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Association

Canadian Communication Association

Center for the Study of Communication  
and Culture

Chinese Communication Association

Croatian Communication Association

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Publizistik -  
und Kommunikationswissenschaft

European Communication Association

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Estudos Interdisciplinares de Com-  
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International Association for Media and  
Communication Research

International Communication Association

Isreal Communication Association

Japan-U.S. Communication Association

Korean Society for Journalism and Com-  
munication Studies

National Communication Association (of  
the USA)

The Saudi Association for Media and  
Communication (SAMC)

## Letter from the Editor

On behalf of the International Federation of Communication Associations I would like to welcome the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) and the Japan-U.S. Communication Association (JUCA) who have joined the federation as members.

In the most positive sense, this Newsletter is a non-place. As defined by Marc Auge, a non-place is a space formed in relation to certain ends such as transport, transit, commerce, or leisure and the relations that individuals have with them. According to Auge a non-place serves to mediate through words, "or even texts," a "whole mass of relations." It is through this mediating function that the non-placelessness of this Newsletter operates. As I see it, it is more than simply an information exchange. Rather, it is a barometer of emerging patterns in our field. In being so, it affords us the opportunity to observe an entire system at work and, in the process, enables us to glean global behaviors composed of local activities. The key term here is emerging.

On another level, as we observe the emerging patterns of membership, conference announcements, and calls for publications, we come to see how, in the words of the biologist Lewis Thomas (writing in 1973), "the absolute unpredictability and total improbability of our connected minds" works. As a non-place, this Newsletter encourages random encounters out of which new emergent relations are formed. So, it is with great pleasure that we welcome our new members into this unpredictable, improbable, and interconnected non-place. We look forward to hearing about your activities.

This issue of the Newsletter could not have been put together without the contributions of the Federation's members, the efforts (and patience) of Klaus Krippendorff, and my assistant David Green's editorial labours. Thanks.

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## Letter From the Chair of the Council

**Invitation.** Communication enables us to accomplish more than we can imagine. The International Federation of Communication Associations invites communication scholars from all over the world to realize their potential for scholarship and practice and become part of our international family of communication associations whose members inquire into our most precious human ability: communication.

**History.** The International Federation of Communication Associations (IF) came into being after extensive deliberations among the representatives of various national communication associations. Rather than joining one large association and incurring considerable expenses for individuals to travel to its meetings, the founding members of the International Federation thought that the community of communication scholars is served best when the autonomy of existing associations is preserved. The Federation has grown since into a loose family of communication associations, helping local communication scholars to develop their own agendas and approaches to the study of communication, and sharing their results worldwide.

**Members.** The Federation currently counts 18 organizations as its members. It does not compete with associations that organize regular meetings for individual researchers to discuss ideas, publish research, and ready young scholars for academic or practical jobs. It merely adds an international web to what these organizations do best on their own. Federation members must be democratically organized and committed to the scientific study of human communication. They pledge not to discriminate against minorities and the underprivileged. Membership is free and decided by vote. Only active participation is expected. Among the current members of the Federation are the largest communication associations. Through these alone, the vast majority of communication scholars in the world are represented in the Federation.

**Projects.** Scholars in one country may not appreciate the vast intellectual resources available in others, and often have no idea of the inequities in facilities for communication research available world-wide. Bridging these gaps on an organizational level and taking individual steps to share resources with scholarly communities that might benefit from them are acts of communication in their own right. The International Federation makes a difference by pursuing several practical ideas. The Federation

- Facilitates the self-organization of communities of communication scholars
- Makes communication associations aware of each other, of their scholarship, and of their proceedings
- Publishes a newsletter that is electronically distributed for publication in recipient countries
- Encourages sharing scarce resources, for example by exchanging communication journals across communication associations
- Arranges making back issues of communication journals available to libraries and institutions in areas of developing communication scholarship
- Sponsors conferences on issues of interest to several Federation members
- Is ready to help communities of communication scholars in trouble - much like any family would be for its members

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## Member News

### International Federation of Communication Associations Meeting

A meeting of the members of the International Federation of Communication Associations will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 9:45am at the Madison Suite 4 of the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in New York City. This meeting will take place during the annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA). All representatives of the IFederation are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend, please send someone from your association who could participate, represent your association, and report back to you. Interested members of other associations are also welcome.

A number of organizations have joined us in the last few years. In order to facilitate the sharing of resources among our membership, we request that each member organization send us one or two paragraphs describing the make-up and goals of your respective associations.

We will include these descriptions in a special edition of the IFnewsletter to be published in mid-July.

## International Communication Association

Annual conference will be held in New York, NY May 26th - 30th, 2005.

Next year's conference will be held in Dresden, Germany from June 19th to the 23rd, 2006.

More details at the ICA website.

**Location: New York, NY, USA**

**Date: May 26 - 30 2005**

**URL: <http://icahdq.org/>**

## CCA 2005 Annual Conference

The annual conference of the Canadian Communication Association (CCA) will be held at the University of Western Ontario between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

The theme of this year's conference is "Paradoxes of Citizenship: Environments, Exclusions, Equity".

The annual **Van Horne Prize** worth \$1000 will be awarded for the best student paper presented at the conference.

The annual **Gertrude J. Robinson Book Prize**, which is awarded to a Canadian scholar who has published a single authored monograph will also be presented at this year's conference.

**Location: London, Ontario, Canada**

**Date: June 2 - 4 2005**

**URL: <http://acc-cca.ca>**

## Chinese Communication Association

The China Media Centre of the University of Westminster, in association with the Chinese Communication Association, invites you to its founding conference in London June 17-18, 2005 on the theme of "Media and Society in China Today".

The rapid transformation of Chinese society over the last two decades, and the increasing importance of the market in economic and social life, has had a major effect on the mass media. Increasingly, the old command model of media is being replaced by a market-driven media. On the other hand, the continuation of the Chinese Communist Party monopoly of legitimate political expression has meant that there is still strong political influence over some media, and political concern about

many others.

Some of the topics of discussion will be:

- The regulation of Chinese media in a market environment
- The economics and management of Chinese media
- Politics and the media
- Journalism in China: history, forms and functions
- Chinese culture in an epoch of market-oriented media
- Audiences for the media
- The impact of new media, particularly the Internet
- Media exchanges between different Chinese societies

**Location: London, England**

**Date: June 17 - 18 2005**

**URL: <http://www.wmin.ac.uk/page-6972>**

## ANZCA 2005 Conference

Australia & New Zealand Communication Association's conference "Communication at Work" Will be held in Christchurch New Zealand between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

The following panels will be offered at this conference:

- Communication in the workplace
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Gender and Communications
- Peace and Political Communication
- Media in Society and New Media,
- Culture and Communication
- Public Relations and Community Communication,
- Instructional Communication and Communication Education,
- Communication Technologies,
- Interpersonal and Small Group Communication.

**Location: Christchurch, New Zealand**

**Date: July 4 - 7 2005**

**URL: <http://www.anzca.net/>**

## Chinese Communication Association

The Chinese Communication Association (CCA) is pleased to be a partner of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) in organizing its 14th annual conference to be held in Beijing, July 18-21, 2005.

The theme of the 14th AMIC annual conference is "Media and Society in Asia: Transformations and Transitions."

As a partner for the AMIC conference, CCA will sponsor a number of panels to present research conducted by CCA members and other scholars interested in Chinese communications studies. Topics may cover various aspects of Chinese communications studies as well as the following topics:

- Role of Media in achieving the Millennium Development Goals
- Media Globalization
- Media and Technology
- Media and Youth
- Media and Sports
- Media and Cultural Identity
- Media Regulation, Freedom and Diversity in Asia
- Media Education in Asia
- Media, Accountability and Governance
- Gender and Media in Asia
- Media and Conflict in Asia
- Media in China
- Media Ethics
- Media in Underdeveloped Nations
- Alternative Media
- Asian Media Theories

**Location: Beijing, China**

**Date: July 18 - 21 2005**

**URL: <http://www.amic-web.org/evd.php?id=7>**

### Conference of Media & Communication in Chinese Civilization

The fourth annual conference will be held on September 23 - 27, 2005 at the School of Journalism and Communication, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The objectives of the conference is to enhance academic exchanges of Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and overseas Chinese Scholars; and examining the current development of media and communication in Chinese societies.

Topics will include:

- Globalization and Media Revolution
- Information Technologies, Information Society and Communication
- Chinese Media in the Globalized World
- Global Culture, Popular Culture, National Culture and Culture Pluralism
- Media's Role in the Historical Development of Chinese Culture

- Media and Civilization
- Heritage and Modernization of Traditional Chinese Culture
- Chinese Media and Development of Chinese Thoughts
- Chinese Media and Politics
- Other Topics on 'Media and Communication in Chinese Societies' Language

**Location: Hong Kong, China**

**Date: September 23 - 27 2005**

**URL: <http://www.com.cuhk.edu.hk/conference/2005/>**

### European Communication Conference

First European Communication Conference will be held at the KIT, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 24-26, 2005.

The First European Communication Conference will be held at the KIT (Royal Tropical Institute), Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The general theme is "Fifty Years of Communication Research in Europe: Past and Future". With this conference, communication researchers everywhere in Europe celebrate the establishment of many university departments of our discipline half a century ago, as well as the 50th anniversary of leading journals of our field, such as "Gazette" and "Publizistik". For the first time, both European associations of communication and media studies, ECCR and ECA, jointly invite scholars to convene and present their research to an international audience.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

1. 50 years of communication studies. Historical development of communication research as a discipline in Europe; Does European communication research exist at all? European communication research in an international context; The forgotten questions in communication research; Expectations and prospects for the next 50 years of European Communication research.

2. State-of-the-art research and theory building Assessments of the theories and methods developed in the field during the past half century as well as analytical work on lessons learned; Critical summaries of research findings in the various (sub)fields of European communication research; Comparative intra-European communication research; Innovative methodologies, pedagogies and theories; State-of-the-art research findings; Future studies in communication: issues and methods.

The conference will offer both plenary sessions, parallel meetings in working groups as well as poster sessions.

This conference is convened by the Department of Communication Sciences at the University of Amsterdam, the European Communication Association (ECA), and the European Consortium for Communication Research (ECCR), together with "Gazette".

**Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**Date: November 24 - 26 2005**

**URL: <http://www.ecc2005.nl>**

## Other Organizations of Interest

### Communication Association of Japan

The Communication Association of Japan will hold its 35th Annual Convention on Saturday, June 18th and Sunday, June 19th 2005, at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, Osaka (Nakamiya Campus). This year's convention theme will be, "Current issues in intercultural mediation."

**Location: Osaka, Japan**

**Date: June 18 - 19 2005**

**URL: <http://www.caj1971.com/>**

### Media Ecology Association Convention

Media are often criticized for the biases of their content, but media ecology is also concerned with the intellectual, emotional, temporal, spatial, political, social, metaphysical, and epistemological biases associated with different forms of communication and different types of technology. The conference will be held from June 22 - 26, 2005. The theme of the conference is "The Biases of Media".

**Location: New York, NY, USA**

**Date: June 22 - 26 2005**

**URL: <http://www.media-ecology.org/>**

### M-Democracy

A special session at the **Euro mGov 2005** conference between 10th and 12th July at Sussex University, Brighton.

Converging new communication technologies and uses, and the associated new media trainings are impacting on traditional democratic public spheres and politics globally. Mobile connectivity has been directly instrumental in altering political events in the Philippines, and elsewhere in, for example, the recent US

election campaigns. Political representatives' websites and blogs are enhancing the building of community, participation, democratic transparency and accountability. By interacting online in 'horizontal' ways, mobilized citizen journalists are also making a democratic contribution by acting as watchdogs on government, and the mainstream media, through the free circulation of information. But the current priority uses of the internet (e-commerce and entertainment) and the hi-functionality mobile phone (intimate personal communication) have an initial tendency to make both technologies powerful individualizers and commodifiers. The regular conduct of print, online, television, radio, phone opinion polls; the customization of online news and other information sent to pcs and mobile phones; and the address of entertainment media audiences through quasi-democratic online ballots and competitions are all phenomena which are transforming mediated, mobile democracies.

- Can the approaches and mobile technologies used to build connectivity and consumerism be equally useful for mobilizing reflective democratic practice?
- What can governments and/or citizens successfully transfer from existing interactive media practices, in order to build stronger democracies?
- Is the trend to 'me media' rather than 'we media' militating against older forms of civic behavior and active citizenship?

**Location: Brighton, UK**

**Date: 10 - 12 July 2005**

**URL: <http://www.icmg.mgovernment.org/specialsessions.htm>**

### Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations

To be held on the Island of Rhodes, Greece between July 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, the conference will include as one of its major themes a focus the human dynamics of organizations, with a particular focus on knowledge, culture and change. As well as impressive line up of international main speakers, the conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers.

**Location: Rhodes, Greece**

**Date: July 19 - 22 2005**

**URL: <http://www.ManagementConference.com>**

## Third International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities

The conference will continue in its endeavours over recent years to develop agenda for the humanities in an era otherwise dominated by scientific, technical and economic rationalisms.

What is the role of the humanities in thinking the shape of the future and the human? Anthropology, Archaeology, Classics, Communication, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Government, History, Journalism, Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Media Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology or Religion - these are just some of the many disciplines represented at the Humanities Conference. The focus of papers ranges from the finely grained and empirical to the expansive and theoretical.

Included as part of the conference program will be major keynote presentations by internationally renowned speakers and numerous small-group workshop and paper presentation sessions.

**Location: Cambridge, UK**

**Date: August 2 - 5 2005**

**URL: <http://www.HumanitiesConference.com>**

## Summer Conference of the Pacific and Asian Communication Association

The conference will be a joint conference with the Pacific and Asian Communication Association and the International Association of Health Communication Sciences.

Programs sponsored by the International Association of Health-Communication Sciences will begin on August 5th. Programs sponsored by the Pacific and Asian Communication Association will begin on Sunday, August 7th. The opening ceremony for the conference will be Sunday afternoon, August 7th. Programs sponsored by World Communication Association will be scheduled for August 8th, 10th, and the morning of August 11th, with an all-day cultural event planned for members of all three organizations for Tuesday, August 9th.

**Conference Theme: Communication and Global Cultures: Transforming Communities**

Factors contributing to "glocalization" or the simultaneous globalization and localization of cultures, continue to transform cultures throughout the world.

These transformations range from the individual to the group, public, national, and international levels. These factors, in turn, influence and are influenced by communications media, including digital forms of communication.

In order to survive and thrive as human beings, we live in communities, confirming, reconfirming, and changing ourselves as we respond to changing conditions. However, due to the pace of change in contemporary society, communities are finding it necessary, and sometimes difficult, to find methods and means by which to respond to these changes.

Some communities respond by insulating themselves. Other communities continue by selecting elements of change, preserving some aspects of their own while infusing changes in other areas. Still other communities use both "real" and "virtual" forms and technologies of communication to transform themselves into new entities.

Several questions emerge from these types and forms of transformation. What internal and external factors do communities identify as being important in defining "communities" with a culture? How do these elements influence communication, and how are they shaped and molded by communication? What choices do members of these communities make in choosing to respond—or choosing not to respond—to changing elements within their communities? In what ways does communication in all of its forms, ranging from interpersonal and group communication to mass communication (including technologies of communication), play a role in transforming or not transforming cultures?

How do major institutions (e.g., political, economic, organizational, health, religious, ethnic, or cultural communities) define themselves as communities, and how are they impacted by changes in communication? What effects do transformations have within the communities? How are issues of health impacted by these transformations? To what extent do transformations result in new ways of defining "community" within a global environment? What happens when communities collide?

These and other questions will be examined during the joint conference comprised of the: 18th biennial conference of the World Communication Association, the fifth conference of the International Association of Health Communication Sciences, and the 6th Biennial Conference of the Pacific and Asian Communication Association

**Location: Sapporo, Japan**

**Date: August 7 - 9 2005**

**URL: [http://facstaff.uww.edu/wca/Conferences/2005conference/call\\_for\\_papers\\_2005\\_conference.htm](http://facstaff.uww.edu/wca/Conferences/2005conference/call_for_papers_2005_conference.htm)**

## CROATIAN COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Call for papers

The 17th Annual International Communication Course and Conference

“ Communication and education”

August 30th – September 4th 2005

Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, croatia / europe

At the Conference will be discussed problems connected with the development of Education, Public Relations and the New Communication Strategies :

1. Traditional theories of communication and education
2. Contemporary education strategies and technology
3. PR in function of education
4. Long distance learning education
5. Communication society and the bologne declaration
6. The media education and the eu integration

Paper and program submissions must be received by July, 1st 2005. Completed papers are preferred. Abstracts and program proposals will be considered. All participants must submit complete papers prior to the Conference.

Please send your proposals and papers to:

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**Location: Dubrovnik, Croatia**  
**Date: August 30 - September 4 2005**  
**URL: <http://www.iuc.hr>**

## INTERSPEECH 2005 – EUROSPEECH

INTERSPEECH '2005 - EUROSPEECH is the sixth conference in the annual series of INTERSPEECH events and the ninth biennial conference of the International Speech Communication Association (ISCA). It will be held September 4-8 in Lisbon, Portugal, following previous INTERSPEECH events in Jeju (2004), Geneva (2003), Denver (2002), Aalborg (2001) and Beijing (2000).

INTERSPEECH'2005 will be held at Centro Cultural de Belém, located in Lisbon's most renowned historic area, next to the Jerónimos Monastery and facing the river Tagus.

Although this interdisciplinary conference will cover all aspects of speech science and technology, INTERSPEECH'2005 will have a special focus on the theme of “Ubiquitous Speech Processing”. The conference will include plenary talks by world-class experts, tutorials, exhibits and parallel oral and poster sessions on the following topics:

- Phonetics and Phonology
- Discourse and Dialogue
- Prosody
- Paralinguistic and Nonlinguistic Information
- Speech Production
- Speech Perception
- Physiology and Pathology
- Spoken Language Acquisition, Development and Learning
- Signal Analysis, Processing and Feature Estimation
- Single- and Multi-channel Speech Enhancement
- Speech Coding and Transmission
- Spoken Language Generation and Synthesis
- Speech Recognition

Acoustic processing for ASR, language and pronunciation modeling, adaptation and general robustness issues, engineering issues in ASR (e.g. searches, large vocabulary), etc.

- Spoken Language Understanding
- Speaker Characterization and Recognition
- Language/Dialect Identification
- Multi-modal/Multi-media Processing
- Spoken Language Resources and Annotation
- Spoken/Multi-modal Dialogue Systems
- Spoken Language Extraction/Retrieval
- Spoken Language Translation
- Spoken Language Technology for the Aged and Disabled (e-inclusion)
- Spoken Language Technology for Education (e-

- learning)
- New Applications
- Evaluation and Standardization
- Ubiquitous Speech Processing
- Others

**Location: Lisbon, Portugal**

**Date: September 4 - 8 2005**

**URL: <http://www.interspeech2005.org/>**

## Safety and Security in a Networked World

The Oxford Internet Institute (OII) is organizing a major conference, in collaboration with the University of Auckland, NetSafe (the New Zealand government backed Internet Safety Group), EURIM and others, to address the value choices and conflicts surrounding cybersafety in a converging world. The conference: "Safety and Security in a Networked World: balancing cyber-rights and responsibilities" will be held between September 8 - 10 this year. The conference will feature leading international authorities from government, industry, NGOs and academia, including the computer sciences, humanities, law and the social sciences.

At a time when reports of the apparent risks of the Internet receive ever more media coverage, the conference aims to encourage debate around the complex web of issues, assumptions and trade-offs that must be addressed if progress is to be made in improving online safety and security at a personal, national and international level. Accepting that there are no 'quick fixes' to be supplied by any one sector, organization or nation, the conference will seek to encourage dialogue between citizens, users, governments, law enforcement agencies, industry and education both by inviting participants from a wide variety of sectors to attend the conference, and in identifying fruitful areas for future co-operation in practice.

The conference will address a wide range of topics around the central theme of improving online safety and security. Other key themes of the conference will include:

- A recognition of the trade-offs involved in addressing online risks. Measures which may help to address current concerns about online safety and security are often portrayed as unproblematic improvements when in some cases, they may involve significant trade-offs, for example in terms of freedom of information or privacy.
- Exploration of the legal and national differences which will shape attempts to define interna-

tional standards or regulations. Co-operation on such a scale will need to embrace groups with different legal codes, cultural attitudes, moral values and priorities: including with regard to privacy, free speech, civil liberties and the roles and duties of government, law enforcement, private sector, family and individual.

- Consideration of the speed of change and the implications of technological convergence. The technologies used, the ways in which they are used and the business models and priorities of suppliers and users are changing. What is said to be impractical this year may be commonplace within a couple of years and vice versa.

These broad themes will be explored over the course of the event whilst particular sessions will focus on more specific issues such as child protection, mobile phones and the Internet; spam, filtering and business security; parent/school responsibilities; the challenges raised by location-aware technologies; digital identification and authentication (including issues raised by the delivery of e-government services), and many more. Although the conference will thus highlight some of the complexities involved in seeking 'cybersafety in a converged world', it will also aim to identify ways of dealing with these complexities in the pursuit of pragmatic policy solutions to current pressing concerns.

**Location: University of Oxford, UK**

**Date: September 8 - 10 2005**

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## GLOBECOM 2005

2005 will mark the 48th annual IEEE Global Telecommunications Conference. Globecom 2005 is sponsored by the IEEE Communication Society, St. Louis IEEE Section and the IEEE Region 5. The St. Louis area is a major center for the global telecommunications industry and serves as home to many of the largest corporations and also a large number of smaller firms in this Industry.

The theme of Globecom 2005 "Discovery, Past and Future" characterizes the continuing pervasiveness of telecommunications in all aspects of global society, industry, and government. The technical sessions of Globecom 2005 will be presented in eight Symposia:

- General Conference
- Toward an Autonomic Internet
- Computer & Network Security
- Communication Theory
- Wireless Communications

- Signal Processing for Communications
- Advances for Networks & Internet
- Photonic Technologies for Communications

In addition, we will feature keynote sessions presented by leaders of our industry, a full tutorial and workshop program, student activities, and other targeted programs. A "Designers & Developers Forum" and a "Telecom Business Forum" will include papers, panels and exhibits of products that design and development engineers use in their activity on new products. See Authors page for program information. St. Louis is a very modern city and offers visitors an opportunity to participate in our fine cultural, entertainment, sporting, and dining events. We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis to again celebrate discovery, past and future.

**Location: St Louis, Missouri USA**

**Date: November 28 - December 2 2005**

**URL: <http://www.ieee-globecom.org/2005/>**

## Call for Papers: Publications

### Communication Education

Communication Education invites original research on communication and instruction. During my tenure as editor, I intend to solicit and publish the highest quality research that advances practice and theory in instruction generally and in communication education specifically. I hope to advance the area by encouraging systematic and programmatic research, theoretically-grounded projects, rigorous literature reviews and meta-analyses, and interesting methodological and pedagogical papers. Moreover, I encourage authors to interpret and discuss their findings in ways that are useful to practitioners of instruction. I will not publish articles that have limited heuristic and theoretical value and/or are not based in sound research design.

Taking a broad view of the instructional communication area, I encourage communication scholarship on teaching and learning.

Scholarship that examines teacher/student interaction, classroom management, mediated or technology education, teacher and student communication constructs, assessment, and affective and cognitive learning outcomes will be considered. Research that extends beyond the more traditional classroom context to include training and development in small and large organizations, designing and producing instructional modules and minimodules, consulting, community service

learning, and instructional intervention activities will be welcomed. I am willing to entertain brief reports and essays tackling controversial or political issues associated with the academy, such as the desirability of distance learning, the unionization of graduate student teaching associates, and the growth and permanence of adjunct faculty.

All methodologies will be welcome: social scientific, data-based research and rhetorical, critical, content-analytical, case study, qualitative, and narrative research. I am open to papers advancing communication in instruction. Manuscripts will not be excluded on the basis of specific methods employed; however, authors will be required to defend the rigor and appropriateness of those methods selected.

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### Communication Research

What are the most significant problems in the field of communication? What are our major theoretical and methodological concerns? As we enter the next century, what new theories, what new methods will be introduced? Will communication continue to stimulate a broad scope of research?

It is the intention of Communication Research to publish the best of communication scholarship of the early 21st century. To qualify as the best, research should first, be explicitly tied to some form of communication; second, be theoretically driven with results that inform theory; third, use the most rigorous empirical methods; and fourth, be directly linked to the most important problems and issues facing humankind.

The journal's criteria do not privilege any particular context; indeed, the editors believe that the key problems facing humankind occur in close relationships, groups, organizations, and cultures. Hence the editors of Communication Research hope to publish research conducted across a wide variety of levels and units of analysis. Also the editors believe that future successes reside with each group of scholars entering the field. Therefore the editors wish to encourage and pledge to work with those researchers who are early in their careers.

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### Critical Studies in Media Communication

Critical Studies in Media Communication provides a home for scholarship in media and mass communication.

tion from a cultural studies and critical perspective. It particularly welcomes cross-disciplinary works that enrich debates among various disciplines, critical traditions, methodological and analytical approaches, and theoretical standpoints. CSMC publishes scholarship about media audiences, representations, institutions, technologies, and professional practices. It includes work in history, political economy, critical philosophy, race and feminist theorizing, rhetorical and media criticism, and literary theory. It takes an inclusive view of media, including newspapers, magazines and other forms of print, cable, radio, television, film, and new media technologies such as the Internet. Manuscripts should be analytical and interpretive (i.e., not merely descriptive) and should make an important, substantive contribution to existing or emerging bodies of knowledge.

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## Other Items of Interest

### Message from the ICA

The International Communication Association (ICA) is an academic association for scholars interested in the study, teaching, and application of all aspects of human and mediated communication. ICA began more than 50 years ago as a small association of U.S. researchers and is now a truly international association with more than 3,500 members in 65 countries. Since 2003, ICA has been officially associated with the United Nations as a non-governmental association (NGO).

Over recent decades the field of communication research has grown rapidly all over the world. This growth reflects the need to seek answers to urgent social problems involving communication (e.g., child development, family life, cultural development and preservation, quality of life, and political communication among political systems and nations). ICA members ask the relevant questions, conduct academically sound research, and often suggest policy-related solutions to these urgent problems.

As an international association, ICA offers its know-how to everybody and every area of the world where the norms of personal freedom and democracy are upheld. Our members actively contribute to public debate on topics relative to our mission. To make the association even more international and to focus even more on research relevant to the public interest are primary goals for the years to come.

ICA is diverse in its structure and interests and includes 19 divisions and interest groups, each representing a special subfield of communication processes and phenomena. Despite special interests, we view our field as a coherent discipline in which all different aspects of communication are linked by common processes, structures, theories, and methods.

ICA communicates within the association and with others interested in our field through various channels. The association publishes the Communication Yearbook and four major, peer-reviewed journals, *Journal of Communication*, *Communication Theory*, *Human Communication Research*, and the *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*. Members receive a monthly electronic newsletter. ICA holds an annual conference--the next scheduled for New York City in May 2005-- at which several hundred research papers are presented and close to 2000 scholars from all over the world participate. We recognize outstanding contributions to the field through awards and fellowship programs.

Our members-only section provides a worldwide membership directory, back issues of ICA journals, current issues of the ICA Newsletter, and other information of particular interest to our members. Feel free to browse the electronic world of ICA. ICA Executive Director Michael Haley and other members of the ICA staff will be happy to answer your inquiries and help you in any way they can. If you would like to contact me personally, you can email me at the University of Dresden, Germany: [wolfgang.donsbach@mailbox.tu-dresden.de](mailto:wolfgang.donsbach@mailbox.tu-dresden.de).

You will find more about all this on our web pages. And you will find, of course, the procedures for becoming an ICA member. I hope this site enables you to learn more about ICA and to become an active member of this organization and its worldwide network of scholars.

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### ICA Announces a New Handbook Series!

The International Communication Association and Lawrence Erlbaum Associates are pleased to announce a new publishing venture, a jointly sponsored series of scholarly handbooks that represent the interests of ICA members and help to further the association's goals of promoting theory and research in the communication

discipline.

**URL: <http://www.icahdq.org/bookseries.htm>**

## NCA Study Reveals Sought-After Fields

A new study released by NCA shows that faculty positions listed under the “communication” and “generalist” headings accounted for almost 16 percent of all advertisements in NCA and Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication publications and web sites in 2002 - 2004.

The study, done by Bill Eadie of San Diego State Uni-

versity, also revealed that faculty positions in public relations and organizational communication were among the most advertised. Positions in health communication were the most frequently listed by departments that grant a doctoral degree in communication.

The six-page study lists trends in hiring in the communication field such as specializations sought and ranks offered. It is available as a benefit of departmental membership in NCA. To find out how to become a departmental member, go to [www.natcom.org/Department\\_Member](http://www.natcom.org/Department_Member).

**URL: <http://www.natcom.org>**

## Call for IFnewsletter Contributions

We'd like very much to know what each member association has been doing lately. Don't assume everybody knows, for most probably don't. If you want other communication researchers to know what your association has been doing or is planning, please get in touch with us.

If you want international presence at your national meetings, or if you have any international concerns, see a trend, or want to suggest an action, write to us. We will do our best to make our many readers aware of it.

Please send your contributions to Edward Slopek at [eslopek@ryerson.ca](mailto:eslopek@ryerson.ca). The next issue is scheduled to be released in October 2005. The deadline for receipt of news items is September 15, 2005.

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