-Plenaries

- Paddy Scannell (U of Michigan, USA), James Curran (Goldsmith College, London U, United Kingdom), Cindy Gallois (U of Queensland, Australia), Tamar Katriel (U of Haifa, Israel), and Winston Mano (U of Westminster, United Kingdom) addressed the idea of communication as an originary term for the field of study by the same name in “On Communication.” The scholars shared their perspectives on the question of what we mean by “communication?”

- Myria Georgiou (London School of Economics, United Kingdom), William Ayers, Don Mitchell (Syracuse U, USA), and Saskia Sassen (Columbia U, USA) addressed the city’s possibilities and limits as a setting for collective action and understanding, while considering on whole terms they have been set in place in “The City.”

- Larry Gross (U of Southern California, USA), J. Alison Bryant (Smarty Pants, USA), David Gleason (MTV Networks, USA), Rich Ling (IT U of Copenhagen, Denmark), Shih-Hung Lo (National Chung Cheng U, Taiwan), Gerry Power (BBC World Service Trust, United Kingdom) and Nicole Stremlau (U of Oxford, United Kingdom) considered modes of academic work that take shape beyond the ivory tower, where alternative career trajectories exist in NGOs, industry, journalism and elsewhere in “Alternative Modes of Academic Work.”

- Chaired by Alan M. Rubin (Kent State U, USA), newly-inaugurated ICA Fellows Patti M. Valkenburg (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Barbara J. Wilson (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA) and Joanne Cantor (U of Wisconsin - Madison, USA) presented in the area of mediated communication in “Projects of the Future from Reflections on the Past: Media Issues.”

Theme Programming

The theme of the Chicago conference, Keywords in Communication, offered ICA members a chance to engage with some of the key terms that have evolved as central to our development as a field.

Theme programming this year comprised 10 regular theme sessions, including one poster session, and 15 cross-unit sessions, formed by bringing together individuals from at least four divisions and interest groups to address a central term differently relevant to those on the panel. Theme programming was scheduled across the five-day conference, offering ICA members multiple opportunities to think anew about the field and one’s place in it through the prism of keywords.

Twenty-two of ICA’s 24 divisions and interest groups co-sponsored these sessions, with particularly high participation from Communication and Technology, Mass Communication, Philosophy of Communication, Political Communication and Visual Communication. All told, 17 divisions and interest groups participated multiple times in co-sponsoring the cross-unit panels, ensuring that the conversations that ensued were as wide-ranging as possible across our association.

Theme Sessions

There were 25 theme sessions throughout the conference.

Friday, 22 May

- Uncertainty and Information Management: Reflections on the Current and Future State of These

- Keyword: Anonymity

- “Discourse” as a Key Communication Term

- Keywords in Communication: Effects

- Public Policy, Public Intellectuals

- Identity and Language as Keywords in Communication Across and Between Groups: Roundtable Discussion Following the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP)
Saturday, 23 May

- **On Difference Communication and Authenticity**
- **Key Concepts in News and Journalism: Objectivity and its Adjacent Concepts**
- **Keyword: Technology**
- **Framing as a Keyword in Communication Research: New Directions in Research, conceptualization, and Methodology**
- **Keywords in Communication: Conceptualizing Publics in Public Relations**

Sunday, 24 May

- **Putting the Aesthetic Back into Communication, and Vice Versa**
- **Body Talk**
- **Keyword: Urban Communication**
- **Interactive Plenary Poster Theme Session**

Monday, 25 May

- **Keyword: Community**
- **The Power of News Images: Multidisciplinary Perspectives**
- **Women in a Digital World: Conceptual Models of Inclusion**
- **Evolution**
- **Mediation and Emotion**

**Scholar to Scholar Interactive Paper/Poster Session Awards**

The top papers from divisions and interest groups received cash awards. Three members of the Executive Committee from ICA participated on this award committee: Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics, United Kingdom), Ron Rice (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA), and Barbie Zelizer (U of Pennsylvania, USA). Barbie Zelizer coordinated this award committee.

1st Place
- **Knowledge Gap in the Media-Saturated ‘08 Presidential Election**
  - Joonghwa Lee (U of Missouri, USA)
  - Chang Dae Ham (U of Missouri, USA)
  - Esther Thorson (U of Missouri, USA)

2nd Place
- **The Structure of International Migration**
  - Chung Joo Chung (SUNY - Buffalo, USA)
  - George A. Barnett (SUNY - Buffalo, USA)
  - Yon Soo Lim (SUNY - Buffalo, USA)

3rd Place
- **Authenticity and Subcultural Style in Adolescents’ Self-Presentation on Social Network Sites**
  - Katrien Van Cleemput (U of Antwerp, Belgium)

A fourth award was also awarded for the **Best Visual Display**. This award was designed to look at all of the posters in the **Scholar to Scholar session** with regard to aesthetic appeal and display of research. The criteria for this award included clarity, flow between sections, relationship of text to image, and visual appeal. The recipient of this award received $100. The recipients of this award for the 2009 ICA Conference were: **Relocating Gamer Studies: Two Case Studies in Solitary Gaming**, Adrienne Shaw (U of Pennsylvania, USA) and **Rethinking the Remix: Audio Mash-Ups and the Metaphysics of Recording**, David J. Gunkel (Northern Illinois U, USA).
ICA, as an organization ends the year as a very healthy association. ICA's membership is strong with approximately 4,300 members per year. The last fiscal year's finances are sound and we are in our third full year of owning and operating the new office building. 2008-2009 did have some challenges as the world economic crisis continued. However, ICA invested in its building where real estate prices in the Washington, DC area remained solid and in mostly cash investments. While there was some loss in the ICA investment portfolio, it was marginal in the overall financial health picture of the association. The ICA staff continues to work with the Executive Committee to add new features to the website and to make it more interactive. We are explore a new design that will make this more user friendly. Several things have been added to the website, including a list of links to other international organizations, a forum for divisions to interact with their members, and an enhanced "MyICA" area. Sam Luna facilitated a special training for division officers on Friday at the conference to help them utilize the tools better.

ICA is cosponsoring a conference with the Center for Media and Communication Studies (CMCS) in Budapest in June, 2009. Additionally, we are cosponsoring a regional conference in Melbourne, Australia in July, 2009.

ICA continues the process of allowing members to choose fewer journals to receive by mail. Most members who have renewed have elected to limit their mail subscriptions. This has the potential of increasing revenue to ICA in the future, as well as enhancing our effort to go green. There have some difficulties, but we are working them out on a person by person basis. ICA's green effort was evident in the conference in Chicago. Approximately 50% of attendees chose to have the printed program on flash drive rather than in printed form. As well, recycled bags were used and food and beverage choices were made to minimize waste. All members were encouraged to use the recycle bins provided through out the conference venue.

This last year has been marked by stability and enhancing those products and services that are made available for the membership. All ICA staff have been in place for at least four years with no turnover. The overall health of the association is solid and we will be focusing on improvements and innovation in the coming year.

All members are encouraged to contact the ICA staff with any questions or suggestions.
The 2010 Annual Conference
ICA’s 60th annual conference will be meeting 22-26 June 2010 in Singapore

For the first time in its history, the ICA conference will take place in Singapore, Southeast Asia’s smallest nation. Well known for its diversity, both ethnic (80% Chinese, 12% Malay, 6% Indian and 2% Caucasian) and religious, Singapore is an island at the southern end of the Malay Peninsula where 5 million people live in relatively good harmony. This harmony can be palpable when you walk down its streets, discovering an Indian temple in the middle of Chinatown or a mosque next door to a church. Although we know that the selection of Singapore was controversial, we are working in close collaboration with the local organizers to address, during the conference, some important issues that were pointed out when this country was selected as a destination. We will have a closing keynote speech on Censorship and the new Media. Two mini-plenaries will also be respectively organized by the Feminist Scholarship Division and the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender Studies Interest Group. Interestingly, these events will feature local activists from Singapore who are trying to make a difference in this country in terms of civil rights (for instance, Dana Lam, the president of AWARE, an association of women for action and research in Singapore will be one of the speakers for the feminist plenary (http://www.aware.org.sg/).

We are also planning to show a great documentary film titled “Burma VJ,” which shows how journalists are currently defying censorship in Burma in order to denounce what is currently happening in this country, which has suffered from dictatorship for almost 50 years now (http://burmavjmovie.com/about_the_film/).

The conference venue will take place at the SunTec Convention Center in Singapore. Participants staying at the Conrad Centennial Hilton Singapore Hotel or the Pan Pacific Hotel will just have to cross a street to arrive at the convention center. Other recommended hotels are just 10 to 20 minutes walking distance from the Center.

We received a total of 2212 submissions (2029 individual submissions and 183 panel submissions, roughly similar to Dresden), which is quite encouraging in terms of attendance for Singapore. The acceptance rate for the June 2010 conference will be between 50 and 60% for each division, which is also comparable with Dresden.

The plenary sessions scheduled so far are listed in the chart on the following page.

There are 13 ICA preconferences and 2 post conferences scheduled to take place in Singapore just before or after the ICA conference. Three other conferences will be organized around the same time as ICA: The 12th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology (ICLASP) at Griffith U Southbank campus,
in Brisbane, Australia, 16-19 June 2010; the CAJ conference organized by the Communication Association of Japan, on Sunday, 20 June 2010 at Meiji U in Tokyo, Japan; and the 8th international Crossroads, which will be held in Hong Kong, from 17-21 June 2010.

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ICA Annual Awards 2008-2009
Research Awards Committee Chair Nurit Guttman (Tel Aviv U, Israel)

First, I would like to make a statement that it was an honor and a pleasure to serve as chair of the ICA Research Awards Committees, which offered me the opportunity to view the breadth and depth of the nominated scholars’ achievements, which typically are not revealed when reading books or journal articles. It was also gratifying to learn about the excitement of the committee members when they considered the nominations and reviewed the scholarly materials, and to witness their dedication to achieve a fair decision making process. Third, I would like to express my appreciation for the generosity of the people who took time and effort to make the nominations. Finally, I would like to thank Michael Haley for his constant support and advice. In a separate document I am including some suggestions for future chairs, based mainly on Michael’s advice. The following is a summary of the major issues concerning the committee work:

Nomination Recruitment and Publicity

- Several committees had a very small number of nominations, and one had none. Some chairs suggested that there should be more publicity, but in only one committee did one of the members take it upon himself to do so, and volunteered to design a promotional flyer to be made available at ICA in Chicago to be distributed during the rest of the year for The James W. Carey Urban Communication Award.

- The members of the Carey Award felt they needed to be proactive in recruiting nominees, in particular because the award is intended to support research. One member stated: “We have many colleagues who are doing fine work, and many more who need financial support to do their important work. That they aren’t seeking these awards or are not being nominated for these awards is indeed surprising to me and suggests that we all must do a better job publicizing these opportunities and encouraging people to take advantage of them.” A member in another committee commented: “I think there is also the bigger question, and that is how to broaden the submissions themselves. So many of the same people keep winning awards. Can it really be that only a few people in ICA are doing excellent scholarship?”

- The issue of nominating by a nomination committee was also raised in the James W. Carey Urban Communication Award committee, which may have particular relevance to this particular award. The committee however, did not reach any conclusions (see the note about this committee below in the section on unique challenges.)

- A member of The James W. Carey Urban Communication Award committee suggested that committee members should identify published work within a given time frame, contact the most promising lines of inquiry and solicit future plans, then make the award for a continuation of one’s work, and describe it as “a reinforcement model.”

- As chair, I sent a note to journal editors and division heads, as well as to some colleagues, encouraging them to consider nominating books, articles and scholars. I would like to suggest that this can be done by the chairs of the various committees.
Suggestions Regarding the Efficiency of the Nomination Process

The following are several suggestions for making the process more efficient and facilitating more nominations:

- Early deadline and short uniform format: Consider a short and easy nomination process with an early deadline (e.g., a one-page online form with room for half a page of explanation as to why the person is being nominated), followed by a later deadline for the final submission of application materials.

- Limit the number of nomination letters or letters of support: Make letters of support simpler—an online form that can be typed right into the application site accessible from an email link sent to names provided by the nominator. That makes writing the “letter” much easier.

- Uniform CV format: One chair suggested that there should be a more uniform format for the nomination materials, in particular the CVs of the nominees: “I think we need to use a specific format for the CV and publication list of nominees. Some are easy to follow, others are more opaque and list all kinds of publications in one long list making it tedious to figure out what really ‘counts’. A standardized entry form with e.g. peer-reviewed books, ISI-ranked journals, peer-reviewed journals, national journals, media entries etc. would make life easier.”

The Online Process

- As the chair of the Research Awards Committee, I had access to all the award nomination materials. This was very helpful.
- Some committee members had problems in accessing the site; my conclusion is to make the instructions very detailed and precise.

Eligibility Suggestions from the Committees

- For the books and articles there should be clear eligibility criteria regarding year of publication in the nomination materials (so that it will be clear that the date is

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the first date of publication and not date of the paperback edition.)

- One chair proposed that a nominee who had received an ICA-wide award in the past years (e.g. three to five) should not be considered for another award.

**Should Nominees From Previous Years Be Considered?**

The issue of whether to include nominees from previous years was considered. Logistical (unavailable materials on the website) and other considerations (people may not want to be considered again, and not get the award) were raised. Some members suggest that nominees from the previous year or two should be considered for the personal awards.

**Award Criteria**

- None of the committees recommended officially changing the award criteria.

- The chair of the **Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award** sent the following clarifications they used:

  1. Is the research truly collaborative (does it some one or combination of researchers, practitioners, people in field sites, etc.);
  2. Is the research creative, or innovative in its design, theory, implementation;
  3. Impact: does the research do some good?

**Quality of Nominations**

Comments from the chairs:

“The applicants were fabulous and bring great credit as members of ICA...” *(Young Scholar)* “...very strong books; it was a great year!”

**Number of Nominations**

There were a total of 45 nominations for awards. The **Outstanding Article Award** received the most, followed by the **Young Scholar Award**. Only one nomination for the **Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award**, but it included 11 documents. No nomination for the **James W. Carey Urban Communication Award**.

Note: All committee chairs were advised that they did not have to choose a recipient if they did not feel any of the nominees met the award criteria. All committees chose a recipient.

**Recusing Members**

In three committees, the issue arose of whether a committee member should recuse themselves because they were close colleagues/friends of a nominee. The issue typically was not raised in the initial stage of the committee work because at that point the decision process focused on an initial ranking. Only in the second stage, when the nominees were on a list of strong contenders did members feel they needed to be recused. In one committee the opposite occurred: Two members did not recuse themselves, although they had close ties with nominees. Several committee members expressed the possibility of biases in the selection process.

Here are several comments:

“I well understand the concerns (e.g., possible bias in the selection of the award recipients, preferences in certain study type, and cronyism). Also, the award selection process does not guarantee a blind review, if you know what I mean. I agree that a committee member has to be replaced by someone else when the submitted articles include the ones written by his/her colleagues, friends, or advisor. Also, to ensure anonymity, the original paper, not the one published in journals, may be given to the committee members for evaluation.”

“I recognize that there is no way for a committee member or the chair to know in advance whether something authored by themselves or their colleagues will be submitted for consideration. It would seem useful, therefore, for ICA to have a set of guidelines in place for how to handle the situation when such occurs.”

Suggestion: Advise committee chairs in advance that it is likely that some of their committee members may have some ties with a nominee, and that they may ask to be recused depending on the type of ties they have, though this might not be necessary.
Decision and Ranking Process

- Most committees used a ranking process, typically by asking members to rank the three “top” in a first round and offering their reasons for that choice. This served the final choice. In two committees, the choice was unanimous (the same nomination was ranked first by all).

- One committee member suggested that the frequency of citation of the work could be used as criteria in the selection process.

Unique Challenges of Particular Committees

As noted above, the James W. Carey Urban Communication Award committee discussed several options regarding the nomination process. These issues were not resolved. Perhaps this committee should be nominated earlier than others in order to develop a strategy of recruitment.

Some issues were also raised by members of the Communication Research as an Open Field Award. The main issue regards how the committee should determine what kind of work is within or outside the field of communication, and that it is not clear “whether the concept of “outside” refers to institutional or intellectual matters, etc.” The member commented that this is difficult “because the field of communication has always drawn theories and methods from other disciplines.” The member proposed “to re-craft the award” and added that “the general notion of inter-or multidisciplinarity that may have been behind the conceptualization of the award could more easily and usefully met by refining it one step further; to be for individuals who are members of ICA who do collaborative work with individuals from other disciplinary homes as defined by their departmental affiliation and association memberships.”

Recognition of Nominees

One member suggested that it would be good to recognize nominees in general or recognize the finalists.

Recognition of the Efforts of the Nominators

Several of the nominations required substantial effort on the part of nominators. This was noted by a member of one of the committees who wrote that the nomination process requires a lot of work, and many people worked on her behalf and wrote letters.

Suggestion: Find a way to acknowledge the effort of people who made the nominations. This can be done the by the chair of each committee, the chair of the awards committee, ICA President, etc. For this purpose, it would be most helpful to specify that the nominating letter should include an email address of the person making the nomination.

Committee Composition and Continuity

One chair suggested to have some continuity in order to make the committee work more efficiently, though this may bias the decision making process. It was suggested that this may be applicable to specific committees.
This year witnessed Fellows exchanging updates on their current research and other activities - and an increased sense of community was evident and remarked upon.

**New Fellows**

Five new Fellows were elected this year and their bios, as presented to the Board of Directors on May 21 2009, were as follows:

**Robert T. Craig** (U of Colorado, Boulder, USA) is past Chair and Professor of Communication. For more than 30 years, he has made distinguished contributions to communication theory and philosophy, discourse analysis, and argumentation. As his nominator wrote: “Craig’s large body of work on communication study as a practical discipline is notable for its scholarly range, conceptual originality, intellectual rigor, coherent development, and cumulative impact on the field.” Indeed, his article, “Communication Theory as a Field” received both the ICA’s Best Article and NCA’s Golden Anniversary Monograph Awards. Consequently, a major co-authored book called Theorizing Communication: Readings Across Traditions was published in 2007. Professor Craig was Founding Editor of the ICA journal, Communication Theory, in 1991, ICA President 2003-2004, and currently (amongst other editorial roles) is Editor for the ICA Handbook Series and an Advisory Editor for the International Encyclopedia of Communication. His nominators talk to his monumental service to ICA, his continuing to be an inspiring figure in our field, and one that young scholars should truly try to emulate. Finally, from one supporting letter, he is lauded as follows: “…more than any other individual, he has developed a well-reasoned and thoughtful overview of where the field came from, where it is headed, and where it should be going. He gives that old expression, ‘a scholar and a gentleman’, a new shine.”

**Youichi Ito** (Akita International U and Keio U, Japan) is Professor at Akita International U and Emeritus Professor at Tokyo’s Keio U. Professor Ito was a pioneer of communication research in Japan, one of its first to garner international acclaim, and still one of its most prominent analysts of international communication. Rather than mine and transport Western perspectives into Japan, Professor Ito introduced and elaborated everyday Japanese concepts, like kuuki, into mainstream communication theory by his unique contributions to handbooks, encyclopedias, and so forth. In this sense, his work, published in a number of books and across an array of articles in different languages, has been intellectually courageous. For twenty years, he was founding Editor of the influential English-language journal, the Keio Communication Review, and been exceedingly active in the Japan Society of Information and Communication Research, including being its President. All this research and professional service has elevated him to an impressive number of governmental positions in the Japanese Ministries of Telecommunications and International Trade and Industry. He has been active in major roles inside ICA since 1985 and been a vibrant advocate of its internationalization and been instrumental in ICA’s recent success at globalization. As his nominator wrote: “Ito’s contributions to the cross-cultural address of communication theory are globally renowned. He has been doing so unrelentingly long before the value of these efforts began to be recognized in his own home country.”

**Michael Roloff** (Northwestern U) is past Chair and Professor of Communication Studies. His general research interest is on influence processes, dealing with topics such as persuasion, bargaining and negotiation, and conflict management. His prodigious scholarship has been translated into languages such as Chinese and Italian.
As his nominating supporters wrote, “Michael … has shaped the landscape of interpersonal communication through his rigorous empirical studies…” that have often been intellectually ground-breaking; and “…because of the practical significance of [his work, it]… has made considerable impact beyond …[our]… discipline, especially within the organizational behavior area.” Consequently, Professor Roloff has received many prestigious awards with numerous convention spotlight panels singularly devoted to his work. One of his coauthored articles received the Charles C. Woolbert Research Award for “scholarship of exceptional originality and influence” that passes the test of time by NCA. Besides performing other important and executive roles for ICA, he has served as past-Editor of our Communication Yearbook and helped consolidate and create structure and focus to that Annual. For the last 10 years, he has co-edited the journal, Communication Research. Nominating supporters wrote that he “has an extraordinarily agile mind” and is a “must-read” in so many interpersonal areas where his name “is a household word.”

**Dave Seibold (U of California, Santa Barbara, USA)** is past Chair and Professor in Communication. He also serves as co-director of the Graduate Program in Management Practice in the College of Engineering. Professor Seibold’s prolific scholarship is esoterically diverse and encompasses research on interpersonal influence, group argument and decision processes, organizational change and innovation, team performance, management communication, family businesses, research methods, and evaluation research. His research has commanded a plethora of awards and distinctions in pure and applied communication. As an example of his all-roundedness, he was awarded the Robert J. Kibler Memorial Award in 2008 for “personal and professional qualities of dedication to excellence, a commitment to the profession, concern for others, vision of what could be, acceptance of diversity, and forthrightness.” And for his ”lifetime of scholarly achievement”, he was elected a Distinguished Scholar, again by NCA. In sum, he has been a model of dedicated and ever-continuing public, as well as professional, service to ICA (including being Chair of two Divisions) and is past-Editor of the Journal of Applied Communication Research. Finally, one nominating letter notes his legacy of generativity: “His own past graduate students now are producing in exciting new areas yet another new generation of first-rate scholars, changing, in critical ways, the evolution of our discipline and ways of thinking.”

**Barbie Zelizer (U of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication, USA)** is a Raymond Williams Professor of Communication, and Director of the Scholars Program in Culture and Communication. A former journalist yet still media critic, Professor Zelizer is internationally-renowned across many disciplines for her innovative and influential work in the area of journalism, culture, and memory and images, particularly in times of crisis. She has produced many books, including the multi-award-winning Remembering to Forget: Holocaust Memory Through the Camera’s Eye, and this year, The Changing Faces of Journalism: Tabloidization, Technology and Truthiness. She has just completed a book on “about-to-die photographs and journalism.” Professor Zelizer has been a Guggenheim Fellow and Fulbright Senior specialist as well as the recipient of many other prestigious awards. She is Co-Founder and Co-Editor of the journal, Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism, been a key player in the establishment of Popular Communication as one of our ICA Divisions, and working behind the scenes promoting both ICA’s new Journalism Studies Division and its Communication History Interest Group. Having worked tirelessly for ICA, Professor Zelizer is currently President-Elect of this Association. As her nominators wrote: “Barbie is a superb scholar and influential activist who has made significant contributions to the discipline, to our association, and to society.”

**Fellows Mini-Plenary**

Every year, ICA honors its new fellows (elected the previous year) with a conference program focused on their work. This year six such Fellows were honored in two mini-plenary sessions organized as follows:

“Projections of the Future from Reflections on the Past: Interpersonal Issues”
Chair: Cynthia Gallois (U of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia)

“An Eye on the Future through a 40-Year Glace Back on Constructivism and Communication and the Evolution of Communication Research”
Jesse Delia (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA)

“Understanding the Outcomes of Supportive Communication: A Dual-Process Approach”
Brant Burleson (Purdue U, West Lafayette, USA)

“Communication and Quality of Life across the Life Span”
Jon Nussbaum (Pennsylvania State U, USA)
Respondent: Charles Berger (U of California, Davis, USA)

“Projections of the Future from Reflections on the Past: Media Issues”
Chair: Alan Rubin (Kent State U, USA)

“The Questions that Mattered” (unfortunately was ill and will be scheduled next year)
Sandra Ball-Rokeach (Annenberg School of Communication, U of Southern California, USA)

“Children and the Media: Why a Developmental Perspective Matters”
Barbara Wilson (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA)

“Adolescents and the Internet: An Empirical Assessment of the Risks and Opportunities”
Patti Valkenburg (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Respondent: Joanne Cantor (U of Wisconsin, Madison, USA)

Fellows Book Award
The Fellows Book Award “recognizes those books that have made a substantial contribution to the scholarship of the communication field as well as the broader rubric of the social sciences and have stood some test of time.” The members of the Fellows Book Award Committee this year were: Mary Anne Fitzpatrick (Chair), Jennings Bryant, Rod Hart, Sandra Ball Rokeach, and Barb Wilson.

The recipients of this year’s Award were Joseph N. Cappella (U of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication, USA) and Kathleen Hall Jamieson (U of Pennsylvania, Annenberg Public Policy Center, USA) for their Spiral of Cynicism: The Press and the Public Good, published in 1997 by Oxford University Press. In lauding the multi-method outcomes emerging from this book, the committee noted that the “Spiral of Cynicism is a persuasive and readable account of how the strategic frames activated by media coverage of politics fosters distrust and cynicism of the political process. ... [It] drive[s] us from fixations on the motivations of political actors toward a focus on larger questions about the common good.”

Howie Giles (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA) served as Chair of the Fellows this year. At the Annual Meeting of the ICA Fellows at the Convention, Cindy Gallois (U of Queensland, Australia) was elected Chair of the Fellows for 2009-2010 while Barb Wilson (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA) agreed to chair the Fellows Book Award Committee for the coming year.

Winner of this year’s Fellows Book Award, Joseph N. Cappella (U of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication, USA) and Kathleen Hall Jamieson (U of Pennsylvania, Annenberg Public Policy Center, USA) for their Spiral of Cynicism: The Press and the Public Good, published in 1997 by Oxford University Press.
List of current Fellows

James A. Anderson, U of Utah
Charles Atkin, Michigan State U
Sandra J. Ball-Rokeach, U of Southern California
Janet Bavelas, U of Victoria
Samuel L. Becker, U of Iowa
Charles R. Berger, U of California - Davis
Jay George Blumler, U of Leeds
James Bradac (Deceased), U of California - Santa Barbara
Jennings Bryant, U of Alabama
Judee K. Burgoon, U of Arizona
Michael Burgoon, U of Arizona
Brant R. Burleson, Purdue U
Joanne Cantor, U of Wisconsin - Madison
Joseph N. Cappella, U of Pennsylvania
James W. Carey (Deceased), Columbia U
Steve Chaffee (Deceased), U of California - Santa Barbara
Ruth Anne Clark, U of Illinois
Akiba A. Cohen, Tel Aviv U
Robert T. Craig, U of Colorado - Boulder
John Daly, U of Texas - Austin
Frank E. X. Dance, U of Denver
Stanley A. Deetz, U of Colorado - Boulder
Brenda Dervin, Ohio State U
Steve Duck, U of Iowa
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, U of South Carolina
Cindy Gallois, U of Queensland
George Gerbner (Deceased), U of Pennsylvania
Howard Giles, U of California - Santa Barbara
Robert S. Goyer, Ohio U/Arizona State U
Doris Graber, U of Illinois - Chicago
Bradley S. Greenberg, Michigan State U
Larry Gross, U of Southern California
Lawrence Grossberg, U of North Carolina
William B. Gudykunst (Deceased), California State U - Fullerton
Randall Harrison, U of California - San Francisco
Roderick P. Hart, U of Texas - Austin
Youichi Ito, Akita International U
Kathleen Hall Jamieson, U of Pennsylvania
Elhui Katz, U of Pennsylvania
Young Yun Kim, U of Oklahoma
Mark L. Knapp, U of Texas - Austin
Klaus Krippendorff, U of Pennsylvania
Annie Lang, Indiana U
Nathan Maccoby (Deceased), Stanford U
Maxwell McCombs, U of Texas - Austin
James C. McCroskey, U of Alabama - Birmingham
Jack M. McLeod, U of Wisconsin
Gerald R. Miller (Deceased), Michigan State U
Peter Monge, U of Southern California
Elwood Murray (Deceased), U of Denver
Jon F. Nussbaum, Pennsylvania State U
Marshall Scott Poole, U of Illinois
Linda L. Putnam, U of California-Santa Barbara
W. Charles Redding (Deceased), Purdue U
Byron Reeves, Stanford U
Everett M. Rogers (Deceased), U of New Mexico
Michael E. Roloff, Northwestern U
Karl Erik Rosengren, U of Lund
Alan M. Rubin, Kent State U
David R. Seibold, U of California - Santa Barbara
James R. Taylor, U de Montreal
Phillip K. Tompkins, U of Colorado
Patti M. Valkenburg, U of Amsterdam
Ellen Wartella, U of California - Riverside
David H. Weaver, Indiana U
Osmo A. Wiio, U of Helsinki
Frederick D. Williams (Deceased), U of Texas - Austin
Barbara J. Wilson, U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
Barbie Zelizer, U of Pennsylvania
Children, Adolescents, and the Media Interest Group

Chair: Patti Valkenburg (U of Amsterdam, ASCoR, The Netherlands)
Vice Chair: Moniek Buijzen (U of Amsterdam, ASCoR, The Netherlands)

The Interest Group Children, Adolescents and the Media (CAM), established in the Fall of 2007, held its first business meeting in Montréal. The meeting attracted well over 120 researchers. As of May 2009, CAM has 176 members from a variety of nations and continents.

Patti Valkenburg (U of Amsterdam, ASCoR, The Netherlands), who established CAM, served as chair from 2008 to 2009. In that same year, Moniek Buijzen (U of Amsterdam, ASCoR, The Netherlands) served as vice-chair, program planner, and secretary. As of the 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago, Alison Bryant (Nickelodeon/MTV Kids & Family Group, USA) and Amy Jordan (U of Pennsylvania, Annenberg Public Policy Center, USA) will serve as chair and vice-chair of CAM. Ariel Chernin (Children’s Hospital Boston, Center on Media and Child Health, USA) will serve as secretary.

The first year of CAM was an overwhelming success. We received 75 paper submissions for the Chicago conference. Because the assignment of paper slots per ICA section is a function of membership and number of submissions, CAM had one of the lowest panel slot/submission ratios within ICA. We solved this by putting together panel sessions with six presenters (one extra paper instead of a respondent) and by organizing one high density session. In this way, we were able to accept 47 competitive papers, 1 panel, and 1 roundtable discussion.

For the Chicago conference, we will organize the first Round Table Discussion (RTD). Alison Bryant has served as chair of the Round Table Committee, which we agreed upon during CAM’s kick-off meeting in Montréal. The title of the RTD for Chicago is: “From the Laboratory to the Living Room: Challenges Translating Children and Media Research to the Public.”

We also agreed at the 2009 Chicago conference on three other committees: (1) an Internal Awards Committee, (2) an External Awards Committee, and (3) a Media and Strategy Committee. The aim of the Internal Awards Committee is to organize CAM’s internal awards (e.g., Top Dissertation Award, Young Scholar Award, and a Life-time Achievement Award). Amy Jordan will serve as the chair. The aim of the External Award Committee is to find and nominate CAM members for ICA-wide awards, such as the Young Scholar Award and the various career awards. Rebecca Hains (Salem State College, USA), who agreed to chair this committee, resigned due to personal reasons. During the Chicago conference we will elect a new chair for this committee. Finally, the Media and Strategy Committee was formed to promote CAM and CAM research, for example, by writing press releases and/or by establishing contacts with the local researchers and media during ICA conferences. As of May 2009, Roger Desmond (Hartford U, USA) has agreed to chair this committee.

Communication & Technology Division

Chair: S. Shyam Sundar (Pennsylvania State U, USA)
Vice chair: James Katz (Rutgers U, USA)

The Communication and Technology (CAT) division of ICA continues to grow in numbers as well as vitality, both in the US and abroad. We had record attendance in our division’s sessions as we introduced and publicized a strong discussion orientation. Our business meeting was attended by about 100 members, and we awarded Top Paper Awards to the three highest scoring papers involving a faculty member and three highest scoring papers authored exclusively by students. The top-ranked faculty paper (Amsterdam) and the second prize winner (Singapore) both came from outside the United States.
As of October, 2008, our division recorded 922 members, second only to Mass Communication division. We held an election for our division secretary this year, which was hotly contested among four nominees, resulting in James Danowski (U of Illinois at Chicago, USA) as the replacement for previous secretary, Lidwien van de Wijngaert (Twente U, The Netherlands).

We received as many as 227 paper submissions and 17 panel proposals for the Chicago conference. We accepted 106 papers (46.69%) and 9 panels (47.05%) for programming at ICA 2009. We had four reviewers for each paper (3 faculty + 1 student). For the panels, we had 3 reviewers, all of whom were faculty. We had a total of 219 reviewers who volunteered, with 57 identifying themselves as non-PhDs. Based on e-mail addresses and job affiliation, we identified 57 out of 219 reviewers as being from outside the United States, i.e., a total of 26%.

We created 24 sessions based on the accepted papers. Among sessions that have a moderator, eight are chaired by scholars from outside the United States.

CAT also held the annual competition for the best dissertation in communication technology. Twenty-one nominations were received for the prestigious Herbert S. Dordick Award. The nomination pool was concentrated in North America. Seventeen nominees had been awarded PhD degrees in the United States, two in Canada, one in Europe (The Netherlands) and one in Asia/Middle East (Israel). The review process was implemented in several steps using ten judges, and ensuring that every nominee was evaluated by at least two judges. Reviewers included a past winner of the Dordick award, a former secretary of CAT and other researchers representing diverse backgrounds academically and geographically. Care was taken to minimize potential conflicts of interest. Judges were given general instructions to assign scores (0-100, with descriptors of the level of excellence required for 100, 90, 80, and so forth) to each nominee; reviewers were entitled to exercise their own judgment about how to apply the criteria in performing their evaluations. In the first stage, each of the seven reviewers was assigned six nominees in an approximation of a Latin Squares design. Six finalists were derived from the first-round review by aggregating the top scoring nominees identified by the seven reviewers. Two new reviewers who had no involvement in the first round were used for a second round of reviews of the top-scoring nominees. These second-level reviewers were given identical instructions as the first level reviewers. Four finalists emerged who were ranked equivalently by these two judges. To decide the issue in light of the unclear results to this point, yet another judge was selected. The new judge had no earlier involvement in making any prior judgments concerning the candidates. This judge chose the winner from among the final four. The winner was a Canadian currently residing in the UK.

As evident from our activities this year, CAT is not only active but also truly international in scope. We expect a greater international presence in Singapore. Our current self-studies based on keywords of interest to CAT members and analysis of their affiliations with other ICA units will give us a better idea of our membership, including its internationalization, shaping our future work in important ways.

Communication History Interest Group

Chair: David W. Park (Lake Forest College, USA)
Vice chair: Jefferson Pooley (Muhlenberg College, USA)

The Communication History Interest Group was officially created at the 2007 ICA Annual Conference in San Francisco, after the requisite petitioning and approval processes. As of 1 November 2007, the Communication History Interest Group had 116 members. On 1 November 2008, the group’s membership had grown to include 202 members. After some attrition, this number has dropped to 182 members on 1 March 2009 (this figure still represents a substantial growth from 1 March 2008).

The Communication History Interest Group recognized two papers with awards for the 2009 conference. Deborah Lubken (U of Pennsylvania) was awarded the Top Paper Award, and Miranda...
The 2009 Top Student Paper award was earned by Lauren B. Movius (U of Southern California, USA) for the paper, “Global Debates on the Right to Communicate.”

The top three papers for the 2009 conference are:

Edward L. Carter (Brigham Young U, USA), James Phillips (Brigham Young U, USA), “Information-Seeking Behavior of Justices During U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments.”

Stephen I Siff (Miami U, USA), “Stage for the Sixties: Restrictions on Speech About Drugs in America Prior to 1968.”

Amit M Schejter (Pennsylvania State U, USA), Charles Michael Elavsky (Pennsylvania State U, USA), “...And the Children of Israel Sang This Song: The Role of Israeli Law and Policy in the Advancement of Israeli Music.”

The division has fairly strong levels of participation from outside the United States, as reflected by the number of authors living outside the US who submitted papers and panels and were accepted; by the number of international-themed paper topics submitted; and by the number of division leadership residing outside of the US.

Seventy-seven papers were submitted, 54 are from authors in the US, and 23 are from authors at institutions outside the US.

Of the 28 papers accepted, 19 were from the US, and nine are from authors at institutions abroad.

Many of the topics of the papers submitted and accepted considered international and comparative issues, for a total of 17 of the 28 accepted papers. Three panels were accepted, making a total of 15 accepted papers, five of which were submitted by authors from outside the United States.

The panel chairs and discussants for competitive paper panels include four United States scholars and five from outside the US.

The pool of 59 reviewers included 15 scholars from outside the U.S.

Two of the three conference registration fee
waivers provided to the division, were awarded to scholars from developing countries to assist in lowering conference costs.

Rebecca Lentz (McGill U, Canada) was elected as the secretary of the Communication Law and Policy Division, to serve a two-year term from 2009-2011.

Patricia Aufderheide (American U, USA) serves as vice-chair in 2008-2009.

Peter Humphreys (Manchester U, United Kingdom) was elected to serve as vice-chair from 2009-2010, and will serve as chair for 2010-2012.

Stephen McDowell (Florida State U, USA) serves as chair from 2008-2010.

**Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division**

Chair: Kumarini Silva (Northeastern U, USA)
Vice chair: Myria Georgiou (Leeds U, United Kingdom)

In 2008 ERIC was granted division status, and for the past year ERIC has continued to increase its membership and consequently draws from a wide variety of research as is reflected in the annual conference program. For the 2008 conference, ERIC sponsored and co-sponsored 22 panels across five divisions and interest groups. We continue to work on these collaborations, as well as on our commitment to internationalize the division. To this end, in 2009, the new executive committee will be represented by members from Europe, Australia and Asia.

In 2008, ERIC awarded four travel grants and conference waivers to student members. We also awarded 3 Top Paper Awards, worth $75, $50, and $25 USD respectively, as well as awards to the top three interactive papers. Recipients in both categories were from Canada, New Zealand, and the United States.

For the 2009 conference, ERIC will again sponsor and co-sponsor over 20 panels. We are especially pleased that this year, because of generous contributions by several institutions and individuals, we are able to increase the number of travel grants. ERIC awarded 6 travel grants for $150 USD and three travel waivers to nine students, including several international students.

At the end of the 2009 ICA conference, Kumarini Silva will end her tenure as Chair and Myria Georgiou will be instated. Under Dr. Georgiou’s leadership, the division will continue to pursue its commitment to increase its international connections, while maintaining its commitment to cross-unit collaborations, and research excellence.

**Feminist Scholarship Division**

Chair: Vicki Mayer (Tulane U, USA)
Vice chair: Diana Rios (U of Connecticut, USA)

Like all divisions, our submissions for the conference were down this year. However, our membership numbers are doing well, a measure of the success of the co-membership registrants in FSD and other allied divisions and programs, such as Ethnicity and Race in Communication, Philosophy of Communication, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, and Popular Communication. Given the lack of data collection, it is impossible to know if our membership has become more diverse or internationalized over the past year. We would be interested to know how other divisions gathered this data.

The division succeeded in orchestrating a major fundraising drive for the Teresa Award, which recognizes excellence in feminist scholarship. After soliciting nominations and assessing the merits of the nominees, the awards committee gave the first Teresa Award to Dr. Dafna Lemish (Tel Aviv U, Israel).

A reception was held in Chicago to honour Dr. Lemish and celebrate the inauguration of this biannual award.
Game Studies Interest Group

Chair: John Sherry (Michigan State U, USA)
Vice Chair: Katherine Isbister (New York U – Polytechnic, USA)

Membership

Membership in the Game Studies Interest Group continues to grow at a healthy pace. For a breakdown see Table A below.

It is important to note that membership is highly international with representation from five continents.

Leadership & Elections

In the fall, Dmitri Williams (U of Southern California, USA) was elected vice chair. His two-year term will begin at the ICA Annual Conference in Chicago, after which he will serve a two-year term as chair.

After doing an excellent job running the paper competition for two years, incoming chair Katherine Isbister (New York U – Polytechnic, USA) has requested to step down from the Executive Committee. Following Interest Group by-laws, the remaining Executive Committee met and decided that John Sherry (Michigan State U, USA) will continue for two more years as chair and Dmitri Williams will serve his elected two year term as vice chair.

The position of secretary is scheduled for election in the fall of 2009. A nominating committee will be chosen at the 2009 Business Meeting. This committee will recommend two candidates for the fall election cycle.

Montreal 2008 Program

Paper and panel proposal submissions were consistent with submission rates from 2007. As a result, the rejection rate was about 66%, a relatively high rejection rate for the annual conference, but close to the overall convention rejection rate of 57%. (See Table B below.)

Game Studies co-sponsored an off-site reception with the Information Systems and Communication and Technology divisions. It was highly successful and will be repeated this year.

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Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Interest Group

No report filed.
Global Communication and Social Change Division

Chair: Oliver Boyd-Barrett (Bowling Green State U, USA)
Vice Chair: Robert Huesca (Trinity U, USA)

The May 2009 annual conference of the International Communication Association in Chicago marks the end of the Division’s second year. Its first year was celebrated at the Division’s dinner in Montreal, 2008, hosted by CitizenShift, a grass-roots communication project funded largely by the National Film Board of Canada.

Divisional membership is 371 (up by 101% from 185 in 2008). The budget for 2008-09 is $1990 (up by 102% from $985 in 2008). For the 2009 conference, 15 panel submissions (down 48% from 29 in 2008) and 135 papers (down by 4 or 2.9% from 2008) were received. There are 18 sessions programmed for 2009. Overall acceptance rate for 2009 is 48%, up from 36% in 2008.

At its 2008 Business Meeting, the Division agreed to revised versions of the bylaws and of the mission statement, subject to further consideration during 2008-2009. The bylaws and mission statement will be revisited in Chicago. The 2008 meeting recommended the development of a scoring sheet template. This issue will be tabled in Chicago.

Procedures for the determination of the next vice-chair to replace Robert Huesca (Trinity U, USA) when he takes the chair of the division at the conclusion of the 2009 conference in Chicago were agreed upon. Antonio LaPastina (Texas A&M U, USA) was elected to the position of vice-chair to replace Huesca.

The 2008 meeting agreed there should be awards for Top Student, a Top Doctoral Dissertation, Best Article (over the previous 12 months), Best Book (over the previous 24 months) and a Lifetime Achievement Award. Appropriate committees and procedures were established in the course of 2008-2009 for the invitation and consideration of nominations for these awards.

Three Top Student papers have been selected for presentation in Chicago. There were five nominations for the Top Dissertation Award, currently under review. No nominations were received for the other awards. The 2009 Business Meeting will consider ways of generating a more robust response in future.

The Division has organized a one-day preconference for Chicago under the title Global Communication and Social Change: Research Agendas and Directions, comprising over 30 paper presentations and two panels. It is also collaborating in an ICA regional conference, Beyond East and West, for Budapest in June 2009, with the Center for Media and Communication Studies, Central European U; and in a conference on Theory of International and Intercultural Communication, in collaboration with the Department of Media and Communication Studies at the U of Mannheim, Germany, for October 2009.

Health Communication Division

Chair: David Buller (Klein Buendel, Inc., USA)
Vice chair: Dale Brashers (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA)

The Division continued its membership growth and attracted participation by international members. For the 2009 annual meeting, 11 papers were accepted from non-U.S. authors and 9 non-U.S. scholars served as reviewers.

The Division received 218 papers for the 2008 annual meeting (an increase over 2007) and panellied 108 papers and 3 panel proposals. The 2008 Division panels were well attended and the members endorsed further use of high-density panel formats. The Division was able to support six students with travel awards to the 2008 annual meeting with Division and ICA funds. The Division has programmed 113 papers for presentation at the 2009 annual meeting.

David Buller (Klein Buendel, Inc., USA) and Dale Brashers (U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA) were installed as the new Division Chair and Vice-Chair respectively at the 2008 business meeting. Jeff Niederdeppe (Cornell U, USA) was elected Division Secretary in fall 2008 and he will replace Seth Noar (U of Kentucky, USA) at the 2009 annual meeting.

The 2008 Thesis of the Year Award winner was
Jiyeon So (U of California – Santa Barbara, USA) and the Dissertation of the Year Award winner was Janice Krieger (Ohio State U, USA). The Division received 27 nominations for the 2009 thesis and dissertation awards (2 from non-U.S. universities). Division leadership is currently negotiating with potential sponsors for these two awards.

**Instructional/Developmental Communication Division**

Chair: Kristen Harrison (U of Illinois, USA)
Vice chair: Rebecca Chory (West Virginia U, USA)

**Activities in the Past Year**

The IDCD did not hold elections during 2008-2009. Laramie Taylor (U of California – Davis, USA) will continue as secretary until the 2009-2010 elections. Rebecca Chory (West Virginia U, USA) will advance to chair and program planner at the 2009 business meeting. The division will hold elections during 2009-2010 for secretary and vice chair.

Following the IDCD self-assessment member survey conducted by former IDCD chair Patti Valkenburg (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) in 2007, the “Children, Adolescents, and Media” (CAM) interest group was formed in 2008. The number of IDCD members listed on the ICA website has not decreased in the past year; however, those members of the IDCD who do non-instructional work on children and media appear to have disconnected from the division by choosing to submit to the CAM interest group instead. The IDCD received 44% fewer paper submissions and 56% fewer panel submissions this year than last. The CAM interest group thus appears to have siphoned off almost 50% of the submissions typically received by the IDCD.

**Awards offered in the Past Year**

Historically, the IDCD has offered awards for outstanding teaching by a graduate student. The competition actually exists at the level of the nominating department, which forwards the name of its most outstanding graduate student instructor. The IDCD collects these nominations and recognizes the nominees with a certificate during the division’s business meeting. Accordingly, all students who are nominated receive awards.

The role of the IDCD has been to administer this process by keeping track of nominees, having certificates printed, and handing out certificates.

At the 2008 business meeting we discussed the value of this award for the division and for ICA, because over the years there has been confusion about the structure of the award and the benefits it offers students. Many nominators and nominees erroneously believe that the award comes with a free ICA membership, and are angered when no membership is forthcoming. Thus, at the 2008 business meeting, some members felt that the effort put forth by the IDCD and ICA to manage awards that are essentially granted by departments and not the association is not worth the trouble of handling the yearly confusion and ill will. Other members felt equally strongly that giving students award certificates that bear ICA’s logo has great value for student CVs and builds motivation and confidence in instruction.

ICA Executive Director Michael Haley and IDCD Chair Kristen Harrison (U of Illinois, USA) discussed the issue following the 2008 conference and decided to table the award for a year until some resolution could be reached by IDCD members to either eliminate the award or redefine its terms. Thus no nominations were accepted for the 2009 conference. Plans to continue debating this issue and hopefully arrive at a resolution are included in the 2009 business meeting agenda.

The IDCD continues to offer a dissertation award for completed dissertations dealing with a topic related to instructional and/or developmental communication. Nominations were due in January 2009. The IDCD received no nominations this year, so no award will be given at the 2009 conference.

**Planning the Chicago Conference**

We received 39 paper submissions and 4 panel submissions for the Chicago conference. We had 39 reviewers. For each paper, the chair/planner made every attempt to assign reviewers with expertise in the paper’s topic area. However, because the vast majority of submissions concerned instructional communication whereas the majority of reviewers specialized in children and media in non-instructional settings, many reviewers had to review papers outside their area of expertise. Given 8 slots total including the business meeting and interactive poster session,
our division was able to accept 22 of the papers (56%) and 1 (25%) of the panels. We will give a cash prize to the top student paper.

In the coming year, our division will have to think seriously about its future. At the business meeting we will discuss the reduction in the submissions resulting from non-instructional members’ new investment in the CAM interest group, and the appropriateness of the division’s developmental mission given the new dominance of instructional work in the IDCD’s conference submissions. Input from ICA officers and leaders in the instructional area of the division will be especially welcome.

**Intercultural Communication Division**

Chair: Jim Neuliep (St. Norbert College, USA)
Vice chair: Ling Chen (Hong Kong Baptist U, People’s Republic of China)

The Intercultural Communication Division (ICD) continues to function smoothly as a stand alone division. At the 2008 ICD Business meeting in Montreal a revised set of by-laws was adopted and went into effect successfully with this year’s convention programming.

This year 66 papers and two panels were submitted to ICD. Of these, 39 papers and one panel were programmed. The acceptance rate (i.e., 59%) was considerably higher than in past years when about 45% of papers/panels were programmed. This may be an issue for the ICD to discuss.

The ICD continues to attract and engage an internationally diverse audience in terms of its governance, paper submitters, reviewers, and programming. At the conclusion of the 2009 conference, Ling Chen (Hong Kong Baptist University, People’s Republic of China) will assume the duties as Chair of ICD, Steven Mortenson (U of Delaware, USA) will assume the duties as Vice-Chair, and Leeva Chun (U of San Diego, USA) will continue as Secretary for the division. Approximately 25% of authors and 33% of panel chairs and respondents programmed for the Chicago conference are from outside the US. Approximately 33% of ICD’s reviewers this year are also from outside the US.

**Intergroup Communication Interest Group**

Chair: Margaret J. Pitts (Old Dominion U, USA)
Vice chair: Lisa Sparks (Chapman U/U of California – Irvine, USA)

**Membership**

As of 6 April 2009, the Intergroup Communication Interest Group has a total of 119 members. At least 33 of those members are international members (28% of our membership). We remain steady as an interest group.

**2008 Activities**

At the 2008 conference, we awarded four Top Paper Awards. Nineteen members were present for the interest group meeting. Recruitment was discussed and it was agreed that each Intergroup Communication member would try to recruit one other member with a focus on maintaining our international ties.

**Internationalization**

We have made direct efforts to maintain our international membership by associating with the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP). At the 2009 conference, we will host two sessions that are linked with IALSP in an effort to fertilize cross-membership in both international programs. Bernadette Watson (U of Queensland, Australia), our immediate past chair, is an international member. Hiroshi Ota (Aichi Shukutoku U, Japan), also an international member, preceded Watson.

**2009 Plans**

We anticipate completing our interest group bylaws this year and submitting those to the members to review. This year we had 37 conference submissions (an increase of two over the past year) and were able to slate 12 papers plus two posters. We will also award four Top Paper Awards (including two student papers).
Interpersonal Communication Division
Division Chair: Pamela Kalbfleisch (U of North Dakota, USA)

This year the Interpersonal Communication Division planned and co-sponsored a pre-conference on advanced statistical technique, Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM) taught by specialist Debra Kashey. This pre-conference had been planned for two years and quickly filled to capacity.

We also awarded our Applied Interpersonal Communication Award created in memory of the late John Garrison, who was a member of our division.

We are continuing to consider pre-conferences of interest to our members, as well as fundraising to continue to build the Garrison Award for Applied Interpersonal Communication.

Journalism Studies Division
Chair: Betsi Grabe (Indiana U, USA)
Vice-Chair: Frank Esser (U of Zurich, Switzerland)

The 2009 Conference Program

The Journalism Studies program of 2009 reflects diversity within the division in terms of research methods, focus of study, as well as the international composition of presenters. The acceptance rate for the paper competition was about 45% with 175 submissions and 79 programmed papers.

Eleven panel proposals were submitted and four were accepted for presentation, making the acceptance rate low at 36%. The Journalism Studies Division’s philosophy is to favor paper over panel submissions. In selecting panels, the international composition of panel members enjoys high priority. Thus, the average number of countries represented on an accepted panel was 5.5.

The Division awarded three Top Student and three Top Faculty Paper Awards. We thank the more than 200 paper reviewers in selecting the papers we programmed this year.

Cosponsored Conferences

The Journalism Studies Division is co-hosting the ICA Preconference "Media Ethics" on 21 May 2009, in collaboration with Philosophy of Communication Division (as lead organizer) and the Mass Communication Division. More than 30 papers will be presented in two parallel streams of sessions on a variety of topics related to media and journalism ethics. Keynote speakers include: Ronald Arnett (Duquesne U, USA), Clifford Christians, Lilie Chouliaraki (London School of Economics, United Kingdom) and Daniel Dayan (CNRS – Paris, France). The conference is receiving financial support from New York U’s Department of Media, Culture and Communication and the U of London’s Goldsmiths’ Centre for the Study of Global Media and Democracy.

The Journalism Studies Division is also cosponsoring the International Conference “Journalism Research in the Public Interest” on 19-21 November 2009 in Zurich, Switzerland. Hosted by the U of Zurich and the Zurich College of Applied Sciences, this conference addresses the question of what journalism studies can contribute to issues of public interest and debate, and how it can improve transfer of knowledge between journalism research and civil society. Other supporters include the journalism sections of European Communication Research & Education Association (ECREA) and the International Association for Media & Communication Research (IAMCR), as well as the Swiss and the German Communication Associations.

We also encouraged members to participate in the International Conference “Journalism in the 21st Century: Between Globalization and National Identity,” to be held in Melbourne on 16-17 July 2009. Thanks to a strong presence of papers, it will provide a broad platform for the discussion of global issues and their effects upon journalistic practices. The conference is organized by the Media and Communications Program at the U of Melbourne in cooperation with the International Communication Association (ICA).
A New Secretary

In October 2008, members elected Thorsten Quandt as secretary of the Journalism Studies Division. At the time of voting, Thorsten was still based at the Free U in Berlin but has now moved to the U of Hohenheim, Germany, where he accepted a position as professor of online communication. Thorsten will help us with our website, newsletter and fundraising initiatives. He will replace Ellen Graham McKinley (Professor, Rider U, USA) who has completed her term as division secretary.

A New Dissertation Award

Gene Burd, (U of Texas – Austin, USA) practiced journalism for more than 50 years, generously made a donation to establish an annual dissertation award within the Journalism Studies Division. Setting up the “The Burd Doctoral Dissertation Award” is well underway. We will

Language and Social Interaction Division

Chair:  Mark Aakhus (Rutgers U, USA)
Vice chair:  Richard Buttny (Syracuse U, USA)

The LSI division programmed 10 panels. There were 72 papers/abstracts submitted of which 25 were accepted for a 35% acceptance rate. There were five panels proposed and four accepted for an 80% acceptance rate.

Awards and honors were given for top papers. The top four competitively ranked papers were:

- Mats Erik Ekstrom (Orebro U, SWEDEN): “Announced Refusal to Answer: A Study of Norms and Accountability in Broadcast Political Interviews”
- Yael Maschler (U of Haifa, ISRAEL): “Keywords in Interaction: Grammatical and Interactional Projections of Discourse Markers”
- Paul M. Denvir (U at Albany, USA): “Patients’ Enactment of Normative Stances Toward Reported Substance Use Conduct: Managing Identity During Routine History Taking”

Cash awards and conference fee waivers were given to support graduate student travel to the conference.

The reviewers for ICA 2009, whose service is greatly appreciated, were as follows: Robert Agne (Auburn U, USA), Benjamin Bailey (U of Massachusetts – Amherst, USA), Ujjwala Barve (U of Pune, INDIA), Don Ellis (U of Hartford, USA), Phillip Glenn (Emerson College, USA), Cynthia Gordon (Syracuse U, USA), Kathleen Haspel (Fairleigh Dickinson U, USA), Elaine Hsieh (U of Oklahoma, USA), Christine Iacobucci (Wells College, USA), Mardi Kidwell (U of New Hampshire, USA), Susan Kline (Ohio State U, USA), Ee Lin Lee (Western Washington U, USA), Gene Lerner (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA), Trudy Milburn (California State U - Channel Islands, USA), Julian Mirivel (U of Arkansas, USA), Hartmut Mokros (Rutgers U, USA), Eric Morgan (New Mexico State U, USA), George Ray (Cleveland State U; USA), Todd Sandel (U of Oklahoma, USA),

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Mark Aakhus, Chair Language and Social Interaction
papers this year, two papers were from North American universities and two were from outside North America. We are also looking into ways to do further outreach such as considering a preconference or panels in Singapore that draw upon LSI researchers from this region of the world.

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Mass Communication Division

Chair: Robin Nabi (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA)
Vice chair: David Ewoldsen (Ohio State U, USA)

This has been a busy year for the Mass Communication Division. We are in the process of developing and adopting bylaws to improve the governance of the Division, especially to maintain consistency across terms of office. We are also in the process of instituting a new Division Award for outstanding published research. Both of these issues will be discussed and hopefully adopted at the 2009 Divisional Meeting or soon thereafter. We are in the process of determining the winner of our 2009 Kyoon Hur Dissertation Award, and of course, we have completed a very successful paper competition for the annual conference, in which we received 230 paper and 25 panel submissions. The paper submissions were down from the previous couple of years, which may be a function of the emergence of the new Children, Adolescents, and the Media Interest Group and the relatively new Game Studies Interest Group – both of which may receive papers that had previously gone to the Mass Communication Division. The MCD continues to maintain close ties with these groups, as evidenced by a joint MCD-CAM reception, funded by MCD, to be held during the convention.

Organizational Communication Division

Chair: Dennis Mumby (U of North Carolina, USA)
Vice chair: Janet Fulk (U of Southern California, USA)

Division membership has remained fairly stable over the past year (695 members as of 10/2008 compared with 708 as of 10/2007). Submissions for the Chicago conference were down somewhat compared with Montreal (101/118 papers; 4/11
Division activities at the Montreal conference included a two-day interdisciplinary preconference at the U of Montreal devoted to the scholarship of James Taylor, and a member reception immediately following the division business meeting. In Chicago, the division is holding a one-day doctoral student preconference on the theme of “Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching in Organizational Communication,” and will again host a member reception.

We have made some strides in internationalizing the division, although clearly we need to do better. This year, 10 of our 40 reviewers were located outside the US. Of the 55 papers accepted for presentation, nine are authored by non-US-based scholars from countries such as Germany, Malaysia, Sweden, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. Our new division secretary is a faculty member at the U of Waikato in New Zealand.

One significant initiative that we began this year involves increasing travel funding for student presenters, particularly those studying outside of the US. Fall 2008 the division chair sent out solicitation letters to senior scholars in the field requesting donations to augment the Redding Endowment. The goal is to increase the fund to around $30,000 USD and use the annual income not only for the Redding Dissertation Award, but to provide travel stipends for deserving student presenters.

**Philosophy of Communication Division**

Chair: Ingrid Volkmer (U of Melbourne, Australia)
Vice chair: Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths College, United Kingdom)

Over the last four years, we have had an increase of about 100 members from 2006 to February 2009. Recent figures show a decrease in January 2009 to 350; however, the membership numbers are picking up again. As of May 2009, we have 415 members. We are planning to discuss internationalization strategies. The largest region represented is the USA, followed by Europe and Central/South America. A substantial group from Central/South America joined in 2009 and we consider targeting this particular area in the future.

As in previous years, we are awarding the Top Paper Award in partnership with Taylor & Francis. We will award international students; however, they study at American universities.

Philosophy of Communication will organize another preconference in Chicago on ‘Media Ethics.’ Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths College, United Kingdom) and Amit Pinchevski (Hebrew U, Israel) have organized the 2009 preconference, cosponsored by New York U, Department of Culture & Communication. The division has received 76 paper submissions for Chicago (down 10% from 2008). The level of panel submissions, however, was again quite high (25 total submissions).

Ingrid Volkmer will resign as chair, Nick Couldry will assume this role and Laurie Ouellette (U of Minnesota, USA) is the new vice-chair elect.

**Political Communication Division**

Chair: Kevin G. Barnhurst (U of Illinois at Chicago, USA)
Vice chair: Yariv Tsfati (U of Haifa, Israel)

Division membership remained roughly the same (668 in April 2008 and 672 now). After the USA, the largest share of members comes from Europe (18.2%), Canada (3.0%), and Australia (2.8%), constituting a quarter of all members.

Division activities included two pre-conferences: “Mediating Global Citizenship” and “Remapping Public Media.” For the 2008 convention, we accepted 88 papers (44%), 5 panels (42%), and cosponsored 34 sessions.

The 2008 Swanson Award for Service went to Wolfgang Donsbach (Technical U - Dresden, Germany). The Best Paper of 2007 Award went to Adam Simon and Jennifer Jerit, *Journal of Communication*. Seven faculty and five student papers from Europe and the USA received Top Paper awards.

Chicago saw more paper (236) and fewer panel (18) submissions; acceptances increased (papers 50%, panels 44%) generally and for student submissions (42). Accepted authors represent 23 countries, about two-thirds from North America, but one-third of reviewers (36%) and travel

![Ingrid Volkmer, Chair Philosophy of Communication](image)
grantees (almost half of the applications) were international.

ICA resolved access issues for online subscriptions to Political Communication, which increased international access.

The new editor for the Political Communication Report newsletter is Richard Stanton (U of Sydney, Australia).

The technical integration of the division newsletter and website (jointly with APSA)—necessary for international access—will be an upcoming issue.

**Popular Communication Division**

Chair: Cornel Sandvoss (U of Surrey, United Kingdom)
Vice Chair: Paul Frosh (Hebrew U, Israel)

The Popular Communication of ICA aims to provide a forum for scholarly investigation, analysis, and dialogue among communication researchers interested in a wide variety of communication symbols, forms, phenomena and strategic systems of symbols within the context of contemporary popular culture.

As a Division that is a natural home to scholars employing a variety of empirical and critical methodologies, we are centrally concerned with broadening and diversifying our membership. Popular culture and entertainment media are on the forefront of processes of cultural and economic globalization and its critical analysis therefore necessitates international dialogue and exchange in the multilocal analysis of the popular between the local and the global.

During the 2008 conference the Division began a membership recruitment drive through leafleting at panels and papers sessions. The Division aims to have reached a membership target of 500 by the 2010 ICA conference in Singapore. The Division currently counts 391 members.

As part of its efforts to broaden participation in and membership to the Division, we have introduced Keynote Panels to our annual conference programme. Our 2008 Keynote Panel “New Concepts, New Methods: The Challenges of Popular Communication Research in the 21st Century,” featured leading scholars of our field including John Hartley (Queensland U of Technology, Australia), Henry Jenkins (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA), Brian Longhurst (U of Salford, United Kingdom), Elizabeth Bird (U of South Florida, USA), Denise Bielby (U of California at Santa Barbara, USA) and C. Lee Harrington (Miami U of Ohio, USA). Following the success of this panel and the explicit wish of our membership the Division’s 2009 Keynote Panel takes up the Division’s theme of internationalising the study of popular communication (“Studying Popular Communication in its Global and Transnational Context”); speakers will include Marwan Kraidy (U of Pennsylvania, USA), Joe Straubhaar (U of Texas at Austin, USA), Lynn Clark (U of Denver, USA), Jostein Gripsrud (U of Bergen, Norway), John Nguyet Erni (Lingnan U, Hong Kong) and David Hesmondhalgh (U of Leeds, United Kingdom).

As parts of its efforts to foster Popular Communication research internationally, the Division has co-sponsored regional conferences in the past year and will continue to do so in 2009/10. The Division also supports the efforts of the divisional journal Popular Communication: The International Journal of Media and Culture (published by Routledge) to provide a forum for international and transnational communication research beyond prevalent linguistic barriers. The coming year will see the release of a special issue on Digital Convergence in Latin America guest edited by Rosalía Winocur, featuring contributions by, among others, Néstor García Canclini and Jesús Martín Barbero. The Division supports the journal translating the full issue from Spanish to English and the simultaneous publication of the issue in Spanish and English in digital form. Access to this and all other issues of Popular Communication is free to all Division members.

The Division is also pleased to announce the election of its first graduate student representative, Jonathan Ong. Jonathan, currently a doctoral student at the University of Cambridge who has previously lived in Manila, completes the Division’s leadership and adds yet another transnational biography to the Division’s leadership team. Katalin Lustyik, our Division Secretary, originally from Hungary, worked as postdoctoral fellow in New Zealand before moving to Ithaca College, NY. Our Vice Chair Paul Frosh has continued his academic career for the past two decades at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem after graduating from the University of Cambridge, and Cornel Sandvoss, the Division Chair, originally from Bonn, Germany, teaches at the University of Surrey, UK.
The 2008-2009 year was an exciting time for the Public Relations Division with a number of major initiatives underway.

**Endowments and Sponsorships**

The Division established two endowments, one for the Robert L. Heath Top Paper Award given each year, and one for the James E. Grunig and Larissa A. Grunig Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards in Public Relations given every two years. Members and supporters can donate directly to these endowments via the ICA web page. We continue to enjoy the support of the Betsy Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations for the Top Student Paper Award given each year.

**Committees**

The Public Relations Division established three committees to support the Division: Membership (Bonita Neff, Valparaiso U, USA), Awards (Bey-Ling Sha, San Diego State U, USA), and the Study of the Division’s Name Resonance (Samuel Martin-Barbera).

**International Involvement and Membership**

The Division continued its tradition of wide representation from its international membership for paper readers, chairs, and moderators at the annual conference. Once again, we devoted two ICA conference panels to international public relations. Furthermore, the Division has begun a questioning process to explore the resonance of the Public Relations Division name among our international membership. This questioning process was also the focus of one of our conference panels.

**Site for International Collaboration**

The Division’s website devoted to cross-national public relations research, has been up and running since November 2007 (http://icapr-cnrc.org/). The purpose of this database is to be a clearinghouse on all things related to furthering opportunities for international and cross-national public relations research, including collaboration across national boundaries. Along with the opportunity for Division members to publish their own research profiles, this interactive database features information on Conferences and Events, Calls for Papers, Projects and Collaboration Calls, Working Examples of Cross-National Research, Funding Opportunities, Faculty Exchange Programs, and Open Positions. There are moderators for different sections of the website, but by and large, members are the providers of the content.

**Pre-Conference**

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is emerging as a central issue for business and the academy, and was the theme of our preconference this year. The focus was on aligning stakeholder and community concerns with the changing relationships between business, government and society.

**Coordination with other ICA Divisions**

The Public Relations Division co-sponsored one conference session with Philosophy of Communication and another with the Philosophy of Communication, Political Communication, and Organizational Communication divisions.

**Top Paper Awards**

Our Top Paper, receiving the Robert L. Heath Award, was given to Crisis Response Effectiveness: Methodological Considerations for Advancement in Empirical Investigation into Response Impact by Tomasz A. Fediuk (Illinois
Marion G. Müller, Chair
Visual Communication Studies

Visual Communication Studies Division

Chair: Marion G. Müller (Jacobs University, Germany)
Vice chair: Luc Pauwels (Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium)

Statistics on the divisional paper and panel review for Chicago 2009:

Allotment: 9 sessions (8 paper sessions, 1 business meeting) and 4 posters
Cut off: around 5.0 Overall score or 4.8 Total score

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Individual papers submitted: 71, Individual papers accepted: 33 (see chart)

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Thesis and Dissertation Call for Nominees.
The Public Relations Division of ICA invites submissions for the James E. Grunig and Larissa A. Grunig Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards. Eligible entrants for this competition cycle include theses and dissertations successfully defended during the period from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009. Award winners will be recognized at the 60th annual conference in Singapore, 2010.

In other news, lively debate has begun on whether the Division should have an official journal and Juan Carlos Molleda (U of Florida, USA) was elected the incoming Vice-Chair.

Our Top Student Paper was A Test of Excellent Leadership in Public Relations: Key Qualities, Valuable Sources, and Distinctive Leadership Perceptions by Juan Meng (U of Alabama, USA), Bruce K. Berger (U of Alabama, USA), and William C. Heyman (Heyman Associates, Inc.).
Committee and Task Force Reports

Publication Committee

Chair: Krishnamurthy Sriramesh (Massey U, New Zealand)
Members: Ingrid Volkmer (U of Melbourne, Australia), Dale Hample (U of Maryland, USA)

The Publications Committee deliberated the term of the editor of Communication Theory and decided that there were good reasons to keep the present three year term.

The committee was also asked to deliberate on the issue of whether the duration a manuscript was under review with the Journal of Communication was too long. The committee felt the changes brought under the editorship of Michael Cody (U of Southern California, USA) will address some of these issues and subsequently decided it prudent to wait on the decision.

Finally, after due deliberation and a search extending over six months, the committee nominated James Katz (Rutgers U, USA) for editorship of Human Communication Research.
Membership Committee

Chair: Jennifer Bartlett (Queensland U, Australia)

Members: Gianpietro Mazzoleni (U of Milan, Italy), Hiroshi Ota, Diana Rios, Michael Hale

The Membership Committee continues to share strong common goals with the Internationalization and the Liaison Committees and with the main office in Washington DC, in terms of furthering ICA’s goal of becoming an international group of communication scholars. In March 2009, Sam Luna, Director of Membership for ICA, reported that the Association has more than 3,700 members with strong uptake and interest in new memberships. The member body is comprised of approximately 2400 Regular/Professional members and more than 1300 Student members.

The goal to internationalize membership is being realized with the membership now sitting at 64% US members and 36% from outside the US. One of the initiatives of the Membership and Internationalization Committees from 2008 is to use ‘ICA Ambassadors’ to attend local meetings and promote ICA in their regions. The first wave of this initiative happened in the Australia-New Zealand region where information about ICA and upcoming conferences was made available at local meetings: The World Communication Association (WCA), Australia New Zealand Communication Association (ANZCA), Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA) and New Zealand Communication Association (NZCA). Plans for extending this program into other parts of the Asia-Oceania region are being considered to enhance memberships and promote submissions to the 2010 ICA Conference in Singapore.

A regional conference co-supported by ICA is also taking place in Melbourne, Australia. Membership increased in other regions where these initiatives have taken place: Mexico, China and South America.

An international listing of communication journals is increasingly necessary as scholars are under growing pressure to quantify their publication output. Listings from around the world are being collected by groups such as the Communication Council of America, with plans for discussions about how to accommodate regional and language requirements.

Liaison Committee

Chair: Ingrid Volkmer (U of Melbourne, Australia)

Members: Noshir Contractor (Northwestern U, USA), Eszter Hargittai (Northwestern U, USA), Monroe Price (U of Pennsylvania, USA), Arvind Singhal (U of Texas - El Paso, USA), Douglas Storey (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg, USA), Michael Haley (ICA)

The group has discussed various options for building links to relevant organizations. One idea was to build links to transnational media organizations, following the IAMCR model. However, it became obvious that best practice models are required to build strategic links. The Chair has consulted with Cees Hamelink (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and identified a model which could help to establish these relationships. A report will be presented to the Board of Directors.

The group decided to organize a session for Chicago of funding of transnational media research and by doing so, build links to funding organizations. However, it seemed to be impossible to even arrange videoconferencing for this session as we planned to bring in international speakers. We have cancelled this session subsequently and decided to organize a public forum for the discussion of emerging issues for the liaison committee.
This year, the Student Affairs Committee of the International Communication Association (ICA) continues the tradition of advocating graduate student interests. The Student Column in the monthly ICA Newsletter featured several relevant topics to graduate students. For instance, columns discussed tips for academic publishing, accessing mentors, social networking, and public speaking. We also conducted a survey of graduate student members to determine existing needs and how we might more effectively serve constituents. Prior to organizing the Graduate Student Social Reception at ICA, we also conducted a brief survey of graduate students to understand preferences for the reception location, activities at the student lounge, and future mentoring needs.

The Graduate Student Board and Committee members have organized several events tailored for graduate students at 2009 Chicago conference. We are participating in the New Member and Student Orientation Panel, which takes place Friday, 22 May 2009. We also continued the student-run lounge area at the conference hotel and a social reception at the hotel for Friday evening. Nanyang Technological U and ICA have generously sponsored our reception this year.

The Graduate Student Representatives have developed a manual to assist future Graduate Student Representatives. The manual was created to standardize the formal responsibilities and duties of the position.

This upcoming year, we plan to continue our work representing the interests of graduate student members by organizing professional and social events for the next conference. We will also collaborate with Patrice Buzzanell to develop more mentoring, networking, and training opportunities for Graduate Students at ICA.
Task Force on Multiple Language Submission

The mission of this task force was to assess the feasibility and practical implications of multiple language submission for future ICA conferences. The task force was comprised of the following members: Thomas Hanitzsch (chair, U of Zurich), Yu-li Yu (National Chengchi U), Marwan Kraidy (U of Pennsylvania), Philippe J. Maarek (U of Paris 12), Gianpietro Mazzoleni (U of Milan), and Federico Subervi (Texas State U, San Marcos). This report will consist of two parts: our general conclusions regarding the feasibility and viability of multiple language submission and a discussion of practical aspects of such a procedure, if ICA were to implement it.

General Remarks

Multiple language submission can be a good way to increase membership from and participation by countries with low representation in ICA. Several regions that are marginally represented by ICA membership could benefit from such a reform, most notably in French-, Spanish-, and Arabic-speaking communities.

At the same time, a possible implementation of multiple language submission needs to be supported by a significant portion of ICA membership. We currently don’t know how ICA members feel about it and most of the comments made by respondents to the Montreal conference survey were, in fact, negative.

We understand that the intention of multiple language submission is to enhance the pool of submissions, but here lies another problem: Many scholars might not understand that they can submit in multiple languages but still have to present in English. These colleagues might have a decent command of written English but find it more difficult to present in that language.

It might be interesting to look at the experiences of other associations that have already experimented with multiple language submission. In the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), for instance, people can submit in any of the three official languages of the association, but still roughly 90% of all submissions are in English. This percentage, however, largely depends on the location. For the 2009 IAMCR conference in Mexico, about 20% of the papers submitted are in Spanish. (But here, multiple language submission is encouraged by the fact that panels can also be either in French or Spanish, the other two official languages of IAMCR. In Mexico, for instance, the Political Communication Research Section will hold 4 out of 14 panels in Spanish.)

General recommendations

1. The Chicago conference survey should include specific questions in order to quantify the extent to which our members support the idea of multiple language submission.

2. In a first experimental stage, ICA should allow submissions in the language of the host country for the years in which ICA meets outside the United States.

3. Alternatively, ICA could hold concurrent sessions or pre-conferences in the local language.

4. If ICA allows multiple language submission of any kind, it should also plan an information campaign to make it known to those who do not regularly attend ICA conferences.

Practical implications

Relevant languages:

One starting point for multiple language submission acceptance could be to include as official languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Russian and Spanish. In addition to these, the ICA website also supports Korean and German. For any other language to be considered as a potential target language, a critical mass of members who are able to read submitted manuscripts in the respective languages would required; but this seems to be the case only for Dutch. On the other hand, scholars from Germany and the Netherlands are keen to submit their papers in English. There is a similar tendency for Chinese scholars as evaluation systems increasingly require them to publish in international journals.

5. Recommendation: If ICA decides to implement multiple language submission, the relevant languages should be Arabic, Chinese, English,
French and Spanish. Alternatively, non-English submissions could be allowed in the local language of the host country for conferences outside the United States (see above).

**Language expertise and review process:**

In the Montreal conference survey, 61% of the respondents said that they know at least one language other than English. Of these, 69% said they were willing to review a paper in another language. Over all 559 attendees who responded to the survey, 51 were willing to review in French, 35 in Spanish, 14 in Chinese, and 2 in Arabic. It seems that the reviewer pool might be large enough for French and Spanish but far too small for the other languages. This shortage would become extremely difficult within divisions that have only a relatively small, or in some cases even non-existent, pool of reviewers who speak the respective languages.

(6) Recommendation: As a consequence, potential reviewers for ICA submissions need to be pooled across all divisions. A list needs to be compiled that carries the names of all reviewers with their respective fields of expertise and language skills. All division program planners should have access to the entire pool of reviewers.

The online submission system needs to adapt to a multiple language environment. According to All Academic Inc., the submission system can easily accommodate languages other than English. However, the system can do so only as long as ICA does not have to output material in languages that have special characters (i.e. printed abstracts or paper titles in the program). All Academic is currently working to resolve this issue.

(7) Recommendation: The user interface of the online submission system should support all languages in which papers can be submitted.

**Cost of translating:**

This committee assumes that highly ranked and therefore accepted papers submitted in various languages would require translation into English, thereby incurring a cost. In order to estimate the total cost of translating, parameters should be set. One important factor is the number of papers requiring translation. Again, the experience of IAMCR can serve as a starting point. For its annual conference in Mexico this year, IAMCR received about 20% of all submissions in Spanish. In 2008 when IAMCR met in Stockholm, virtually all submissions were in English; and for the 2007 conference in Paris between 5-10% of all papers were submitted in French. The number of non-English submissions is therefore highly dependent on the host country.

Another parameter is the overall number of accepted paper and panel submissions. During the last three years, ICA received roughly 2,500 paper and 300 panel submissions. We will treat each panel submission as a paper, so the number of total submissions approximates 2,800 papers. The number of submissions for the 2006 conference in Dresden, on the other hand, was considerably lower, with a total of 2,040 submissions. Acceptance rates for all four conferences were about 50%.

Assuming that ICA would most likely contract an international translation service that has all needed languages in its portfolio, we acquired the respective quotes from seven reputable agencies. Translation costs for a single standard paper (approx. 6,000 words, without references) range between $500 and $1,800 USD, depending on quality and speed. For the purpose of the following calculation of costs, we set the parameter to $800 per translation.

We therefore designed two scenarios. The first one refers to a conference in North America, with about 1,500 accepted papers, of which are 10% written in languages other than English. In this scenario, a total number of 150 papers would need to be translated, resulting in a predicted translation cost of $ 120,000. The second scenario envisages a conference outside North America, with about 1,000 accepted papers, of which 20% submitted in other languages than English. Here, we would expect a total of translation costs of $ 160,000. Both amounts fall within the range of 35 and 50% of the total income from conference fees (assuming an attendance of 2,000).

In order to refinance translation, conference fees would need to be increased by 30 to 50%, which is a fairly large amount that could lead to an overall drop in conference attendance.

An alternative option could be to allow submissions in English and the local language of the host country for conferences outside North America. For translation of accepted non-English papers, the local conference host could be asked to select a much cheaper local translation service.
How ICA works

ICA is a member organisation run by a Board of Directors in accordance with its Bylaws.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, President-Elect, President-Elect Select, Immediate Past President, the Chairpersons of Divisions enrolling 200 active members in the previous year, two Student Board Members-at-Large, and five Regional Board Members-at-Large.

A subcommittee of the Board of Directors consisting of the President, President-Elect, President Elect-Select, Immediate Past President, Past President, Finance Chair and the Executive Director is formed as the Executive Committee The Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Executive Committee and the Board, and also manages the ICA office in Washington, DC.

ICA maintains a series of standing and awards committees to conduct its business in relation to membership, internationalisation, publications, liaison with other agencies, etc, annual awards, and ad hoc task forces.