

Minutes

International Communication Association Annual Conference
Communication Science & Biology Interest Group
Hybrid Business Meeting—May 27, 2021

Present in Paris: Baek, Bakker, Bolls, Bullock, Cascio, Fahr, Fisher, Hubner, Lee, Lewin, McEwan, Moen, Riggs, Schloz, Schmaelzle, Schumacher, von Andrina-Werburg, Wang

Present via Zoom: Eden, Hasson, Mikkilineni, Turner, Youk, Weber,

Old Business

Interest Group Chair Allison Eden started the meeting at 11:07am EST and shortly thereafter announced that it was being recorded. Then new officers were introduced and outgoing officers thanked for their service. The agenda for the meeting was sketched out and Allison then asked if anyone had any other business to add to the day's agenda. Hearing none, the minutes from the 2021 business meeting were called up online and a motion to approve was seconded. Minutes were approved.

Vice-Chair Richard Huskey (re)introduced the members to the CS&B website and twitter account and described it as a way to push out important information to the membership as well as generate new member interest.


Speaking of membership, we have 185 members! Our coffers remain healthy, with \$7123.72 as a balance after spending approximately \$840 on the Paris reception.

There were 39 papers and 29 extended abstracts submitted to be reviewed for acceptance to the Paris conference. Each had two reviewers. The acceptance rate was 79%, with work programmed into 7 panes and 2 poster sessions.

2023 ICA Conference

---Noshir Contractor, ICA President-Elect introduced the 2023 conference, which will have the theme *Reclaiming Authenticity in Communication*. It will be held May 25-29 in Toronto, with the conference hotel will be the Sheraton. The format will be hybrid, with lessons learned from the Paris hybrid conference being applied to improve inclusiveness and the overall experience. Contractor stressed the importance of booking rooms in the Sheraton rather than risking online B&B surprises like cancellations, etc. Furthermore, booking through the ICA-provided Sheraton link will ensure best rates. A CS&B member also mentioned that there is a 'housing crisis' in Toronto and utilizing online B&B services helps to perpetuate that. Contractor announced that each division and interest group will be given the option to program an additional session if it was identified as a Research Escalator to encourage mentorship of younger scholars.


Top 5 papers were announced:



Top five papers, 2022

- B.N. Bakker, G. Schumacher, K. Arceneaux; Pre-registration: Concordance in Emotional Processing and Political Attitudes
- M.V. Geana, P. Fernbach, N. Light, N. Rabb, S. Sloman; We trust what we think we know: Knowledge overconfidence is associated with anti-consensus views on controversial scientific issues
- Y. Sun, L. Shen, Z. Pan, S. Qian; Statistical Power in Experimental Communication Science: An Assessment of Two Decades' Research (2001-2020)
- B.O. Turner, E. Pelzer; Unraveling the Media Reception State Ouroboros: Using fMRI to Parse Brain State Dynamics during Movie viewing
- T. Lyew, A. Ikhlas, F. Sayed, A. Vincent, D.M. Lydon-Staley; Adolescents' curiosity for tobacco-related trivia aids memory of tobacco-related information
- E.E. Riggs, R. Lopez, O.M. Bullock, H.C. Shulman; An Examination of the Measurement of Accessibility: Is an Easy Experience Always Faster?

As were these awards:



Awards

- Registration waivers selected randomly from 10 submissions
 - Mercedes Ross
 - Chas Monge
 - Sue Lim
 - Sijia Qian
- Rockstar Reviewer
 - Toqa Hassan, Kent State University

New Business

Allison Eden shared news from the Board of Directors meeting, including the locations of future ICA conferences:

- 2023—Toronto (see above)
- 2024—Australia's Gold Coast
- 2025—Denver
- 2026—To be announced location in Latin American region
- 2027—Chicago

Also, ICA announced the latest affiliate journal, *Cuadernos.info*. NB: [Read more about that here](#).

A discussion was held regarding a 'bidding approach' to reviewer assignments for conference paper/abstract submission. This approach had been used for several years by the Computational Methods Division. Pros and Cons were discussed. There were several of each and the discussion was tabled to invite wider commentary by the IG.

The meeting turned to a discussion of the emphasis that will be placed on regional hubs during future conferences, with the goal to increase participation and membership from the Global South. The regional hub approach for 2022 grew ICA membership by 20%. Since division status is driven by membership reaching a certain percentage of total Association members, this has an impact on CS&B's desire to move from IG to Division to gain voting power and credibility in ICA. There was agreement among many that IG members should commit time to encourage researchers from the Global South doing excellent work in areas relevant to CS&B to join the IG. Allison and Richard asked those interested in heading up such a recruitment effort to see them after the business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after Allison was presented with a plaque recognizing her 11 years of overall service the CS&B. Thank you Allison for your selfless service help build the IG!