

Minutes

Business Meeting, In Person, Gold Coast, Australia

June 21, 2024

4:30 – 5:45pm

CCU - Room 3 (GCCEC)

Communication Science and Biology Interest Group

International Communication Association Annual Conference

Present: Huskey, Cascio, Floyd, Nah, Lim, Overby-Thompson, Malik, Son, Mohammed, Cohen, Kim, Newswander, Gong, Kee, Weber, Igelts, Eden, Schmalzle, Li, Minich, Baek.

Old Business

Interest Group Chair Richard Huskey started by welcoming everyone and introducing new officers. These included Chris Cascio as incoming Chair, Kory Floyd as incoming Vice-Chair, Karolien Poels as incoming International Liaison, and Yuqian Ni as incoming Student and Early Career Representative. Ralf Schmalzle (outgoing International Liaison) and Shelby Wilcox (outgoing Student and Early Career Representative) were thanked for their service.

Attendees were reminded that the [minutes from the 2023 business meeting were available online](#) and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Huskey (re)introduced the members to the CS&B website, slack channel, and Twitter account and described it as a way to push out important information to the membership as well as generate new member interest.

Membership in the IG is down from last year's total of 143 to 167.

Budget is down from \$12,587.45 to a projected total of \$10,333.23. Expenditures this year were up due to a pilot test of a Welcome Meeting + Keynote. If the Welcome Meeting + Keynote is maintained in future years, new sources of revenue will need identified in order to not further deplete cash reserves. Otherwise, expenses only slightly exceed income (noting that income was down this year due to lower membership).

Details about the conference submissions for the year (up from last year at ICA-Toronto) and reviewing were provided. Awards were given. [A list of award winners can be found on the meeting agenda.](#)

ICA 2025: Denver, Colorado, USA, June

---Noshir Contractor, ICA Past President (at the time of our meeting) discussed the upcoming conference in Denver Colorado, USA. Before he did, however, he mentioned that he was impressed with our interest group and the scholarship it produces.

ICA 2025 Details:

- Theme: ICA@75 Disrupting and Consolidating Communication Research
- Location: Denver Colorado

- Dates: Thursday, 12 June to Monday, 16 June 2025
- Hotel: Hyatt Regency and the Grand Hyat, prices start at \$206.00
- Future Conferences:
 - 2026 - Cape Town, South Africa
 - 2027 - Chicago, Illinois, USA
- For full details, see “Talking Points” document appended to the end of the Minutes

Contractor left the meeting.

Huskey provided new information about ICA and the IG

- New officer solicitation: Secretary
- Discussion of internationalization efforts
 - A tailored and targeted email campaign was developed by Ralf Schmalzle in order to reach scholars in the Global South and encourage them to apply. The campaign was also replicated on the CsaB website and Twitter accounts (thank you David Lydon-Staley)
 - Complimenting these efforts, Dr. Fiona Nah (CityU Hong King) delivered a keynote address during the CsaB Welcome Meeting
 - Results of these efforts include:
 - International submissions were up this year, including from universities in the Global South
 - International memberships were up this year, including from universities in the Global South
 - However, the highly competitive acceptance rate made it difficult to accept our typical amount of scholarship, including scholarship from targeted universities
- Discussion of ways to increase membership and become a Division

BOARD MEMBER ICA24 BUSINESS MEETINGS TALKING POINTS RE: ICA25 in DENVER

ICA25 will be our 75th Annual Conference, AND ICA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY. There will be many celebratory events, so stay tuned for those!

THEME

Planner: Thomas Hanitzsch, LMU Munich

The 2025 theme (briefly) is **ICA@75: Disrupting and Consolidating Communication Research**, an invitation to critically reflect on communication studies as a discipline and ICA as an agent and site of disciplinary development. Theme sessions will take stock of our past, critically review present developments, and chart out future avenues for communication research. We particularly welcome contributions speaking to three important aspects of the theme:

- communication scholarship as a transformative and stabilizing force in society,
- as a research practice that can be both revolutionary and consolidating, and
- communication studies as a disrupted and resilient discipline.

In all these contexts, elements of disruption and consolidation are not necessarily antithetical but may productively be framed as a dialectical relationship.

*The FULL version of the theme CFP will be emailed to all attendees **on the last day of the ICA24 conference and available on the ICA website/app/social media**. Submissions will be accepted during September and October, as always. The deadline will be Friday, 1 November.*

THEME CO-CHAIRS

Yariv Tsfati, University of Haifa (Chair)

David Boromisza-Habashi, University of Colorado Boulder

Magdalena Saldaña Villa, Pontificia Universidad Católica

Karin Wahl-Jorgensen, Cardiff University

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch University

Weiyu Zhang, National University of Singapore

ICA25 LOCATION & DATES

We will be in scenic Denver, Colorado, USA, with dual headquarters at both the Hyatt Regency and the Grand Hyatt, which are 6 minutes apart. This is a “do-over” of the ICA21 conference that was canceled due to the continuing pandemic, and concludes our “re-do” programming! Conference dates are from Thursday, 12 **June** to Monday, 16 **June** 2025.

FORMAT

There will be both in-person and virtual options. We have not yet decided how much of the conference will be hybrid; it will depend on submissions and on assessment after this year's conference as to the efficacy of our current format.

VENUE/HOTEL

The dual headquarters hotels, Hyatt Regency and the Grand Hyatt, are a 6-minute walk from each other, so your travel time between them will be shorter than on the pedestrian bridge between Star and the conference center this year, and MUCH shorter than the distance between our two Hiltons in Prague.

HOTEL BLOCK

The room block will be handled the same as in prior years. We will make the booking site link available in early March 2025:

1. Day 1: to Tier B & C/Global South pre-registrants (who registered before the cutoff date of 1 February)
2. Day 2: to Tier A pre-registrants who registered before 1 Feb,
3. Day 3: to all those who have registered
4. Day 4: open to all

Hotels sign a “lowest rate” clause, meaning that **they cannot legally offer rooms at a lower rate than what we have negotiated**, even to discount sites (*EXAMPLE: the day our block expired in Paris, the same rooms we secured for ICA at 229 Euros immediately jumped to 478 Euros for tourists*). **Our room block is large**, but we always book a few overflow properties nearby to keep prices low for our attendees (otherwise, hotels note that there’s an uptick in bookings for the time period and they raise their prices in response to demand).

There are rental options in Denver and you are welcome to use those but you book at your own risk; ICA cannot help you cancel your reservation at an offsite property. We receive messages every year from attendees panicking because their AirBnb was canceled by the host at the last minute. We highly recommend you procure travel insurance from Allianz or another reputable agency to cover your flights, lodging, etc.

HOTEL RATES

Our heavily discounted ICA block rates apply for three days before and after the event dates. *In response to member preferences, we will publish all rates (not just the base rate) on the website, in recognition that universities look at the rates published online when determining what they will reimburse. US \$206 is currently approximately 191 Euros, though that of course fluctuates.*

Room Type	Block Type	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Standard Run of House Rooms	Group	\$206.00	\$206.00	\$221.00	\$236.00

If anyone asks a really good question or has an idea that you think we need to consider or communicate about, please shoot me an email about it!