

FROM THE EDITOR

This Newsletter has become more than a medium for sharing the regular internal organisational items (section reports; working group reports, etc). It plays at least two other roles. It serves as a medium through which the IAMCR officers can account for their performance. This role reflects the intentions of the current leadership and the wish of the membership to make the IAMCR more transparent; to steer away, or to stay away, from what may have been in the past a first class, well functioning old-boys network but which cannot satisfy the needs for openness and inclusion.

The second role is to provide a forum for discussion on topics in formats which do not always fit the modes of traditional academic journals. Of course, the success of this intention depends on members' commitment and initiatives. This issue of the Newsletter contains at least two of such initiatives.

First is an extensive report on one of the Barcelona plenaries initiated and prepared by VP Katharine Sarikakis and Section Head Karen Ross which focusses on women and young scholars' participation in the Association — crucial for our sustainable development.

This Newsletter also includes a contribution from Marc Raboy, provoking, inviting the wider membership to be involved in political debates on the World Summit on the Information Society in which our intellectual input could make a big difference. Judging from the support he received from the membership in Barcelona, many of us seem to be ready to take up these challenges without getting trapped in the old debate of theory versus politics.

Several items in this issue attest to the great success of the IAMCR Barcelona Conference (July 2002): we had more than 700 participants, stimulating section meetings, an active General Assembly and lively discussions on urgent topics. The section and working group reports in this issue offer more details (see page 17). They will also make clear that members are busy preparing for our 2003 Conference in Taiwan (see pages 10 and 11).

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Institutional membership: US\$20

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Reflection and Focus

by Frank Morgan, President

In my inaugural address in Barcelona, I observed that all of us in IAMCR stand tall because we stand on the shoulders of giants. We owe much to those who have gone before. But we also owe much to those who will follow. We hold the present in trust for the future.

When the General Assembly adopted the new Statutes (only six votes short of unanimously), it not only reaffirmed the scholarly and democratic way in which those Statutes had been developed. It also recommitted us to work in new and neglected areas in the field, and to do so in new and imaginative ways.

We are all, I believe, deeply indebted to those who gave their time, energy, wisdom and goodwill to this reform project. I was privileged, as well as pleased, to work with them. We must not waste their achievement.

We live in contradictory and confusing times. On the one hand, media and communication are increasingly pervasive in virtually everyone's life, worldwide. Yet, on the other, the majority of humankind has never made a phone call and vast numbers of people still cannot read. Which makes much of the rhetoric about the "imminent information society" quite obscene. As Prof Nevin Darwish from Cairo asked during the UNESCO-IAMCR Roundtable on WSIS, should we value a computer in a classroom more highly than clean water and sanitation?

The world is desperate for better ideas. The physical environment is under threat — the earth we till, the sea we trawl, the air we breathe and the water we drink are all at risk — worst of all from people just like us. Disease is rampant. Death and destruction abound. As does deadly despair. Economics, politics and technology, by themselves, are not enough. Nor are law or war. But better communication gives us hope.

Looking for a common thread among the presentations that were made and the discussions that were held in Barcelona, I would suggest that the key issue is ultimately content. What do people have to look at, listen to and read, and what are they able to make of it? Production, distribution, political economy, social function, technology, regulation, policy, aesthetics, ethics and so on are all only important to the extent that they affect content. As is authorship. The Junior Scholars

Network's presentations, the plenary session on the contribution of women and the UNESCO-IAMCR and IDRC special sessions in Barcelona all showed that what make age, gender and geography of authorship important is what they do for the quality of content.

What are those things that make us one in all our apparently infinite diversity? What is it that enables individuals to form communities — be they couples, families, neighbourhoods, professional associations or nation states? How best can we send and receive messages to and from one another? What best do we have to say to one another? What sense can we make of the welter of this world? How best can we respond to its complexity and confusion?

Programming the Barcelona Conference persuaded the Organising Committee of a point made to the Review Committee three years ago: if we are to work more effectively with one another, we need to reconceive the structure of our Sections and Working Groups, the better to theorise the realities that confront us.

Barcelona reminded me that we cannot isolate either our academic agendas or our administrative procedures from our cultures: the values, beliefs and ways of doing things that we develop in response to our various environments. Those environments are no longer, and actually never were, constant. Anthony Giddens, in his opening keynote address, challenged us all to reflect on the changing nature of the world and to find new and more fruitful ways to respond to it. He argued against mindless or mechanical reaction and a resort to fundamentalism (not least in relation to particular forms of democracy and scholarship). Rather, he suggested, as our environments become increasingly interdependent, so must our cultures.

As Arjun Appadurai observed some years ago, the global does not swamp the local and the personal, but makes them even more vital. Barcelona showed us the crucial importance of cultural sensibility and language. When, as we must, we choose to invite provocative speakers or to discuss contentious issues, we must provide adequately for replies. And when we look for

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NO DANGER: Council hard at work

by Frank Morgan, President

The International Council, including the Executive Board, has set to work immediately to build a better future for the Association.

- The cost and organisation of Conferences still need attention. Katharine Sarikakis will lead a standing committee, consisting of Arnold deBeer, Miquel deMoragas and Ole Prehn, to develop guidelines and policies for the future.
- Eddie Kuo will continue to work on the extension of our activities and relationships in regions beyond Europe and North America. To that end, he will also join our new Vice president Ruth Teer-Tomaselli, together with John Downing, Hopeton Dunn, Ullamaija Kivikuru and Daya Thussu, in the Membership and Participation Committee.
- If we are to engage with the wider world, we must also attend to several other aspects of language, not least clarity and simplicity. Marjan de Bruin has won wide acclaim for her renovation of the Newsletter. Its design and layout, its editorial style and its willingness to address serious issues in plain language, have all shown the way forward to a new, powerful and less arcane form of scholarly publishing. For those who can take advantage of it, the Newsletter will be made available electronically. For those who prefer, it will also remain in hard copy, sent by post.
- Marjan de Bruin has received several offers of assistance in the production and distribution of the Newsletter, which she is in the process of assessing. She would welcome assistance from someone willing and able to manage advertising.

...Reflection and Focus (cont'd from page 3)

linguistic equity, why not look beyond the competing languages of old European empires and include Arabic, Hindi and Urdu, Bahasa, Mandarin and the major languages of Africa?

We must nurture our affiliations with kindred organisations and we must improve the quality of our work through rigorous and open refereeing, using panels of referees who reflect our cultural multiplicity and diversity.

Finally, Barcelona confirmed my belief in three things: that humanity is essentially about co-operation not competition; that we are wiser collectively than any of us is individually; and that this great office will probably be the pinnacle of my professional career. I look forward to our doing great things together.

- Book publication remains another issue. Jan Servaes will continue to lead that Committee, with a view to reviving the IAMCR Book Series and finding a way to create an association journal and perhaps a yearbook.
- The domains and operation of our Sections need continual review. The International Council asked Kaarle Nordenstreng to convene a committee comprising Annabelle Sreberny, Audrey Gadzkepo, Anna Maria Jonsson, Slavko Splichal, Oscar Gandy and Tom Jacobson to advise it in this area. We decided not to include any Section Heads in this committee but to ensure that it consults closely with all of them.
- We also need to revise our rules and procedures to conform with the new Statutes. Philippe Maarek will lead a committee consisting of Andrei Richter, Cees Hamelink and Rosa Mikael to deal with this.
- Divina Frau Meigs has bravely offered to continue the search for external financial support to help us help our needier colleagues to undertake and report their research. I will continue to assist wherever I can in that effort. I have also asked Divina to be my personal representative in maintaining our liaison with UNESCO.
- The new Statutes will require an election for all office holders in 2004. Council has asked Alina Bernstein, Cees Hamelink and Janet Wasko to plan and manage that process.

In addition to these standing committees, Council also decided to form a special committee to ensure IAMCR's engagement in the 2003 World Summit on Information Society (WSIS). Marc Raboy, Cees Hamelink, Daya Thussu, Divina Frau Meigs, Annabelle Sreberny, K M Shrivastava, Claudia Padovani, Pradip Thomas, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Hopeton Dunn, Katharine Sarikakis and I will work on this task.

I hope to receive progress reports from all of these committees by the end of November, for consideration by the Council and reporting to the Association.

The new Council shows an exciting balance of fresh energy and seasoned wisdom. It also shows the great depth of talent that we enjoy in this Association. I congratulate all the new members on their appointments and welcome the chance to work with them. The Executive Board is now balanced 5:5 in terms of gender; nine out of twenty Section Heads are women. We must now demonstrate that this makes a difference in the quality of our work.

Sports and Media: a new IAMCR section

The IAMCR membership, through its GA meeting in Barcelona, approved the establishment of a new section: Sports and Media. Revitalised in 1999, after its last meeting in Bled (1990) this group has been active in all recent Conferences. (See page 15 for more information)

Outgoing and incoming Presidents

The General Assembly in Barcelona expressed its appreciation to outgoing President Manuel Parés i Maicas for his competent and generous work during his four years as IAMCR President. The new president, Frank Morgan, made his inau-

gural speech to the Assembly, amongst others stressing the importance of continuing the line of rejuvenation laid out in the new statutes.

Next IAMCR Conferences

The 2003 thematic IAMCR Conference on "Information Society and Glocalisation: What's Next?" will take place in Taipei (Taiwan) in July (14 - 16) 2003. The bi-annual IAMCR Conference, at which also the General Assembly will take place, will be held in Porto Alegre (Brazil) in July 2004.

IAMCR prepares for wsis

The General Assembly in Barcelona approved that a task force be established to co-ordi-

nate IAMCR's role in the preparation, conducted by the United Nations, for the World Summit on the Information Society.

The main objectives of IAMCR's involvement is to make sure the voice of research and scholarly knowledge will be heard among the many NGOs participating in the event. (See page 13 for more information)

Journal discount for members

Members can add another professional Journal to their choice of journals at discount rates: Media Development, the journal of the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC). Members will pay: \$21 instead of the regular individual price of \$30. (See page 12 for more information)

New Statutes

The new statutes, adopted by the General Assembly in Barcelona on 27 July 2002, serve mainly to clarify the Association's aims and objectives, to simplify its administrative processes and thus to clear the decks for a more focused and energetic approach to its research agenda.

The key Article is s6.9, which confirms the democratic power of the membership in the management, as well as the governance, of the Association. The International Council will now comprise the Section Heads (one per Section) and an equal number of members elected directly by the Membership plus the Executive Board (reduced to comprise only the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer).

OBITUARY



Dr Anura Goonasekera
1940 - 2002

Dr Anura Goonasekera (Ph.D., Chicago) passed away on Sunday 18 August 2002, in Brisbane, Australia, at the age of 62. He was a distinguished administrator and a respected scholar in Asian communication.

Dr Anura started his career in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, rising to the positions of Secretary, Ministry of Information; Director-General of National Television (Rupavahini); and Director of Information.

He joined Asian Media, Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) in 1989 and was the Head of the Research Programme before being appointed as Deputy Secretary-General. For several years he was an adjunct professor with the School of Communication and Information (SCI) at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore.

At AMIC he coordinated some major research projects, edited several books and contributed countless chapters and research reports. Together with his colleague Professor Eddie Kuo, Dean of SCI, NTU, he established several milestones in Asian communication research. Among them, the *Asian Journal of Communication* (in its twelfth year of print), the *Asian Communication Handbook*, and the hosting of the IAMCR 2000 Conference in Singapore.

Dr Anura was a long time associate of IAMCR, and a member of its International Council at the time of his death.

Business Matters

by Ole Prehn, Secretary General

During the well-attended Barcelona Conference with its congested programme, quite a few members before, during, and after the Conference participated in the meetings of the Association's governing bodies to make the clockwork of the Association's business matters continue.

Of course, the highlight of the 2002 General Assembly was the next to unanimous adoption of the new statutes prepared by the IAMCR Review Committee after having been approved by the Executive Board and the International Council. The statutes will be in force immediately, although the governing bodies will continue their work until new elections will take place in 2004.

The General Assembly approved that a task force should be established to coordinate IAMCR's role in the preparation for the World Summits of the Information Society conducted by the United Nations in order to provide that the voice of research and scholarly knowledge was heard among the many NGOs participating in the event.

Also the General Assembly approved that the 2003 thematic Conference on Information Society and Globalisation: What's Next? will take place in Taipei (Taiwan) in July 2003, and that the 2004 Conference and General Assembly will take place in Porto Alegre (Brazil) in July 2004.

The Assembly also approved that a new section on Sport and Media shall be established after operating several successful years as a working group. The section on Documentation and Information Systems was abolished.

Following the very disciplined General Assembly, all present applauded the outgoing President, Manuel Parés i Maicas, for his competent and generous work during the four years in the chair of the Association. The new President, Frank Morgan, made his inaugural speech to the Assembly. He was amongst others stressing the importance of continuing the line of rejuvenation laid out in the new statutes.

The International Council during two meetings worked its way through an agenda of some 20 items. The most important items were referred to the General Assembly.

The International Council gave its

principle approval to continue the development of the IAMCR website into an interactive service to be launched during the autumn of 2002. Also the proposal from Vice president Katharine Sarikakis to implement a mentor scheme within the IAMCR to support the JSN was endorsed.

Several organisational issues, especially in light of the experiences at the Barcelona Conference, were thoroughly discussed: referee systems, coordination between sections, allocation of slots, safety during conferences — and of course registration fees and the total costs of attending. It was agreed to establish a committee looking into this array of items.

The Council approved the proposal from Jan Servaes to strengthen the efforts concerning the official publication procedures in cooperation with Hampton Press, and finally it was agreed that IAMCR representatives taking part in NGO-meetings should have a clearer mandate and the obligation to report to the Association.

At the last IC meeting the following standing committees were (re) established: Elections; Conference Policies; Publications; Section Review; Membership and Participation; Development; Newsletter, Rules and Procedures; and Fundraising. A special committee (task-force) was established to concentrate on the World Summits on the Information Society.

(For more details on the committees, please see page 4)

2001-2002 report

by Ole Prehn, Secretary General

The 2001-2002 report is, as always, brief, but that does not indicate that I have wasted my time during the year. Actually on the contrary.

My life, as far as the position of Secretary General is concerned, is filled with day to day business — as are other parts of my life for that matter. That is answering mails from here and there, keeping next to daily contact with the rest of the Executive Board and especially the President. After the turbulent period leading up to the rather small, but successful Conference in Budapest in 2001, I thought that the next year would be piece of cake — amongst other things based on the experience that the local committee planning the Barcelona Conference was acting very professionally and well organized.

Before our own Conference season broke out, I joined the President in taking part in the Digital Divide conference in Austin, Texas, November 2001. This was a great experience. The agenda, the content, and the presentation of the conference were of high quality, but most importantly the conference proved that ICA and IAMCR can work together. Accordingly, at a meeting in Austin during the conference, it was decided to not only continue the collaboration,

but also to continue the theme of the conference in the next conference, which will be hosted by Peter Golding in 2003.

And then it all started. The organizing committee in Barcelona had set the ambitious goal to host a conference with 750 participants, which is in itself a complex task. But when the preliminary programmes from the sections, working groups and panels started to emerge, it suddenly seemed that we were overwhelmed with success, as the number of papers by far exceeded the limit of 750. This, of course, led to many, many logistical problems due to the fact that the Conference venue was not a hotel or a university and therefore the capacity of rooms was limited. The conference staffing was also limited. At a meeting in Barcelona in January, we optimistically decided to stop for more papers and worked out the final Conference plan. But final it was not, as corrections and complaints kept coming in. Hence it was not until May that we could finally hit the brake.

The above is not lamenting, but a description of a success. These are happy times for IAMCR: we have attracted a large number of participants, and the various sections and working groups have had the chance to be very critical in their selection of papers submitted in massive numbers. Not everybody, perhaps even nobody, received the time and space which they wanted, but thanks to the generally very flexible

Treasurer's Report

August 1st, 2001 – July 31st, 2002

by Annie Méar

These financial statements cover the period August 1st, 2001 to July 31st, 2002. They were submitted for verification to Horwath Appel C.A.'s, in July 2002. All of our financial statements are expressed in American dollars.

As of the 31st of July 2002, our association had total assets of 99,331 \$. Those assets consist of 38,878 \$ in cash and 40,423 \$ in short term investments.

1. Revenues

As of the 31st of July 2002, we had revenues of 56,948 \$. Our revenues for the current year consist of the

following items:

- 1) *Membership Fees*: membership fees make up the bulk of our revenues. They amount to 54,460 \$.
- 2) *Royalties & Advertising*: 386 \$ derived from royalty income paid to IAMCR by Hampton Press for the publication of several books, and 750 \$ from advertising & label sales income.
- 3) *Interest Income on Term Deposit*: 1,122 \$ on a 40,000 \$ term deposit.
- 4) *IAMCR-Schiller Scholarship Fund*: 230 \$ from donations by members to the IAMCR-Schiller Scholarship Fund for the current year.

2. Expenses

In July 2000, the General Assembly approved an annual operating budget of 52,000 \$ for the years 2001 and 2002 respectively. As of July 31st, 2002 we had total operating expenses of 52,246 \$.

1. As all expenses regarding the Spring issue of the newsletter were not officially tallied and confirmed to the treasurer's office as of September 30th, 2002, the total expenses for the year 2002 may be slightly different than those reported here.

3. Research Grants and University Contributions

- 1) *Research Grants*: IAMCR received three grants, one from The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, one from UNESCO, and one from IDRC.

- a) Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland: we received a grant from Finnida, in the amount of 13,930 \$ U.S. in order to conduct a research project on textbooks. The project was successfully

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	
Treasurer's Report	U.S. dollars
Revenues	\$ (USD)
Membership Fees	54,460.00
Royalties & Advertising	1,136.00
Interest, Term Deposit	1,122.00
IAMCR Schiller Fund	230.00
	<u>56,948.00</u>
Expenses	\$ (USD)
Admin. Expenses	13,095.00
Bank Charges	1,120.00
Dues & Subscriptions	359.00
Foreign Exchange	(301.00)
Mailing	1,206.00
Office Supplies	3,750.00
Printing	11,546.00
Professional Fees	15,647.00
IAMCR Schiller Fund	1,000.00
Telecommunications	429.00
Travel & Promotion	4,395.00
	<u>52,246.00</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	<u>\$4,702.00</u>
Accumulated surplus, beginning of period	<u>\$89,203.00</u>
Accumulated surplus, end of period	<u>\$93,905.00</u>

completed by Kaarle Nordenstreng. (2000-2001)

- b) International Development Research Center (IDRC): we received a grant of 100 000 \$ Can. to organize a Roundtable and a publication titled Communication, Culture and Environmental Research in Africa and the Middle East with the participation of 10 researchers. This grant is being administered by the University of Montreal — Finance Department.

- c) UNESCO: we received a 10,000 \$ U.S. grant to organize a

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and understanding attitude of section presidents and working group chairs, and not least the competence of the Barcelona organising committee, the 2002 Conference will be perhaps the largest and hopefully also among the best Conferences the Association has ever had. It also shows that a horizontally organized Association as the IAMCR can work, although it takes a little more time than in the more rigidly organized international settings.

After the 2001 Budapest meetings, the internet crew headed by our web-master, Kirsten Larsen, has been working hard on producing a prototype of the new, interactive IAMCR web site. Developing such a site is a give-and-take business: will this work in the IAMCR environment, will it confuse people, should we adapt the administrative procedures to technology or the other way round? The new web site was presented at the Barcelona Conference.

The association never sleeps, so we have already started the preliminary exercises for the next Conference in Taipei and are also in process of planning the 2004 Conference.

As this is my last report under the presidency of Manuel Parés i Maicas, I wish to convey my gratitude and admiration to him for his informal and flexible way of administering the Association in often hard times, for his proactive engagement, and not least for the friendship we have developed. In that sense, it has been easy serving as the Secretary General.

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roundtable titled Forum on Communication, IT Research and wsis with eight experts from developing countries.

2) *University Contributions:* When considering IAMCR's operating budget one must also take into account the indirect contributions of various universities, which house some of IAMCR's activities:

a) The University of Barcelona provided an office as well as the salary of a full time administrative assistant to the past President, Manuel Parés i Maicas.

b) The University of Aalborg provides the Secretary-General with the services of a website expert and it also covers his IAMCR related expenses and services.

c) The Catholic University of Brussels covers IAMCR related expenses incurred by Vice President, Jan Servaes.

d) The Nanyang Technological University of Singapore covers IAMCR related expenses incurred by Vice President, Eddie Kuo.

e) The University of Coventry

ANNUAL BUDGET	
2002 - 2004	
<i>Here is the budget adopted by the General Assembly in Barcelona, for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively.</i>	
	\$ (USD)
President's Office	12,000.00
Treasurer's Office	12,000.00
Organizational Comm.	22,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Travel & Meeting Exp.	3,000.00
Bank Charges	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
	<u>54,000.00</u>

covers IAMCR related expenses incurred by Vice President, Katharine Sarikakis.

f) The University of the West Indies provides the time, the office and the necessary infrastructure to produce the Newsletter. The university also covers M. de Bruin's IAMCR related expenses.

g) The University of Montreal provides an office and services for the Treasury.

h) The University of Helsinki houses the operations of the Womennet, under the guidance of Ullamaija Kivikuru.

BALANCE SHEET	
AS OF July 31st, 2002	
ASSETS	
Current assets	\$ (USD)
Cash	38,878.00
Short term investments	40,423.00
Prepaid Expenses	3,030.00
IDRC Receivable	7,000.00
UNESCO Receivable	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>99,331.00</u>
LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	
Current liabilities	\$ (USD)
Accounts Payable	5,426.00
Accumulated Surplus	<u>93,905.00</u>
	<u>99,331.00</u>

i) Finally, one should mention the contributions of the various universities that provide the presidents of sections with the facilities required to carry out their duties.

Conclusion

Membership fees constitute the majority of our revenues that cover most of the operating expenses incurred by the association. As long as the association does not attract additional members, we can hardly hope to improve our services.

I was one of those few who did not vote for the revised Statutes, although I have been active for years in pushing for a rejuvenation of IAMCR and the respective reform of its Statutes.

Let me explain:

Article 1 — Mission and Seat says that IAMCR/AIERI/AEICS seeks to improve the quality of media and communication practice through enhanced media and communication research. The core of this definition is media and communication practice and not research; the mission is to improve the quality of media practice, and research is just a way to pursue this aim. In other words, this formulation defines our task so that we are an association for media reform and improvement rather than an association for media research and analysis.

Food for thought

by Kaarle Nordenstreng

I am all for media reform, even revolutionary changes in media structures and performance. But I do not see that this can be realistically achieved through research. Moreover, I think that research has its value as an intellectual project of basic research regardless of its application in practical world. I find this formulation unrealistic, naïve and even dangerous.

The old Statutes were more sound on this point: "shall promote throughout the world the development of scientific research on problems related to mass communication". We should have just polished the language and left the idea intact.

I share the blame for this poor formulation since I was part of the group which prepared the revised Statutes. This detail went unnoticed by me until Barcelona. And there it

turned out to be too late to make fuss about it; that might have opened the Pandora box and jeopardized the whole Statutes. I wanted the new Statutes to be approved and saw it happening, but I did not want this detail to be unnoticed. Had the vote been article by article, I would have proposed an amendment of this article alone, while voting for all the rest.

Too late to regret that I didn't raise my voice in the General Assembly. But not too late to propose that this detail be revisited by the next General Assembly in two years time. If the Statutes are supposed to be taken seriously, isn't the mission statement, its cornerstone, worth to be thoroughly discussed?

Three Heartwarming Events

by Katharine Sarikakis, Vice president

As I promised in Barcelona I would like to provide an update in relation to my portfolio. Three heartwarming, uplifting, major events took place in Barcelona this year. The first was the Plenary on 'Women in Communication Scholarship: Achievements and Aspirations', a first of its kind celebration of women's work and their role not only in IAMCR but also in communication scholarship around the world. The report on the women's plenary was co-edited with the co-convenor Karen Ross, joint head of the Gender and Communication Section. A report on this event can be found on page 14.

The second event was the Women's Business Meeting that produced very concrete policy proposals already presented to the International Council. What follows is a version similar to what has already been circulated on the Womennet.

The third is the approval of the Executive Board, International Council and General Assembly of my proposal to establish an IAMCR Mentoring System.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

The Way Forward — Monday 22 July, 2002 late in the evening

During the past year, some of us have been discussing the status of women in IAMCR, through the Womennet listserv. Others preferred to talk about this in other forms, perhaps more private but many many more have shown interest and concern in their own way. It became obvious how 'thirsty' we were and still are for some space: ideas were flying around, people wanted to speak, there was so much to talk about and so little time. But we had to limit ourselves to concrete, practical areas to help enhance women's visibility and participation in the association. Well, obviously we all shared the opinion that women's visibility in IAMCR needs enhancing.

We decided that it is important that IAMCR collects and makes available data regarding women's (and men's) partici-

pation in the academic and administrative activities of the association. In particular, the immediate areas demanding our attention were identified as follows:

1. Academic activities of IAMCR

Data to be collected about:

- a. The submission and acceptance of book proposals for single and/or co-authored books and edited collections under the IAMCR series.
- b. Submission and acceptance of Abstracts for Conferences

2. Administrative/academic life of IAMCR

The encouragement of Section Heads to gradually move into a system of cooperative leadership: sections to be convened by two members of both genders whenever possible. Several sections have already applied this principle with success, such as the History, Gender and Communication, JSN and others. Perhaps the recent decision of Section Heads at the Section Heads meeting in Barcelona to open up the voting procedures to members unable to attend Conferences can incorporate the endorsement of conscious efforts to encourage more gender balanced representation.

3. IAMCR and the world

Finally, the meeting decided to form a taskforce of women members of IAMCR to study, analyse and provide policy proposals on issues of gender and ICT for the forthcoming World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and potentially join forces with the women's caucus of the WSIS.

The International Council was informed about these action points. The clear mandate I was given during the women's meeting in my capacity as a Vice president with the specific portfolio the promotion of women's participation in IAMCR was to make the necessary representations to the Executive Board and the International Council and seek the practical ways to apply the decisions made.

One immediate and practical way one of the decisions (1b) can be followed up is to be incorporated in the Conference policy of IAMCR. I was

assigned convenor of the standing committee that will look at the current policy and proposed new guidelines, based on the criteria I developed two years ago and were approved last year regarding the academic, administrative and other functions of IAMCR conferences. Other provisions, such as gender-balanced panels, etc are already incorporated in the Conference guidelines.

Furthermore my responsibility is to collect all this data from various sources, evaluate it, discuss it with you and make the necessary proposals to the Executive Board and the International Council. But I require your assistance. Devote some time to this 'monitoring' exercise with the aim to keep track of developments and herstory! in IAMCR. It is necessary not only to centralise/archive such data but also to monitor follow-up policies and impact on Conferences and the life of our Association. So, if you believe there is a reason, a purpose and ... the possibility of fun in working in such a group, email me at k.sarikakis@coventry.ac.uk.

MENTORING

I will be working very closely with the Junior Scholars Network to develop and test a mentoring system that would bring closer together younger and more established academics. Initially, mentoring would take place in the cyberspace. One activity would be to develop a Frequently Asked Questions section on the Junior Scholars Website that will be edited with the help of senior colleagues. The second is the launching of quarterly virtual meetings with a week's duration where colleagues participate in seminars, discussions or sessions of questions and answers. Needless to say that this form of mentoring is non-exclusive, and of course entirely voluntarily. And it is a start. It is not meant to replace personal relationships, direct them or alter them. It is meant to create an initiating force that will welcome younger academics in the Association and in the academy and make good use of the vast experience of established colleagues in matters that concern all academics indeed.

So, we are looking for MENTORS! If you would like to become a mentor please contact me.

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Topic: Information Society and Glocalization, What's Next?

Digital technology and information system have greatly changed the facets of media and communication practices of our time. Interactions between the global and the local have led to new dynamics of communication development and social changes. The emergence of digital revolution and information society leads to a need to re-examine the existing media and communication theories. How will this new form of global/local interactions and dynamics develop? What's the next trajectory of its development? What dimensions of study could contribute to the understanding of the future development of information society? These questions are intertwined with the concept "Glocalization" and can be explored from many aspects in media and communication research.

Planned Registration Fees (\$USD)

(Maximum Registration: 300 Participants)

RATE BASIS*	EARLY (before May 1)	LATE (after May 1)
IAMCR members	\$200	\$260
Non-members	\$260	\$310
Reduced Non-members [†]	\$160	\$200
Reduced members [†]	\$100	\$140

* Rates are subject to final decisions.

[†] The beneficiaries of the reduced registration fee are: students, authors from low-income countries as identified by the World Bank, and other qualified participants.

Key Submission Dates:

- Deadline for Abstracts: February 1, 2003
(Send Abstracts Directly to Section Heads)
- Submission Results Announced: March 31, 2003
- Early Registration Deadline: May 1, 2003
- Deadline for Hotel and Tour Bookings: June 1, 2003
- Full Paper Due Date: July 1, 2003

Accommodation (\$USD)

Hotels	Code	Room Type/Class	Conference Rates*	
			1 Person	2 Persons
Chien-Tan Youth Hostel (or similar)	A	Standard Twin or Double	\$35	\$35
Conference Hotel (Howard International House)	B	Standard Single	\$50	
	C	Semi-Suite	\$85	\$95
Le Petit Sherwood Hotel	D	Standard Single	\$110	
	E	Luxury	\$130	\$150

* All room rates include taxes and service charges.

Conference Hotel and Le Petit Sherwood Hotel provide breakfasts.

Pre-Conference Meetings

Saturday, July 12

Morning IAMCR Business Meetings (I)
Afternoon IAMCR Business Meetings (II)

Sunday, July 13

Morning IAMCR Business Meetings (III)
Afternoon IAMCR Business Meetings (IV)
Registration Begins

Conference Sessions[†]

Monday, July 14 (Day 1)

Morning Opening Ceremony &
Keynote Speeches
Plenary Sessions
Noon Box Lunch (o)
Afternoon Section Sessions*
Evening Reception Dinner

Tuesday, July 15 (Day 2)

Morning Section Sessions*
Noon Box Lunch (o)
Afternoon Section Sessions*
Evening Tour Activity (o)

Wednesday, July 16 (Day 3)

Morning Section Sessions*
Noon Box Lunch (o)
Afternoon Plenary Sessions
Concluding Session
Evening Tour Activity (o)

July 14 - 16, 2002

<http://iamcr2003.org.tw>

Conference Tours (a)

July 13, 15, 16

Night Tour
• Lungshan Temple
• Hwahsi Night Market

July 13, 15, 16

Half Day Shopping Tour
• Taiwan Handicraft Center
• Core Pacific City

July 15, 17

Scenic and National Park Day Tour
• Yang Ming Shan National Park
• Jumig Museum, North Coast

July 13, 16, 17

Museum Day Tour
• National Palace Museum
• Museum of Formosan Aborigines

July 13, 17

Culture and Ceramic Day Tour
• Yingko Ceramics Museum
• Tahsi Old Street

July 17-18

921 Earthquake Reconstruction Two Day Tour
• Green Tunnel, Gigi Train Station
• The Remnant of Earthquake, Puli Wine Cellar

July 17-18

Taroko National Park Two Day Tour by Tourist Train
• Sping Shrin, Swallow Caves, Tunnel of Nine Turns
• Marble Factory, Ma-Tai-an Aboriginal Village

Organizer

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Chinese Communication Society, Taiwan

Visa requirements

EXEMPT VISA: The following nationals currently need no visas for staying up to 14 days: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, The Netherlands (Holland), Norway, Portugal, Spain, Singapore, Sweden, U.K., U.S.A. and Switzerland.

VISITOR VISA: For other citizens, a visitor visa for up to 60 days can be issued to tourists and/or conference participants at the nearest R.O.C. embassies or Taipei Representative Offices. A single entry visa costs US\$36. Applicants need to provide passport (valid for at least six months), application form, one photo, an incoming and outgoing airline ticket, as well as documents verifying the purpose of visit.

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The Book Publications Committee of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) invites the submission of book proposals and manuscripts for the IAMCR Book Series.

WHO is invited to submit?

All IAMCR members in good standing are welcome to submit a proposal or manuscript. However, special consideration will be given to young scholars and scholars who haven't yet been widely published in the English language.

WHAT are we seeking?

Submissions on all subjects and perspectives covered by and discussed within the IAMCR are welcome. Book proposals may be endorsed by Sections or Working Groups if they arise directly out of the Sections' ongoing work, but such endorsement is not a requirement. All proposals and manuscripts are refereed.

HOW should one submit a proposal or manuscript?

1) Proposal: A proposal should be

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between 2,500 - 3,000 (max) words or 10 pages in length. The following information has to be provided:

- (a) Name and address (regular and email) of the corresponding author or editor.
- (b) The research topic or focus.
- (c) The rationale for this proposal. An assessment of the contribution to the literature or to social practice.
- (d) A characterization of the theoretical and methodological framework to be used.
- (e) Particular issues/themes to be discussed.
- (f) Time-frame for the completion of the manuscript.
- (g) Tentative table of contents with a brief abstract for each chapter (including the full list of authors in

- case of an edited volume).
- (h) Short bibliography (indicating primary sources).
- (i) The intended audience of the book.
- (j) A justification for making the submission to the IAMCR Book Series.

2) Manuscript: A manuscript could be between 200 and 350 pages in length (1.5 line spacing, Arial font, 12 point style). The information requested for proposals has to be included in the accompanying letter.

TO WHOM should it be sent?

Book proposals and manuscripts can be sent by regular mail or e-mail (attachment in .rtf, or .pdf format) to

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Discourse Studies: £29.25 (reg. £39)	Journal of Visual Culture: £25.50 (reg. £34)
Ethnicities: £25.50 (reg. £34)	Journalism: £23.25 (reg. £31)
European Journal of American Culture: £20 (reg. £30)	Media Culture & Society: £36.00 (reg. £48)
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More discounts will be announced soon.

IAMCR to invest in World Summit on the Information Society

by Marc Raboy

The IAMCR will be actively involved in events leading up to and culminating in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The Summit is due to take place in two phases, the first in Geneva in 2003 and the second in Tunis in 2005. Recognizing the unique importance of this unprecedented event, the General Assembly voted in Barcelona to create a task force to facilitate and coordinate IAMCR involvement in the WSIS. The 12-member task force was then immediately set up by the International Council.¹

This will be the first time that communication will be the theme of a United Nations summit. But as past president Cees Hamelink told the General Assembly, it is also the first time a UN summit is being held on a topic which nobody can define. Indeed, the exact nature of the 'information society' that is the central focus of this Summit remains to be specified.

A bit of background is necessary in order to appreciate the issues and stakes at play in the WSIS. The Summit will be held under the high patronage of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. UN General Assembly Resolution 56/183, which endorsed the framework for the WSIS, determined that the Summit shall be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), 'in cooperation with other interested organizations and partners.' While the ITU is to be the lead agency, Resolution 56/183 specified that there should be contributions 'from all relevant UN bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, including international and regional institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector' in the intergovernmental preparatory process leading up to the Summit and in the Summit itself.

It is on this basis that interested organizations such as IAMCR can have a certain access to the Summit, both directly through participation in the preparatory process, as well as by way of involvement in ongoing consultations aimed at preparing input from other UN agencies such as UNESCO.

While UNESCO particularly has held several extensive meetings based on content for the WSIS, as of mid-September, most of the official discussion held under the auspices of the ITU had focused on procedure. The first Summit preparatory committee meeting (or 'PrepCom'), held in Geneva in early July, nearly fell apart over disagreements among governments about the appropriate level of non-governmental participation. Finally, after three days of closed-door discussion, the government delegations achieved a consensus on limited participation of civil society and private sector entities. It is still not certain precisely what that will mean in the lead-up to the Summit.

At least one thing is clear however. First, civil society organizations interested in information society issues will be present either inside or outside the Summit proper. Some 300 CSOs (including IAMCR) were accredited to the Geneva PrepCom, and created a 'civil society plenary' which monitored the governmental deliberations, lobbied friendly delegates and designated speakers to the main plenaries wherever possible. The groups present in Geneva set up a Civil Society Coordination Group, mainly for lobbying the ITU and Summit secretariat for maximum access to the process, as well as developing content in view of the next phase of Summit preparations.

In fact, the July PrepCom was to have determined the main themes and agenda of the Summit, but barely scratched the surface of that important task. A further meeting on content and themes took place in mid-September, and this will be the topic of the second PrepCom scheduled for late February or early March 2003. It is clear that the IAMCR task force will have to work actively between now and PrepCom 2 in order to influence the agenda of the Summit.

And what should we be aiming to place on that agenda? The tentative 'guiding principles' proposed by the official WSIS committee in charge of developing content and themes provide an initial starting point. These include:

- extension of the benefits of the information society to all, and the necessity of their orientation towards development
- meeting the challenges of the digital divide
- priority to preserving linguistic diversity and cultural identity
- prevalence of international solidarity and co-operation
- recognition that ICTs are an instrument for achieving economic and social goals and not an end in themselves
- universal and inclusive access
- importance of communities and of utilizing ICTs for the benefits of the disadvantaged.

From the IAMCR's perspective, however, there are two important gaps that remain to be filled in this approach.² Our input ought to emphasize that 1) the WSIS should make an explicit statement about the right to communicate as a universal human right; and 2) the agenda should be broadened to include the importance of media and mass communication in any consideration of the so-called information society.

On the first point, a number of groups with which the IAMCR has a definite affinity have been actively lobbying for inclusion of the human rights perspective in the WSIS's

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Women and Communication Scholarship

Plenary Session IAMCR Conference, Barcelona, July 2002

by Karen Ross and Katharine Sarikakis, Convenors

For the first time in IAMCR's history, women's contribution to communication scholarship was celebrated in the opening plenary at the Barcelona conference. The panel comprised an international line-up of scholars, which we intended would showcase the work of women scholars and the effects of women's work in scholarship, policy and reflexive practice.

After a lively address from the chair (then President-Elect, Frank Morgan), Professor Emperatriz Arreaza from the University of Zulia took the floor to present an account of feminist film-making in Venezuela and elsewhere in Latin America. We learnt a great deal about an under-researched topic and under-represented research area in IAMCR (film studies). Also, importantly, her account shed light on the impact women film makers have made on film history and on Latin American societies more generally, where the dramatic content of their work provides an honest and candid view of the human condition, and where their work is often made in co-operation with the 'subjects' of their stories.

Next up was Professor Annabelle Sreberny from the University of Leicester who spoke about gender and the politics of recognition. Personal reflection ('why am I here, in a women's plenary?'), theoretically informed and linked strongly to the 'hard world of facts' (women's situation around the globe), gave all of us food for thought. But her words also demonstrated women's many roles in the world as academics, activists, citizens, parents as well as the politics of recognising women's existence, our work and our contribution in the academy, but also in the world.

Feng Yuan, Assistant to the Chief Editor for *China Women's News* and co-ordinator of Media Monitor Network for Women, Beijing, spoke eloquently about the

situation of women journalists in China who attempt to foreground issues of concern to women in their work. She elaborated on the impact of the Beijing Conferences on the position of women workers in media industries, but also spoke about the increasing recognition of gender in social and cultural life.

The session concluded with an address from Professor Gertrude Robinson, Professor Emerita at McGill University, who explored some of the history of women's involvement in IAMCR itself, the progress and the problems, demonstrating not just the shifts which have taken place within the Association over past decades, but the road yet to travel. Her presentation showed how vital it is to include herstories in the writing of history and how crucial it is to adopt policy in the Association that will bring IAMCR where it needs to be.

The plenary was an important landmark occasion and we are pleased that it worked so well. Perhaps another time we could

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see four women speaking in a plenary about women-focused research and practice and it would be seen as ordinary enough not to require the 'women's' label, but we suspect that such gender mainstreaming is a little way off yet. Our thanks to everyone who participated in the plenary and contributed to its success. Our thanks also to our translators for the terrific job they did, and to the sponsors of our four speakers — their universities, Oxfam China and the organising committee — for financing their long-distance journeys to be with us. The plenary took place at 6.30pm on the first day of the conference when delegates were already tired, hungry and cold (due to air-conditioning, not the Spanish weather!). But 90 minutes with our presenters' words nourished us, warmed our hearts and inspired us — thank you all.

Womennet revival

Within the IAMCR, a listserv called Womennet was launched almost 10 years ago after a series of Women's caucus meetings at IAMCR conferences. Woman members felt that they had not had a role strong enough compared with their number in the organisation. The idea was to offer woman members an arena to act and react, to discuss and debate on profes-

sional issues. Womennet server operates at the University of Helsinki (Ullamaija Kivikuru as moderator).

In the beginning, Womennet was extremely active. Discussions were alert, and a small survey on woman media researchers' work and interests was carried out. A pressure directed to the Association led to the publishing of a woman members' directory a few years back.

In the recent years, the Womennet has not been used as much as it could. Many things have bypassed the listserv. But when a need has grown, the Womennet has provided space for airing opinions like when Karen Ross, Katharine Sarikakis, Margaret Gallagher and many others discussed the role of women in the IAMCR. The previous issue of the Newsletter published a summary of these discussions. Further, the Womennet has operated as a 'bulletin board' announcing new books and conferences and forming of researcher groups around the world.

Becoming a Section

by Dr Alina Bernstein, Section Head: Media and Sport

Having been active in all IAMCR conferences since 1999 the media and sport working group became a section at the Barcelona Conference. It seems only fitting, at this stage, to tell the IAMCR membership a little more about our group and its activities.

First it is important to say that over the past decade the interest in media and sport has grown tremendously. Evidence to which is the ever-growing list of publications in this area, many of which have been written by members of our group. Recent books include, for example: Raymond Boyle and Richard Haynes 'Power Play' (Longman, 1999), Rod Brookes 'Representing Sport' (Arnold, 2002) and Garry Whannel 'Media Sport Stars' (Routledge, 2002). Indeed, as it is our wish to contribute to this field of research — beyond continuing meeting at IAMCR conferences and keeping in touch between them — we try to publish some of the papers presented to the group at various IAMCR conferences. The first result of this activity is a special media and sport issue of *Culture, Sport, Society* (Frank Cass) edited by Neil Blain and Alina Bernstein. Due to be published later this year, this volume will also be published as a book.

Our main activity continues to be the meetings at the conferences,

which give us the opportunity to meet one another and keep ourselves updated in current research in our field. We also try to keep in touch between conferences and inform one another of our own work and other relevant publications we come across. Overall, we do pride ourselves of maintaining a 'group' feeling all year round — and a well balanced group it is, with scholars from around the world, established researchers as well as Ph.D candidate, members who continue to be involved since 1999 as well as new ones. Indeed, within a relatively short time span we generated a worldwide interest in our activities both by old-fashioned interpersonal

communication and by our on-line presence (<http://www.play-the-game.org/partners/>). Our mailing list currently includes nearly 60 subscribers and we would be happy to add more, especially from countries outside of Europe and the USA. Another wish we have, following our successful Barcelona joint session with the gender section, is to collaborate with further sections and working groups to co-organize special dedicated sessions which link media and sport to other areas of media research.

We feel that becoming a section will enable us to broaden our activities, include more scholars in them, and generally make our mark both within and outside of IAMCR.

Thanks again to all of you who supported us in becoming a section! Looking forward to seeing you in Taipei.

— alinaber@netvision.net.il

Southern African Communication Association (SACOMM)

The SACOMM userlist is now largely operational. SACOMM is constituted of academics teaching and researching communication, journalism and media studies. Amongst its members are communication professionals, industry researchers and currently registered students.

SACOMM's aim is to:

- a) contact communication, media studies and journalism academics and researchers to invite them, to join the Association (see below for a brief statement on SACOMM);

- b) offer this userlist as a means for informing its members and the broader international community with an interest in Southern Africa on matters of general interest to the discipline;

- c) start planning for the 2003 SACOMM Conference, to be held in Durban in the third week of June.

We invite anyone interested in membership, or in learning more about SACOMM, to contact:

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Discussions have tended to start before IAMCR conferences and to calm down for a while after the conferences. However, in Barcelona official and unofficial women's gathering came to the conclusion that it is high time to revitalise the Womennet. Accordingly, an encouragement message was sent to a great number of Barcelona woman participants plus some others who had shown interest in the listserv. Members do not need to be IAMCR members, although almost all members are. The 'ideology' of the Womennet is to offer woman media and communication researchers an arena for professional

contacts, inside and outside the IAMCR. About 20 new members have so far been added to the roughly 200 old members, and, in addition to reports from Barcelona, discussions around gender and wsis have been carried out after Barcelona.

One of the problems has right from the beginning been that members forget to inform the Womennet about changes of email addresses. They can do it themselves by approaching the server but perhaps the easiest way is to contact the moderator (ullamaija.kivikuru@helsinki.fi) who then takes care of the changes. One additional

problem is that many have forwarded addresses which cannot be deleted straight from Helsinki, the server claiming that such a member does not exist. Still, the moderator gets constantly 'Message could not be sent' messages.

If a woman researcher is interested to join the Womennet, she can either send the moderator a short note or send a message to maiser@valt.helsinki.fi and leave the subject line open. A command *Subscribe womennet helsinki.fi* opens the gate to the Womennet discussions.

— *Ullamaija Kivikuru*

Barcelona 2002 Section Heads Meeting

by Karen Ross, Joint Section Head, Gender and Communication Section

The meeting of Heads of Section and HoS (elect) provided a useful forum for discussion and gave us the opportunity to share experiences, mostly about the organisation of our various programmes for the Barcelona conference — what worked and what did not — which in turn produced a number of thoughts about future strategies. The following are my own recollections of what we discussed: although I circulated these notes to those at the meeting, and no one contacted me to say otherwise, any errors in reporting are entirely mine.

Whilst our discussion was wide-ranging, we came up with five specific recommendations which we then tabled at the first meeting of the International Council the next day. One of our recommendations is that future conference organisers must provide flexibility in the pricing structure they offer, specifically, that

there must be individual fees for registration, meals and accommodation, enabling prospective delegates to choose whether they want to take advantage of the meals and accommodation made available by the organisers.

In Barcelona, for example, many people simply did not want to have a large sit-down meal in the middle of the day in an expensive hotel and had this been an optional extra, then the registration fee could have been reduced. We also recommend that conference organisers schedule at least two dedicated slots for business meetings, at separate times so that participants can attend at least two such meetings if they wish. At Barcelona, because of the large number of abstracts, many Sections decided to use all their slots for formal sessions to maximise the number of papers presented — the fundamental purpose of the conference! — which meant that a number

of us were trying to find spaces in which to hold our business meetings in a very ad hoc manner.

We have three further, more general recommendations. One relates to the way in which Section Heads are elected, and we were of the view that making such decisions during the business meeting of a Section meant that many people who would like to be part of that process but who were unable to attend that particular conference, were excluded from participating in the election. We therefore recommend that the selection process is a more democratic affair and includes balloting by email and fax prior to the business meeting so as to maximise participation. Related to the inclusion issue, if we are to canvass interest in leadership positions within Sections, we need to know who is actually interested in particular Sections and we recommend that members should be strongly encouraged to indicate their interest in the work of particular Sections, up to a maximum of three. We also recommend standardising the nomenclature of Section leaders, so that the postholders are all described by the same title, be it 'Head', 'President' or 'Chair'.

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final declaration. Soon after the initial plans for the Summit were announced, an umbrella group of organizations including the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC), the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), the Association for Progressive Communication (APC), the People's Communication Charter (PCC) and the IAMCR-affiliated European Consortium for Communication Research (ECCR) formed the Communication Rights in the Information Society (CRIS) Campaign. The CRIS campaign has so far been a leading catalyst of civil society participation in the wsis process.

The absence of a human rights perspective in the proposed wsis guiding principles was also underscored at the September meeting on content and themes by the Civil Society Coordination Group set up following PrepCom1. This is shaping up to be a major point of contention, as numerous government delegations have indicated — in both formal and informal declarations — that they are opposed to a discussion of human rights at a Summit on the information society. In fact, much of the debate around procedure and the participation of civil society in the Summit has been driven by this issue.

In addition to this fundamental point, broadening the wsis agenda is also a serious concern. There is a danger

that the notion of the information society will be restricted to a focus on hardware and plumbing issues, particularly in light of the traditional approach of the ITU in this area. The input of UNESCO and other UN agencies will be important in this respect. But as an association of media and communication researchers, IAMCR should have something original to bring to the table. We could begin by developing our own notion of communication in the information society, and analysing the challenges of the new global mass media environment. Questions regarding the restructuring of media ownership, media regulation, public service and community media — among other things — all ought to be placed on the wsis agenda.

In short, we have our work cut out for us in the months ahead!

Useful web sites for following wsis activities and developments:

- <http://www.itu.int/wsis/> (the official summit web site) and
- <http://cris.comunica.org/> (web site of the Communication Rights in the Information Society campaign)

¹ The task force, chaired by President Frank Morgan, will include as members Hopeton Dunn, Divina Frau-Meigs, Cees Hamelink, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Claudia Padovani, Marc Raboy, Katharine Sarikakis, K.M. Shiristrava, Annabelle Sreberny, Pradip Thomas, and Daya Thussu.

² What follows is, of course, the personal view of the author, pending the future work of the IAMCR task force.

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Audience and Reception Studies

Joint Section Heads: Tony Wilson
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As the incoming joint section heads of the Audience and Reception Studies Section, we thank Klaus Jensen for his stewardship. This section will continue to support wide-ranging analysis and implementation of audience research strategy.

We would like to develop further a comparative focus on the fundamental assumptions of qualitative and quantitative method. Investigating continuities/discontinuities in understanding the relationship between traditional audiences and conceptualising new media users requires development. And we wish to enhance the dialectic between Asian and Western theory and practice.

We therefore will encourage the submission of papers particularly addressing these issues at the 2003 IAMCR Conference.

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Procedures for Submitting Abstracts to the Taipei Conference

- 1** Abstracts shall include the name(s) of authors, institution, telephone, postal address and e-mail. The abstract text shall not exceed 500 words. The abstract shall be submitted in Word™ RTF format. You are advised to use the template at the Conference website.
- 2** Abstracts shall be received by the respective Heads of Sections no later than February 1st, 2003. To submit an abstract, you have to access the Conference website and go to the abstract facility. Your abstract will then be forwarded to the indicated section head. In case you do not have computer equipment, you have to contact the Section Head directly for other arrangements.
- 3** Abstracts will be reviewed by the sections, and you can expect to receive the result before March 31st, 2003 at the latest.
- 4** You can only submit one abstract, and presentation of accepted papers can only take place in one section.
- 5** Full papers shall be received by the Conference secretariat (with a copy to the section head) July 1st, 2003 at the latest. Papers received after that date will not be accepted and will not be included in the programme. Papers shall be sent in Word™ RTF format. You are advised to use the template at the Conference website.
- 6** All authors of accepted abstracts will receive a formal invitation from the Conference secretariat soon after March 31st to be included with your visa application.
- 7** Authors using PowerPoint™ are requested to send their files in advance to Taipei in order to avoid technical problems.

If you have any questions, please contact: Secretary General, Ole Prehn at: prehn@hum.auc.dk.
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Communication Technology Policy (CTP)

Joint Section Heads: Hopeton S.
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Activities and Focus

In 2001/2002 the main CTP activity has been to prepare and organise the Section's programme in Barcelona. This report will therefore focus mainly on the Conference itself, the new leadership team elected and some plans for the future that grew out of reflections at the Barcelona Conference.

The work of Communication Technology Policy (CTP) Section focuses on the social and policy implications of communication tech-

nologies. Its sessions aim to critically analyse the design, policy, market and usage of technologically mediated communication networks, paying attention to both theory and practice. A multi-disciplinary approach is important in the section, as we seek to approach these areas from different perspectives. What unites the members of the section is a common research concern about policy, either as an object of study, or in its broader implications.

Barcelona Conference

At the Barcelona Conference the Section successfully organised 10 sessions including a Roundtable Discussion and a poster session, besides the Business Meeting. In these sessions 43 papers and 10 posters were presented (the programme, the abstracts and a vast majority of the full papers are available on the CTP website at

<http://www.komdat.sbg.ac.at/ectp/>). The regional representation of the 66 presenters from 28 countries was as follows: 19 from North America, 27 from Europe, 14 from Asia/Pacific, 0 from Africa, 6 from Latin-America and the Caribbean. While continued strong participation from Europe and North America is being encouraged, the Section, and IAMCR in general, will need to place special emphasis on greater participation from Africa, Asia and the Latin American and Caribbean regions. In terms of gender, there was a better balance among the presenters, with 29 women presenting papers compared to 37 men. Overall, efforts will continue towards gender parity, greater geographical diversity and attracting more young researchers.

The CTP sessions at Barcelona were well attended, with an average of 40-50 participants in each session. The discussions were vibrant and productive, showing strong critical inputs and debate. While some papers were weak, the majority achieved a high standard and some presenters got offers for publication of their presentations as a direct outcome of the conference. The poster session worked fairly well and enabled more people to present their research. However, better location and timing should be sought for future conferences. Important discussions about the future of the CTP came out of the Roundtable discussion, which has now become a tradition of the Section. Many of the issues referred to below about the future plans of the section originated from the Roundtable debate. We thank all the presenters and participants in that and other CTP sessions.

New Team

The new CTP leadership team elected at Barcelona consists of two joint section heads and two deputy section heads. The new joint section heads are Hopeton Dunn (Jamaica) and Pascal Verhoest (Netherlands). The deputy section heads are Jo Pierson (Belgium) and Tanja Storsul (Norway). Participants in the Business meeting expressed great appreciation for the hard work accomplished by the outgoing head

of section, Ursula Maier-Rabler, over the last four years. Before that, she also served four years as deputy head. She did not, however, wish to seek re-election, and at the Business Meeting voted the new team into office. As a result of past experience, it was decided to elect a broader

team that could share responsibilities between them in order to decrease the individual workload.

Communication and Membership

The CTP Section has a well functioning web site (<http://www.komdat.sbg.ac.at/ectp/>), which pres-

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ents current information, advertises conferences, and serves as an archive for previous activities, conferences and papers presented. This web-site will be maintained and developed in order to continue serving as an important information site for the CTP. The section also wants to revive the electronic registration of members and interested researchers on the Web. Such an application does not currently exist on the site, which will need more functionalities in order to enable the creation of a database enabling researchers to get an overview of areas of common interests. These additional features demand extra resources, which we invite our members to assist in raising or arranging. Currently, the CTP has a list of more than 400 researchers, the majority being members of the Section and others who are interested in the work of CTP. This regularly updated list includes both postal and e-mail addresses and is the basis for all direct communication with members. Those who have changed addresses, workplaces or who have other membership related enquiries or institutional details should contact deputy heads Jo Pierson at Jo.Pierson@vub.ac.be or Tanja Storsul at tanja.storsul@media.uio.no.

Taipei Conference

The Section will arrange one or more CTP sessions at the Taipei Conference, currently scheduled for mid July 2003. The Shih Hsin University and the Chinese Communication Society in Taiwan are jointly organizing the Conference. Preliminary indication of the theme is: "Information Society and 'Glocalization' — What New?". We want to use this opportunity to strengthen the Asian participation in the work of the Section both through a preparatory committee and in terms of paper presentations. Local researchers interested in participating in the Section's Preparatory Committee for the Taipei conference can make e-mail contact with joint section head, Hopeton S. Dunn at hdunn@cwjamaica.com. A call for papers and further information about the Conference will be published on the CTP web site (<http://www.komdat.sbg.ac.at/ectp/>).

Community Communication

Section Head: Laura Stein

The Community Communication (CC) section hosted a pre-conference to IAMCR in Barcelona called *Our Media Not Theirs*. The pre-conference was an intensive day of presentations and discussions on alternative media. The Ford Foundation provided financial assistance to some conference participants, and the Universitat Ramon Llull in Barcelona generously offered itself as the conference venue. The gathering of 60 people included a greater number of practitioners and sector organisers than the first *Our Media* (Washington DC 2001), bringing to the event a new emphasis upon the relationship between alternative media research and practice. Questions arose as to how researchers might elevate the status of alternative media within the public arena as well as the possibilities for research on the wider implications of alternative media within community networks. New media, in particular the rise of Indymedia and its relationship to alternative media histories, was also a central topic of the day. Due to the inherent diversity of alternative media, the pre-conference unintentionally united community and participatory development communications, making it a gauge for possible collaborations between the two IAMCR sections in the future.

As with the previous *Our Media*, scholars working in participatory communications made a valuable contribution through their insights into post-development, empowerment and process. The input of media-makers from Barcelona's Clot TV (and a field trip to the station), as well as presentations on Catalonia's own history of alternative media, deserve a special mention as they gave the day a truly local feel - most appropriate for a discussion on grassroots media. Many participants hope that local culture will continue to characterise future *Our Media* events, possibly through the addition

of local language presentations.

Organisers Clemencia Rodriguez and Nick Couldry have instigated an important and dynamic forum that will no doubt impact upon the wider media studies field. In the future, these scholars will be actively working on developing and strengthening the *Our Media* network, considering a possible 2003 conference in Latin America, and exploring opportunities for larger scale funding. Activists and researchers in this area are welcome to join the mailing list. To do so, please contact Clemencia Rodriguez at clemencia@ou.edu or Nick Couldry at N.Couldry@lse.ac.uk.

Turning to the Conference itself, the Community Communication section would like to thank everyone who gave papers and attended the division's panels for their participation in a vital and ongoing dialog about the status and development of community media around.

the world. The six sessions allotted to CC were well attended from the first standing-room-only session to the last. About 65 papers were submitted to the division, and roughly 50% of these were accepted. The section also participated in 2 joint sessions with the Participatory Communication Research section and hosted 6 poster sessions.

Papers are online at http://baserv.uci.kun.nl/~jankow/IAMCR_Community_Communication_Section/.

In the Section's Business Meeting, Nick Jankowski from the University of Nijmegen (The Netherlands), announced the end of his term as Section head. His contributions to the section, particularly his leadership, organization and enthusiasm, have been greatly appreciated over the last four years. Laura Stein from the University of Texas at Austin (USA) was elected as the new Section Head and Per Jauert from the University of Aarhus (Denmark) and Ellie Rennie from Queensland University of Technology (Australia) were elected as joint section heads. At the Business Meeting, section members said that field trips to

Barcelona community television were one of the highlights of the Conference experience, and efforts are currently underway to make similar arrangements to visit local community media at next year's Conference site in Taipei, Taiwan. If anyone has any ideas about good community media to visit, please let us know. Several section members are also exploring the publication of selected CC conference and pre-conference papers as a special community media theme issue of the journal *Javnost/The Public*. Once again, thanks to everyone who made this year's conference a success.

Call for Papers, Taipei, 2003

Our section focuses on communication that originates, circulates and resonates with communities, broadly defined. We seek to advance research on the objectives, practices and dynamics of community communication expressed across all types of media and symbol systems and formed around locality, language, ethnicity, gender, politics, socio-economics, or other interests and affiliations. We welcome both theoretical and applied research, as well as research conducted at both micro and macro levels of analysis. Our concerns include issues of media access, participation and reception; media projects undertaken by marginalized and underrepresented groups; development and support of public and community-based media institutions and infrastructures; production and distribution of community and alternative media; and theoretical contributions to the research, evaluation and practice of community communication.

In addition to research papers, the section welcomes the submission of panel proposals on current issues and problems in the field. Applicants may submit abstracts of no more than 300 words or completed papers. Panel proposals should include a well-defined statement of purpose, a complete list of panel participants, and full abstracts for each presentation.

We hope to see you next year in Taipei! General correspondence to

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Gender and Communication

Joint Section Heads: Karen Ross
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Barcelona Report

The Section's programme for Barcelona was a wonderful celebration of diversity, of themes, of cultural perspectives and of methodologies and we would like to thank all those who took part in the programme including contributors and participants. We would also like to thank Alina Bernstein with whom we worked to organise the only joint session of the conference, between ourselves and the Media and Sport Working Group, and would like to take the opportunity of congratulating Alina on managing the successful transition from working group to fully-fledged Section during the progress of the conference. And we would of course like to thank the conference organising committee for facilitating such an energising and creative event and for their smooth dealing with the many and varied glitches which popped up during the conference.

So, back to the content. The Section organised 11 sessions including one panel which was facilitated by Todd Holden, on Gender in Japanese Culture. The other panel themes focused on the gendered aspects of: popular culture; power; theories and methods; advertising and magazines; political economy of news; news cultures; audiences; communication technologies; consumption and production; and the joint session on sport. Please see the Section's website for a full listing of

the session titles and contributors, as well as a list of abstracts, both of which can also be found on the IAMCR site. We were pleased to be able to include papers by a good proportion of the postgraduate students who submitted abstracts (11 out of 14) and overall, contributors came from 17 different countries across Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, the Middle East, the US and Canada.

As always, there was never enough time to do justice to the papers or to really engage in extended discussion during the formal sessions, but conversations started during sessions often continued during the breaks and over lunch. For many contributors, the opportunities for critical engagement and feedback afforded by these more relaxed encounters are at least as valuable in pushing forward their thinking as what emerges in the more performative context of the 'formal' Q and A session.

The women's dinner, although not part of the Section's academic programme, is nonetheless an important aspect of the Section's culture. This year saw the biggest bash ever, with 50+ women emerging from the Liceu metro and holding up the traffic as we crossed the road, crocodile-style to our destination. A very good time was had and, as always, the intensity of the methodological debates taking place amidst the catch-up conversations and hotel talk was impressive. Yes, this is a 'separatist' event, but then, judging by the composition of groups chatting during breaks and over dinner, choosing one's leisure companions is surely a matter of personal choice?

So thank you, Juana Gallego, for finding the restaurant, doing all the reservations and scarcely batting an eyelid when, with barely 30 minutes notice, the party of 30 suddenly blossomed into 50+.

Business meeting

Over the 90 minutes of the business meeting, attendance rose from 4 to 15 which, apart from requiring a certain amount of reviewing of previous points, made for a lively meeting. As we were not changing

Heads, we spent most of the meeting discussing how people had experienced the Barcelona conference so far and using those experiences to feed into the development of strategies for future conferences as well as the Section as a whole.

At a general level, we agreed that we would try to communicate with each other more regularly through the pre-existing network of 'Womenet' (the email network for women members of IAMCR), whilst also recognising that email continues to be an exclusive and sometimes erratic form of communication. More specifically, we agreed that we would continue our tradition of working with other Sections and Working Groups and to this end, those of us who 'belong' to other Sections and Working Groups volunteered to contact Section Heads to gauge interest in joint sessions for future conferences.

We recognise the importance of reaching new audiences with our gender-focused work, as the joint session with the Media and Sport Working Group, mentioned above, clearly demonstrated. We also agreed that we would encourage (again!) the widest possible view of 'gender' to include issues of masculinity and sexuality and to encourage men as well as women scholars to present their work in the Section. We also agreed to think about additional themes for forthcoming conferences including women and journalism for 2003 and women and peace for 2004. NB — colleagues in Latin America are already planning for this latter and developing a loose network to progress a panel of speakers on the topic.

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History

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Sessions Crowded but Successful

What a good conference in the beautiful city of Barcelona! I am so sorry for all of you who could not make it. The History Section broke its records: nine sessions and more than forty papers. We had some unfortunate last minute's cancellations that caused a bit confusion in the first session, but after that the sessions ran smoothly with lots of interesting papers and lively discussions. Once again, we ran out of time: especially the Spanish language sessions, which had too little time for so many papers.

We tried two new things for the first time: topic panels organized by our members and Spanish and French language sessions. They all went fine, and we agreed to continue them in the future. We decided the topics for next year's conference in Taiwan. They are: (1) The role of individuals in media histories; (2) Comparative media histories; and (3) Media history in Asia. We will also invite proposals for sessions.

I would like to thank our Catalan hosts for organizing such a successful conference and our very active Spanish and French members for their important contributions, which ranged from organising and chairing special sessions to organizing a very nice History Section dinner. Last but not least, I thank our members for presenting their very interesting papers and taking part actively in discussions.

Website

The history Section has now its own website. You can find it at the following address: <http://ahc.uma.es> <<http://ahc.uma.es/>>

This site has been made possible thanks to the technical and human support offered by the Faculty of Communication Sciences of the University of Malaga (Spain), where the Communication Historians Association has its headquarters. In fact, access to the new website is via the website of this Spanish Association, which whose membership includes most of the scholars working in this field of Communication History. A link to the left of the screen allows us to enter directly the contents of our page.

See you next time in Taipei!

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Junior Scholars Network

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JSN Continues Academic and Membership Development

At the 23rd annual IAMCR conference in Barcelona, the Junior Scholars Network (JSN) section held six very successful panels with 29 presenters from countries around the world, including Singapore, Brazil, Hungary, Egypt, Estonia, the US and the UK. Many of our participants were graduate students and assistant professors new to the JSN and to IAMCR. JSN welcomed about 30 new members at the Barcelona Conference!

JSN panel topics ranged from the Internet and education, to media professionals and policy, and the public sphere. The terrific panel presentations sparked lively discussion and stimulating feedback on the projects and ideas in our well-attended sessions. On Tuesday, 23 July, JSN officially launched a new, permanent event: 'The RRR Round

Tables' (RRRT). The RRRT is named after the instigator of JSN and unconditional supporter of junior scholars Professor Ramona R. Rush, professor emerita at the University of Kentucky. The RRRT continues JSN's focus on academic exchange started at the 1999 Leipzig Conference with a roundtable discussion chaired by Dr. Rush and including past IAMCR president Hamid Mowlana and then International Communications Section Chair Abbas Malek, and was made possible by the generous support of the Leipzig Conference organizers.

Although Professor Rush was unable to be present at the first RRRT session in Barcelona, her greetings were conveyed by JSN founding Chair Katherine Sarikakis to a full room of conference delegates, among whom were IAMCR president Frank Morgan, and session discussant Professor Gertrude Robinson, University of Montreal. The session focused on Dr. Rush's research areas of international communication, women and diversity, and included presentations on media and multiculturalism, Al-Jazeera's role in Middle Eastern public discourse, Unibomber and Nail-bomber coverage in the UK and the US, and Western media rhetoric on Africa. The well-presented papers sparked compelling discussion about international media as they relate to issues of power, media effects, and cultural representation. This on-going roundtable will continue to focus on academic approaches to international communication and will include a wide range of junior and senior scholars at future IAMCR Conferences. JSN hopes to publish proceedings of future RRRT Roundtables.

JSN also held a joint session with the Asociación Internacional de Jóvenes Investigadores en Comunicación (AIJIC) to discuss the study of communication in an international context. The session featured the experiences of young scholars from Asia, North America, Europe, and Africa. Walter Neira, Secretary General of Federación Latino-americana de Facultades de Comunicación Social, spoke on the 'Education of Communi-

cators and International Cooperation' and the session concluded with discussion inspired by the remarks of four junior scholars about their experiences as international students.

JSN's business meeting was well-attended and productive, with terrific suggestions for ways to facilitate member communication and academic exchange. We established this year's goals as including the creation of a mentorship program headed by Katherine Sarikakis, providing bios on our member website, and increasing cross-organizational involvement.

Increasingly involved in the administrative life of IAMCR, JSN is dedicated to representing our members and their voices in the General Assembly and International Council. In that spirit, new Academic Officer Arul Aram will be part of IAMCR's standing committee on conference policy, headed by Katherine Sarikakis. JSN also welcomed a new board this year: Rosa Leslie Mikeal, Chair; Sandor Vegh, Co-Chair, Claire Wardle, Financial Officer; Arul Aram, Academic Officer; and Jana Diesner, Communications Officer. The nomination and election process was conducted electronically via our website and e-mail with great success, thanks largely to the hard work of Jana Diesner. We hope this method will ensure wide participation in board elections and increase opportunities for input from our members.

Many thanks for all the hard work and dedication from the past JSN board, especially Chair John Sullivan, for providing a strong and growing foundation to continue JSN's good academic and organizational work. And a special thank you to Dr. Katherine Sarikakis, who, with her never-tiring enthusiasm, has provided invaluable feedback, guidance, and lengthy coffee-filled discussions that continue to strengthen and improve JSN. For more information on how to become a member of the Junior Scholars Network, please contact me via email at rgross@asc.upenn.edu. Or, visit the official JSN website at http://www.tu-dresden.de/gsn_iamcr.

Law

Section Head: Andrei Richter

The first session of the Law Section at the 23 Conference of the IAMCR was in fact a roundtable discussion titled 'Global Governance in the Information Age: How does Cyberspace affect political and legal norms?' Participants in the discussion were Claudia Padavoni, University of Padua (Italy); Cees Hamelink, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands); Marc Raboy, University of Montreal (Canada); Wolfgang Kleinwachter, University of Aarhus (Denmark) — moderator. Additional papers to the above discussion formed the second session. The papers were presented by Gary W. Ozanich, State University of New York (U.S.A.) '3-G Wireless Auctions: A Barrier to New Services for Local Communication' and Christian Kaschuba, University of Washington, (U.S.A.) 'The Digital Challenge to the Public Interest: The Regulation of Virtual Advertising in the European Union'. Session 3: 'Media Law, Culture and Society' had only one report — by Dima Dabbous-Sensenig, Lebanese American University (Lebanon) 'Ending The War? Broadcasting Legislation in Lebanon'. The Business Meeting of the Section re-elected Andrei Richter as Section Head and outlined topics for the future meetings. The overall number of participants at the Section meetings was 29 from 18 countries. Visit the web-site of the Law Section at: www.medialaw.ru/iamcr. The site provides for the abstracts and in several cases full texts of the papers to the Conference.

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Media and Sport

Section Head: Alina Bernstein

The Barcelona conference was a very special event for the members of the Media and Sport Working Group in

many respects. First and foremost, thanks to the extraordinary collaboration of Miquel de Moragas Spa and the Barcelona organizing committee, three of our sessions took place at the biggest football stadium in Europe, Nou Camp, home of FC Barcelona. This venue and the VIP treatment we got there was a wonderful context to presenting our papers (these were our best ever attended sessions, something to do with the venue?... maybe). Indeed, the different contributions displayed a range of scholarly perspectives to the study of media and sport.

Exactly ten years on from the opening of the Barcelona Games we had several Olympics related papers. In accordance with the venue we also had several papers that looked at aspects of mediated football. Yet another special event was the our joint session with the Gender Section made possible by Karen Ross's initiative and hard work, many thanks to you Karen. Our fourth session, titled 'Perspectives of the Study of Media and Sport' took place at the conference venue and although it was a very early session in a slightly less glamorous setting it was well attended and very lively. Overall, excellent papers by long standing members of the group as well as new comers to it made for academically diverse and challenging sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors and the friends who chaired the sessions.

It is worth noting that like other sections and working groups, we received more abstracts than we could accept for this conference. Unfortunately that meant some worthy papers were not presented in Barcelona, although we were generously allocated four time slots (including the joint session). Nevertheless a wider range of topics and presenters (from a larger variety of regions) than ever before were present in our sessions.

At our business meeting we discussed the possibilities of future collaborations between the group's members and ways of strengthening our working relationships beyond meeting at IAMCR conferences. One

particularly interesting proposal came from Hans-Joerg Stiehler (University of Leipzig) who suggested the possibility of holding a conference in June 2006 in Leipzig titled 'Football between Media Industries and Everyday Life', thus linking the 2006 Football World Cup taking place in Germany with a scientific conference on Football and Media (for suggestions and further details: stiehler@rz.uni-leipzig.de).

Finally, the Barcelona conference was special for our group since our application to become an IAMCR Section was approved. Many thanks to the members of the group, the members of the IAMCR governing bodies and the membership at large for supporting the application and for believing in our ability to grow.

Call for Papers

A formal call for papers will be sent later in the year however at this stage I would like to ask you to let me know whether you are considering to submit a paper to our programme for the IAMCR conference in Taipei, Taiwan (14-16 July, 2003).

Please share this information with scholars who might be interested in joining us and have not done so in the past!

Further details will also be posted on our Web Pages at: <http://www.play-the-game.org/partners/>

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Media Education Research

Section Head: Keval Kumar

A dozen papers from around ten countries were read at the the Media Education Research Section in the IAMCR Conference in Barcelona. Dr Keval J Kumar was re-elected Section Head. Abstracts for research papers

are invited for the forthcoming conference of the IAMCR in Tapei (July 2003). For details see page 17. Please send your abstracts to the Section Head, preferably by email (kevalkumar@hotmail.com)

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Participatory Communication Research

Section Head: Ullamajja Kivikuru

The Section organized six panel sessions at the Barcelona Conference. The sessions were attended by a total of 169 people, and in some of these, vivid discussions were carried out based on the 36 papers presented. Especially contradictions around such concepts as social change, development and infotainment caused alert reactions.

Two of the six sessions were co-sponsored with the Community Media Section. In addition to the six regular program sessions — one in French —, two sessions were jointly sponsored with IDRC to bring African project directors to Barcelona to share their experiences with participatory communication. Projects ranged from land management, to environmental conservation and to agriculture. Guy Bessett and IDRC deserve thanks for supporting this project, and thanks go to Annie Méar for coordinating it.

Starting in 2000 the Indian Committee for Development of Communication (ICDC) has provided financial support travel grants to promising young Indian scholars to contribute to the Participatory Communication Research Section Conference programmes at IAMCR General Assembly and Scientific Conference meetings. This year the award was made to T. R. Gopala-krishnan, Lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Communications at the University of Madras.

The Section will be involved in planning HIV/AIDS collaboration for upcoming IAMCR conferences. The HIV/AIDS collaboration planning group spontaneously organized at Barcelona and headed by Marjan de Bruin has circulated a call for papers and the PCR Section call for papers will include an invitation for papers related to participatory communication and HIV/AIDS.

The Barcelona Conference also meant a change of leadership for the Section. Tom Jacobson from University of Buffalo, US, has run the Section during the past four years, and the Section thanks him for the energetic way he has been organizing the activities. The Business Meeting selected Ullamaija Kivikuru, University of Helsinki, Finland, as new head and as next co-head Rico Lie from the Catholic University of Brussels, Belgium.

The membership of the PCR Section has grown fast, comprising now 149 names.

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Political Communication Research

Section Head: Philippe J. Maarek

Call for papers for the Taipei Conference

The Political Communication Research Section will be organizing panels at the IAMCR conference to be held in Taipei in 2003, July 13-16th. The theme of the Conference is 'What's next: information Society and Glocalization'. So the section is interested in papers bearing on the political communication dimensions of the subject, i.e. the change in political communication processes induced by new media and their influence on the international, national and local level. But we also seek papers on any of the whole range of political communication

research; the media and political socialization, political campaigning, public opinion and political participation, interactions between the media and intermediary organizations such as interest groups and political parties, as well as the involvement and uses of the medias in campaigns, election; and also the media and marketing processes in government, from policy making to day to day politics at the local level, including Town Halls and other Local Government Institutions communication, from their day to day governance to the answers given to problematic neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should contact the new section head, Professor Philippe J. Maarek, by January 10th 2003. Paper proposals should be one page, and should list the author's name, address, affiliations, telephone, fax, and e-mail, followed by the paper's title and an abstract of 500 words /1550 signs. The abstract should specify the subject, questions asked, methodology and findings. E-mail should be privileged in communicating with the head of section.

In order to improve the on-site discussions, all panels in Taipei will have a discussant. Colleagues willing to act as discussants may apply as far as they have already taken part to at least two previous meetings of the section and/or are well-known searchers in the field. Paper givers in Taipei may also volunteer to be discussants in other panels than theirs. Would-be discussants should specify in which field of political communication they are rather willing to work and also send in the same personal data required from paper givers.

The paper givers or discussant volunteers should apply at this address:

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Barcelona Roundtables

At the Barcelona Congress, under the chairmanship of David L. Paletz, the Political Communication Research Section has organized no less than eleven panels and a poster session, featuring seventy papers from more than two dozen countries around the world. The panels covered most subjects of political communication. Nearly all paper givers were present, and the panels have been impressively attended, which gave way to stimulant discussions with the floor. Among them, a panel was co-sponsored by the Political Communication Research Committee of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), a longstanding collaboration between the two Research Committees, and another one was a Francophone session, organized with the help of the French Society for Communication and Information Sciences (SFSIC).

Barcelona Business Meeting and election of section head

As announced in the May-June issue of the IAMCR Newsletter, this meeting was the last organized under the chairmanship of Professor David L. Paletz, who had several years ago initiated a working group in Political Communication Research which then became a full ranking section of IAMCR.

The call for a new head published in the May-June Newsletter was answered by Philippe J. Maarek, a well-known contributor of the section, who has been assisting David L. Paletz in the past years as vice-head. He has been unanimously elected as Head of the section at the Business Meeting.

Philippe J. Maarek is Professor in Communication and Information Sciences at the University Paris 12, and Director and co-founder of its Political Communication Department. He is currently finishing his second and final term as Chair of the Political Communication Research Committee of the International

Political Science Association (IPSA). He has also been chairing the Legal Committee of the International Council of IAMCR.

He is the author of a popular book in this field, *Communication et marketing de l'homme politique* (LITEC, Paris, 2nd edition, 2001) which has been adapted in English (*Political Marketing and Communication*, John Libbey, London 1995) and translated in Spanish (*Marketing politico y communication*, Paidós, Barcelona/Buenos Aires/Mexico, 1997). He currently prepares with Gadi Wolfsfeld *Political Communication in a new era*, to be published by Routledge at the beginning of 2003. He serves on the editorial board of *The European Journal of Communication*, *The Journal of Political Marketing*, and *Comunicazione Politica*.

Call for Papers for Political Communication Sessions in Durban, IPSA Congress

The Research Committee in Political Communication of the International Political Science Association is going to meet in Durban, during the IPSA World Congress, from June 29th to July 4th 2003. A joint panel with our section on Comparative Political Campaign is planned.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should contact Philippe J. Maarek, by November 15th 2002. Paper proposals should be one page, and should list the author's name, address, affiliations, telephone, fax, and e-mail, followed by the paper's title and an abstract of 500 words/1550 signs. The abstract should specify the subject, questions asked, methodology and findings. Other papers related either to Government Communication, from the national to the local level, or to Globalization of Political Communication Issues may also be considered for two other roundtables on those topics organized within the IPSA Committee.

The paper givers or discussant volunteers should contact Philippe J. Maarek (maarek@univ-paris12.fr — mail and fax see above).

Political Economy

Section Head: Janet Wasko

In Barcelona the Political Economy Section enjoyed one of its most successful meetings ever. The nine working sessions, which attracted high quality papers from Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Africa, were very well attended and stimulated lively debate on wide variety of topics.

The programme opened with a session on the 9/11 events in New York in which Daya Thussu explored their presentation in the world's news media and Oscar Gandy and Duncan Brown detailed their consequences for civilian surveillance and civil liberties. The second session, convened by Professor Richard Maxwell, was devoted to 'The Limits of Global Hollywood' and heard papers on recent developments in India, Korea, and Latin America, on piracy and on cultural imperialism. The third session 'How loudly does money talk?' explored the influence of media cross ownership in Israel, the organisation of corporate networks in France and rise of business sponsorship in the UK. The fourth session examined issues around the formation of media policy in Portugal and the reformation of intellectual work in Latin America.

This was followed by sessions detailing the wider shifts and adjustments current taking place in national media systems in India, South Africa, West Africa, and Australia, and critically interrogating the theory and practice of globalisation. Session seven focused on transitions within one major medium — television — with papers on recent initiatives in the UK and Chile and on the role of Australian programming and the Nickelodeon children's channel in the global market place. The seventh session was devoted to recent empirical and theoretical work from Latin America and was conducted in Spanish. This initiative met with a mixed response. Some members welcomed it while others objected to what they saw as tokenism and ghettoisation.

Interestingly, a more flexible solution to the problem of ensuring fair representation for all the Association's major languages was suggested by another session in which the presenter spoke in his own first language, (in this case Spanish,) but provided overheads in English detailing the major points of the argument. The subsequent discussion was conducted in both languages with members of audience collectively translating for those able to understand only English. Although improvised without prior planning to cope with an unannounced eventuality this experience was positively welcome by participants and generally felt to provide a possible model for future meetings. It has two advantages. Practically it avoids the expense of simultaneous translation, but more importantly because it is a collective accomplishment it reinforces a genuine sense of shared communication across borders. As one participant who spoke no Spanish at all later remarked, it was the most unexpected but enjoyable practical demonstration of intercultural communication he had experienced all week.

The final session was devoted to the essay by Sasha Costanza-Chock, 'Mapping the Repertoire of Electronic Contention', the winner of the first Herbert Schiller Scholarship award. The session was full to capacity and those who came were entertained by a presentation which combined the erudition, humour, and commitment to social justice so characteristic of Herbert's own performances. It honoured him in the most appropriate way, by keeping faith with his ideals and with his insistence that argument is likely to be more effective if it is grounded in concrete exemplars and delivered with wit and style.

Outside of the panel sessions two section members took the opportunity, offered for the first time this year, to deliver poster papers. This was generally felt to be a positive and worthwhile initiative though Section members with experience of such sessions in other organisations

argued strongly that to ensure that they were seen as an alternative form of presentation and not as a consolation prize for those unable to place their papers elsewhere they should be scheduled at a time when there are no panel sessions running.

Business Meeting

The Section business meeting was very well attended. It was agreed that Section Heads should only serve for four years plus a further two years as Deputy Head in order to ensure continuity and provide support. In line with this principle, Graham Murdock, who had served for four consecutive years, stood down and Janet Wasko was elected as Section Head to serve for the next four years. A President in waiting will be elected in two years time and will take over from the former Head to serve as Deputy Head for two years before becoming Head of Section.

Graham Murdock
Deputy Section Head

Professional Education

Section Head: Beate Josephi

The Section (established in 1966) has organized activities at every IAMCR conference and has also sponsored projects in support of the training of journalists particularly in the developing countries (inventory and promotion of textbooks financed by Unesco and Finnida; establishment of JourNet with UNESCO). The section has had for the past two decades a steering committee made up of representatives from various regional associations of professional education, thus constituting a worldwide umbrella in this particular field. About 90 members were in its mailing list in 2001.

Two years ago in Singapore, former section head Frank Morgan stepped down after having been elected as IAMCR President. He organized in fall 2000 an election of new leadership by email among those known to be members of the Section. As a

result of this electronic vote Mohd Safar Hasim from Malaysia and George Thottam from the USA became co-chairs. Safar Hasim organized a paper session and a business meeting in Budapest, and prepared the four sessions for which time slots were allocated in Barcelona; one of these was conducted in Spanish. Neither of the co-heads could come to Barcelona, and now Safar Hasim wishes to inform us "that George Thottam and I will step down as co-heads of the Professional Education Section, after serving two fruitful years at the helm of the section".

At its business meeting the Section elected Dr Beate Josephi from Australia (School of Communications and Multimedia at Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia) as the new Section Head. The business meeting also asked for the establishment of a Steering Committee which, like in the past, represents all major regional associations of professional education in the world. This has been finalised and its members are Mohd Safar Hasim, Past Head (Malaysia), Kaarle Nordenstreng, JourNet (Finland); Maria Loukina, ETJA (Russia); Luis Nunez, FELAFACS (Mexico); Lee Becker & Stephen Reese, AEJMC (US); Audrey Gadzekpo, ACCE (Ghana), S. Venkatraman, AMIC (India) and M. Hanna and K.Sanders, Section webmasters (UK).

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Psychology and Public Opinion

Joint Section Heads: Fridrich Krotz and Hillel Nossek

Barcelona Report

All panel presentations of the Section were well presented and well attended. There were interesting discussions and very good comments. All the abstracts can be

found in the Conference book and we are sure requests directly forwarded to the presenters will be replied willingly. We would like to state our appreciation to the well prepared presentations and the quality of the discussions by the attentive audience. We would like to see that as an encouragement to the Section members to prepare their participation in the forthcoming Conferences: Taiwan — July 2003 and Porto Alegre- Brazil in July 2004.

In the Business Meeting, the long time Section Head, Wolfgang Donsbach resigned. For the next term the members present at the meeting, elected two persons to become both joint Heads of the section with equal rights: Dr. Hillel Nossek, Head of Journalism and Broadcast Communication Studies at the School of Communication, College of Management, Tel-Aviv, Israel and Dr. Friedrich Krotz, Prof. at the University of Muenster, Germany. Both are long time members of the IAMCR and the section.

We as the new elected joint Section Heads would like to thank Prof. Dr. Donsbach for his longtime work for the Section and we are sure we can do this on behalf of all members of the Section and the organization. We hope to be able to continue the good work that has been done and give the Section a push ahead based on the solid foundations put by our predecessors and especially Prof. Donsbach for the last ten years. To do so, we need the cooperation of all the Section members and we are open to new ideas and suggestion, how to bring more people to take part in the academic work of the Section.

You may sent your suggestions, questions and ideas to one or both of us.

Looking forward to cooperate and meet you all in the near future conferences

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Environmental Issues, Science and Risk Communication

Convenor: Anders Hansen

IAMCR, Barcelona 2002

Great to be in Barcelona again: The Environmental Issues, Science and Risk Communication Group first met at the IAMCR Conference in Barcelona in 1988! The high number of submissions for the 2002 sessions of the Working Group is testimony to the vibrancy of research in this area of media and communication research, but, not surprisingly, the emphases and agenda have developed and changed considerably since the conferences in 1988 (Barcelona), 1990 (Bled), 1992 (Rio de Janeiro) etc. Where the early meetings were dominated by papers on 'media and environmental issues' — in tune with the preoccupations characteristic of media, public and political agendas in the late 1980s and early 1990s — a considerable number of papers presented in Budapest 2001 and in Barcelona 2002 focused more specifically on science and risk communication.

A little over half of the papers presented in the Working Group's two well-attended sessions in Barcelona in July thus analysed and discussed media roles, journalistic practices and public concern about the rapid developments in biotechnology, genetic modification of plants and animals, and human genetic research. Anna Salleh, University of Wollongong (Australia), presented research on the challenges facing journalists reporting on technological risk controversies regarding genetically manipulated organisms. Tina Anderson-Huey, University of Pennsylvania (USA), presented results from her longitudinal comparative (UK and USA) study of Journalists' Use of International Sources in Coverage of Genetically Modified Food Science and Controversy. Staying with the theme of media reporting on genetic research, Lesley Henderson, Brunel University (UK), presented her research on British Media Coverage of New Human Genetic Research in the year 2000. Ulrike Maris, The Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), rounded off the Working Group's first session with her paper on Public Opinion Concerning New Technologies Within The Area of Biotechnology — focusing on the communication processes which frame public understanding and acceptance of new technologies.

The second session of the working group comprised two principal thematic areas: environmental issues/discourse/media, and, continuing the first session's emphasis, the theme of media and public understanding of science. Professor Shunji Mikami, Toyo University (Japan), presented results from a longitudinal analysis of

Japanese press and broadcast reporting on global warming, demonstrating the changes in news framing of this key environmental issue over the period from 1987 to 2001. This was followed by Anabela Carvalho's, University of Minho (Portugal), analysis of the Discursive strategies in media(ted) constructions of global environmental politics. Media representations, uses and inflections of nature formed the central theme of the next two papers: Anders Hansen, University of Leicester (UK), presented findings from a study of environmental and nature discourses in advertising, and Esa Välvirronen, University of Helsinki (Finland), presented his research on Nature in newspaper photographs: On the relations between text and image in environmental discourse. In a continuation of the first session's focus on media and public understanding of science, Karina Romero Lopez, New Sorbonne University — Paris 3 (France), presented a paper on the Popularisation of Science through Television, and Dominique Brossard, Cornell University (USA), presented her paper on Public

Understanding of Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Related to Genomic Research: Assessing Communication Models in Intercultural Contexts.

The indication from the well-attended and successful sessions of the Working Group at the IAMCR conferences in Budapest 2001 and in Barcelona 2002 is that the Working Group serves as a useful forum for researchers working in the flourishing and relatively well-defined areas of media and public communication/understanding of science, environment and risk issues. The intention is thus to offer this forum again at the next IAMCR Conference in Taipei 2003, and to further explore ways of bringing together — e.g. in the form of publications — the work of contributors to the Environmental Issues, Science and Risk Communication Group.

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Ethics of Society and Ethics of Communication

Convenor: Manuel Parés i Maicas

We received 11 abstracts, but were only able to accept four for presentation given the limits by the Organisational Committee. The session took place at Wednesday 24 July from 9 to 10:30 and was attended by 20/25 people, some of them well-known specialists in the subject. Presentations were given by:

Eva Pujadas, professor of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Where the traditional approach to Ethics of Communication falls short.

Santiago Ramentol, Professor of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Journalism based in evidence: a proposal for assuming a higher level of veracity in reproducing reality, through the global access to networks.

Ndaayo Uko, professor of James Cook University, Australia, Ethics, what ethics?: Media ethics in news to non-Western journalists.

The fourth contribution accepted was of Swieckowska Teresa (from Poland), Public relations and ethics of communication: the Polish case 1989-2002. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the Conference. She excused her absence.

The debate was intense and positive, but the time allowed was unfortunately too short. In my quality of convenor I distributed to all participants a report in which I suggested guidelines for our working group. Summing up, all participants were very satisfied about the initiative to hold this working group and expressed the wish to continue in the future.

Global Media Policy

Convenor: Marc Raboy

About 75 participants attended the two sessions of the Global Media Policy working group in Barcelona. As announced, the first session focused on the general theme of global media policy, through four excellent paper presentations and a general discussion, while the second session addressed issues related to

the upcoming World Summit on the Information Society (wsis).

The session on the wsis was particularly well attended (50 people) and sparked some lively discussion. An invited guest, Bruce Girard of the Communication Rights in the Information Society (cris) campaign, presented an overview of the stakes at play in the wsis and the outcome of the recent preparatory committee meeting in Geneva at which rules of procedure for the Summit were adopted. Since the themes of the Summit are far from finalized, the working group spent a good deal of its time brainstorming themes that ought to be placed on the Summit agenda and ways in which researchers and IAMCR could influence the Summit process.

The appropriate role for researchers in a global event such as the wsis also came under scrutiny. In sum, the working group provided an important opportunity for IAMCR members to grapple with the complex issues — strategic and substantive — that will be played out at this important Summit.

Given the later decision of the IAMCR general assembly to involve the association actively in the events leading up to and surrounding the wsis, the working group will in all likelihood continue to focus on this event in 2003 and 2004. email: raboy@ERE.UMontreal.ca

HIV/AIDS and Communication

Convenor: Marjan de Bruin

In Barcelona, the discussants of the Round Table on HIV/AIDS and Communication met with other IAMCR members involved and interested in the topic and decided it was needed and timely to keep HIV/AIDS and Communication on IAMCR's (research) agenda. Each of the participants expressed a commitment to work on a new IAMCR project on HIV/AIDS and Communication for at least the next two to three years.

Present were: Ullamaija Kivikuru, Tamara Trowsell, Sammy Ole Oinyaku, Gita Bamezai, Tom Jacobson, Ruth Tomaselli, Martine Bouman, Thomas Tufte, Marjan de Bruin.

We decided to form a working group, by which we hopefully would be able to create avenues for pulling together existing research efforts and producing new research where we would identify gaps.

The first priority is to create an overview of existing and completed work in this area. Some of these literature overviews exist but they are incomplete. There is a need to see what exists

worldwide and across agencies; to analyse the data, including studies that will be published shortly and to identify the gaps. This will allow us to draw up an IAMCR research agenda.

We are aware of the fact that this is a huge task. Various NGOs and such world-wide organisations as WHO and UNICEF send out their reports and books each week, but nothing compiled on a larger scale. There exist some limited annotated bibliographies. Of course the most important part is to see where the real needs are, and once identified and worked on, to make sure that our findings will be distributed to potential users. The IAMCR working group would work towards research completion, publishing and distribution of findings.

The IAMCR will in all of this offer the institutional bedding. The yearly informal meetings and bi-annual official meetings will give us the deadline pressure we need.

The working group is exploring funding possibilities to include participants from a variety of countries, especially the ones hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

For the immediate future we will concentrate on: getting this group off the ground, identifying the gaps, compare with what we are able to design and get started.

We plan to meet in Taipei with preliminary results, ready to design the next stage and work towards a publication to be printed by the end of 2004. Although the group thought that 2004 is late compared to the urgency of the problem it also decided that this is probably a realistic timing, knowing how many obligations everybody has. The working group is thinking of an alternative option: to call a special Conference by the end of 2003 after the Taipei working meeting, for instance together with the Health Communication Division of the ICA, along the lines chosen by the Digital Divide joint Conference of IAMCR and ICA. But this was left undecided for the time being.

This is therefore a call for papers on any subject connected to HIV/AIDS and Communication. For details on deadline submission, please follow the directions on page 17 of this Newsletter. Marjan de Bruin, CARIMAC, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston 7, Jamaica. Fax: 876-9771597

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Islam and Media

Convenor: Mohammad A. Siddiqi

The session on 'Media and Cultural Confrontation: An Islamic Perspective' was

attended by more than 40 participants. Lina Khatib, University of Leicester, U. K., presented 'The Orient and its Others: Middle Eastern Politics, Gender, and Fundamentalism in Egyptian and American Cinema.' Lina's paper and her clippings from Cairo and Hollywood were well received.

Abdullah al-Kindi, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, presented 'Islamic Political Discourse in Arabic Emigrant Press in the U. K.' Comparing two U.K. based Arabic language newspapers, al-Kindi showed the differences in portrayal of Islamic and Arab images.

Ardeshir Entezari, University of Allama Tabatabai, Iran, discussed the 'Media Ethics in Imam Khomeini's Expressions and its Structural Obstacles in Iranian Press.'

Mohammad A. Siddiqi, Western Illinois University, U.S.A., presented 'Terrorism, A Cross-Cultural Perspective: A Comparative Study of Seven Newspapers from Around the World.' Each presentation was followed by a short discussion and question-answer.

Before the start of the Business Meeting, Prof. Al-Kindi presented a motion to condemn Taslima Nasreen's remarks against Islam and the Qur'an during the IAMCR inaugural session. The motion also expressed that such controversial personalities should not be invited to be the inaugural speakers. The motion asked IAMCR President to include the motion in the minutes of the General Assembly of the IAMCR. The motion was approved unanimously.

In subsequent discussions with the incoming president, Frank Morgan, it was agreed that it would be better to provide a right of reply to any contentious address in future, rather than to censor it, and he included that undertaking in his inaugural address.

The last 30 minutes were used for the Business Meeting. The name of the working group was changed from Islamic Media to Islam and Media Working Group. The following persons were elected for 2002-2004:

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Media Production Analysis

Convenors: Chris Paterson and Knut Helland

The Media Production Analysis Working Group convened in two well attended sessions

in Barcelona. Organizers Helland (Bergen) and Paterson (San Francisco) were pleased with the thirteen impressive presentations accepted from over thirty submitted abstracts. About forty delegates attended each session, filling our rooms to capacity. The first panel offered ethnographic research on radio and newspaper production, along with research on professionalism and a range of other issues, employing various methodologies. The second covered the production of new media content, and included a mix of production ethnography, examinations of intercultural Web content, and theory-building papers on Internet content production.

Research settings included broadcasters, film production companies, journalism training schools, and web portal newsrooms. We are grateful to all who participated and attended, and we now invite papers for the 2003 Conference. These should provide original analyses of the production process (research on new media is especially welcome), or should examine methodological issues in production research (issues of media education, content, or economics are generally not in our purview).

Additional paper criteria and information may be found at our website (www.usfca.edu/fac-staff/paterson/iamcr.htm), and you are invited to join our new listserv (see website) — intended to foster dialogue about issues facing production researchers, such as access to research sites, publication, and methodological challenges.

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Media, Religion and Culture

Convenor: Johannes Ehrat

Barcelona

The working group had four sessions (and no business meeting). Participants shared a number of very interesting, vivid, and inspiring intellectual exchanges (in spite of the limited time). There was one thematic focus on imagery, ranging from usage for civil religion purposes and legitimation, to religious and cultural identity construction. Another focus was the aptness and usability of new media and the Internet for religious communication. A third focus were religious institutional communication processes, conflicts, and needs, conflicts of religious identities, cultural and religious adaptation and resistance.

Participation was vivid and attendance above expectation, although a number of presenters had to cancel their participation in the last minute (mostly for financial reasons but also for visa problems).

In its diversity, the research presented new horizons, while the agendas are still somewhat disparate. However, from Conference to Conference, more common threads manifest themselves and, if this continues, it can be expected that this research area increases in intellectual stimulation and inspiring cross-fertilisation.

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Popular Culture

Convenor: Garry Whannel

Report on Barcelona 2002

The revived working group on popular culture had its first meetings at the Barcelona Conference. There was a very good response to the Call for Papers. Fifty-five (55) people enquired about the group, and 37 of these submitted abstracts. Enquiries came from at least 20 different countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, S Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States). Over 40% of enquiries were from women.

Consequently, it was necessary to undergo a selection process. The original call for papers said that papers from a range of perspectives on popular culture topics would be considered, but those submitting should note that the theme of the Conference was Intercultural Communication, and priority might be given to papers with a clear relevance for this theme. Otherwise the main criteria were relevance to the study of popular culture, the coherence of the proposal, the need to represent work across a range of countries, by scholars from different traditions and contexts, and to represent a variety of topics.

In the event the programme adopted included two Asian, three Hispanic, four European and two North American contributions, with six male and five female speakers. The aim to represent a range of popular culture topics was effectively realised, with contributions on food cultures, music, video-games, television drama, docu-soap, the tabloid press

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MEMBERS' NEW WORK

Communication and Terrorism; Media and Public Response to 9/11

was recently released. This volume is a collection of research on 9/11 and is edited by *Bradley S. Greenberg*. The book is available from Hampton Press, which can be reached through HamptonPr1@aol.com, and is listed on Amazon (Amazon.com). All royalties from this book, by vote of the authors, will go to UNICEF.

A follow up survey on 9/11/02 was conducted at Michigan State University. Anyone aware of similar studies conducted in their area is being asked to contact Professor Bradley S. Greenberg, who is thinking of conducting a conference panel on the issue.

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Mass Communication Research and Theory

, edited by *Guido H. Stempel III*, *David H. Weaver*, and *G. Cleveland Wilhoit* is a substantial revision of the 1981 and 1989 editions of Stempel and Westley's *Research Methods in Mass Communication*. In addition to most of the chapters in Stempel and Westley's book on a wide range of research methods, this book includes four new chapters on media industry research (broadcast, newspaper, public relations, and advertising) and new chapters on SPSS, using databases for content analysis, and presenting quantitative data visually.

Contributors include a number of IAMCR stalwarts such as Pamela Shoemaker and Maxwell McCombs on survey research, Lee Becker on secondary analysis, Clifford Christians on qualitative research, and David Weaver on basic statistical tools. Other chapters address the logic of social science, theory construction, measurement, content analysis, experiments, ethical issues, and historical and legal research in mass communication.

Allyn & Bacon, Boston, MA 2003
\$62.40 (ISBN: 0-205-35923-X)
Approx. 440 pages
See: www.ablongman.com/catalog/academic

Mapping the Margins: Identity Politics and the Media

, edited by *Karen Ross* offers a series of engagements with both the workings of particular media and the new inflections of politicised identities

ethnicity, gender, nationality, and disability in which media are irrevocably implicated. The chapters provide new insights into the issue of identity and image. All the contributors break new ground in their particular domains with their emphasis on aspects of media and identity that have not been fully explored elsewhere.

Hampton Press, Inc. \$20. 95 paper
(ISBN: 1-57273-421-3) \$45.00 cloth
(ISBN: 1-57273-422-1) Approx. 224 pages

Principles of Publicity and Press Freedom

, a new book written by *Slavko Splichal*, examines freedom of the press, the social functions of the press, and how the original concept of publicity — as the “public use of reason,” or citizens’ freedom to express and publish opinions — has been reduced to mean the right of media to access and print information. This, the author argues, unfairly gives media more freedom than individuals have and reduces the accountability and service of the press to the public.

Splichal’s work includes discussions of the media-relevant theories and works of Jeremy Bentham, Immanuel Kant, Karl Marx, and John Stuart Mill, among many others.

Monroe Price wrote in the cover praise for the book: “Slavko Splichal’s book is a thorough and brilliant rethinking, from philosophical and historical perspectives, of the basic meanings of press freedoms: why we have them, where we got them, and how they have been captured, redefined, and—in some cases—twisted in a modern Orwellian mode.”

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.
November 2002
ISBN: 0-7425-1615-6
\$ 32.95 (paperback), \$ 75.00 (hardcover)
Approx. 240 pages

Extending the Borders of Russian History

, edited by *Marsha Siefert*, consists of thirty-two essays which cover a range of historical topics, including narrating Russia, imperial colonization, the revolutionary decade, the Soviet experience, and the transition period.

New archival material is emphasized. The work brings together authors from the U.S., Canada, Britain, Russia, and Ukraine, with sensitivity to the multicultural nature of Russian society and its borderlands.

Central European University Press
December 2002
ISBN: 963-9241-36-9
\$59.95
Approx. 450 pages

MEMBERS' NEW WORK

New Media: An Introduction by *Terry Flew* provides a comprehensive and accessible overview of the major forces shaping new media technologies and their social, cultural, political and economic impacts. The book links new media developments to trends such as digitisation and convergence, globalisation, the rise of the 'network society', and the emergence of the 'creative industries' and the 'creative economy'.

Oxford University Press
ISBN: 019-550-859-9
A\$39.95
261 pages

The Global and the National: Media and Communications in Post-Communist Russia by *Terhi Rantanen* explores the development of post-Soviet media and communications in Russia, a newly globalised environment, following radical social change. Unique empirical research on new communications technologies, news agencies, television, and advertising in Russia shows how the experience and effects of globalisation, which initially played a liberating role in the downfall of communism, are being transformed by the reassertion of the national. The Global and the National challenges conventional assumptions about globalisation and contributes to a better understanding of its theoretical

base, as well as its effects on Non-Western countries.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.
Series: Critical Media Studies: Institutions, Politics, and Culture
\$22.95 Paper (ISBN: 0-7425-1568-0)
\$65.00 Cloth (ISBN: 0-7425-1567-2)
Approx. 168 pages
May 2002

Sport, Media, Culture: Global and Local Dimensions, edited by *Neil Blain* and *Alina Bernstein* is examination of the central features of the sport-media phenomenon, with a focus on Europe and the USA. This study analyses such issues as new media technology; gender, ethnicity and local dimensions of collective identity; changes within the arena of the Olympic Games; women in American basketball advertising; and cult football radio in Scotland. With the addition of an interview by the Senior Vice-President of NBC Sports, this book should be of importance to students of both sport and the media, as well as of interest to professionals and academic specialists within this field.

Frank Cass Publishers
£17.50 (ISBN: 0714682616)
252 pages
December 2002

...Working Groups (cont'd from page 29)

and sport, colour balance and racial types.

The sessions were well attended with an average of more than twenty throughout the morning, and the papers were enthusiastically received. I also received positive feedback from several attendees. Two speakers were unable to attend, one on the grounds of cost. There was a hope that future conferences might offer a cheaper registration-only option for delegates.

It was the intention to stage a Business Meeting at the conclusion of the morning business, but in the event the morning sessions over-ran a little, and no-one wanted to continue further into the lunch period. I agreed to communicate by email with the attendees and with those who have expressed an interest in the work of the group.

Future plans: The Working Group on Popular Culture hopes to build on this successful relaunch and will plan involvement in forthcoming conferences in Taiwan (2003) and Brazil (2004). Anyone positively interested in attending either or both please get in touch with me at gwhannel@britishlibrary.net. A formal call for papers will follow.

Taking Sides: Communication for Reconciliation

WACC Global Study
Programme (GSP)
(2003-2007)

The World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) announces the launch of its Global Study Programme (GSP) (2003-2007) 'Taking Sides: Communication for Reconciliation'.

The GSP aims to facilitate the democratisation of communication; to shape participatory communication environments; to enable dialogue with faiths and spiritualities; to empower the dispossessed, and to contribute to greater understanding of the common future of people everywhere — in other words by 'taking sides'.

Reflecting its commitment to the right to communicate, communication ethics, media advocacy and empowerment, the GSP will focus on the following areas of concern:

- Communication, Religion and Ecumenism (Religion & Popular Culture; Religious

Fundamentalism and the Media; Communication & Theology)

- Communication at and from the Margins (Poverty & the Media; Refugees and their Right to Communicate; Communication & Disability; Communication and Reconciliation)

- Media and Gender Justice (Gender, Media & Communication Policy; Gender Equity in the Information Society)

- Shifting Realities and the Ethics of Information Applications (Life Implications of Convergent Technologies; IT, Biotechnology, Military Technologies, Surveillance and Emerging Sources of Power; the Informationalisation of Society, Science, IT and Faith)

- Resisting Knowledge Monopolies (Communication & Intellectual Property Rights; IPR, Media and Trade Regimes; Communication and the Democratisation of Knowledge)

- The Communication Rights in the Information Society (CRIS) Campaign

The GSP will be facilitated through workshops, hearings, publications and advocacy. For further information on project and funding partnerships, write to:

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Converging Media, Diverging Politics: *Political Economy of News in the United States and Canada*

Editors: David Skinner, York University, James Compton, University of Western Ontario. Mike Gasher, Concordia

The editors are seeking manuscripts for an edited book on how corporate and technological convergence in the news industry in the United States and Canada poses a potential threat to journalism's expressed role as a medium of democratic communication. The prime motivation for compiling this collection is to fill a gap in the critical analysis of recent trends in the political economy of news production. The editors take the position that critical scholarship should not simply point to the existence of social relations of power within media structures and practices, but that it should also consider and develop possibilities for the reform of the current media regime, as well as contribute to developing alternatives to it.

We are particularly interested in receiving manuscripts in three areas of research. First, work that provides historical context and sketches the precise dimensions of the contemporary mediascape, drawing parallels between the Canadian and American news environments. Second, research that critically evaluates the oft-touted possibilities for media reform, with particular attention to the ways in which the Internet has been promoted as a panacea to corporate power. Finally, we seek manuscripts that consider the possibilities for news media reform and the development of alternatives to the current corporate regime.

We encourage a diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches including, but not limited to: political economy, critical and cultural theory, historical analysis and critique, cultural policy studies, media ethnography, and audience studies.

Topics might include:

- Evolving ownership patterns pertaining to concentration, corporatization and convergence
- Changing logics of media operation
- New national and transitional regulatory regimes
- Shifts in audience patterns and consumption habits
- Changes in news and information markets
- Impacts on labour and work routines
- Technological determinism
- The relationship between advertising and editorial content

- Relegation of journalism ethics to front-line workers
 - Community or public journalism
 - On-line journalism
 - The relationship between new social movements and independent media
 - Public policy measures to foster independent and community media
 - Journalism practice and the new democracy movement
 - The democratic potential of community radio, public-access television and the independent press
 - The Internet as an alternative news medium
 - Journalism education reforms
- Deadline for submission of abstract (500 words) and CV: January 15, 2003

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Digital Dynamics *IAMCR and ICA Conference Loughborough University, UK November 6-9, 2003*

This conference is the second in a projected bi-annual series on digital futures organised under the joint auspices of the ica and the iamcr and inaugurated by the 'Digital Divide' conference held at the University of Texas at Austin November 16-18, 2001.

Papers are invited on current issues and developments in three broad areas:

Control infrastructural innovations, intellectual property rights, piracy, surveillance, privacy, digital colonialism, commercialisation.

Participation citizens' activism, telecentres and community networks, everyday uses of the Internet, new opportunities for participation.

Exclusion changing dynamics of 'digital divides', initiatives designed to address digital exclusion.

- Guidelines for Submission
Please submit extended outlines of 4-5 pages not later than March 1, 2003. The final selection of papers will be announced by May 2, 2003.
Paper outlines should be sent in electronic form to Graham Murdock, Chair of the

Programme Panel, at G.Murdock@lboro.ac.uk

Address queries about booking, registration, or ica membership to:

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European Communication Congress 2003

*European Communication
Association (ECA) and the German
Association for Media Effects
Research, Germany. March 24-26,
2003.*

On behalf of the European Communication Association (eca) and the German Association for Media Effects Research (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medienwirkungsforschung, dgmf) as the national organizer, I would like to invite you to the European Communication Congress 2003 that will take place in Munich, Germany from March 24 -26. 2003.

- Call for Papers:
Papers may be submitted till December 31st, 2002. The congress languages will be English and German. Papers from all areas of communication research and media science will be accepted for submission. Internationally renowned scientists have already confirmed our invitations as keynote speakers and chairpersons for symposiums and sessions at the congress. There will be many opportunities to meet with your peers and make new contacts with European and international experts and colleagues. We are also planning to publish selected papers from major topics of focus.

At the same time you will have the opportunity to get involved in the work of the European Communication Association. A new Executive Council of the eca will be elected at the congress. The eca is also seeking steering committee members for its new divisions.

Munich surely is one of Germany's most beautiful cities and holds in store many attractions for its visitors. One of the most important local events of the spring season is the traditional "Starkbieranstich" (Starkbier = strong beer, stout; anstich = tapping) at the major breweries and beer halls. In the Middle Ages

monks invented the beer — a type of brown ale — in an attempt to lessen the austerity of Lent. Today, this event marks the beginning of the spring beer season, and it is one of the many wondrous cultural happenings in the city — a truly authentic occasion. And of course — Alpine skiing is still possible around this time of the year. Munich also has an international airport, good railway and motorway (autobahn) connections.

For more information please visit our website at <http://www.europeancommunicationassociation.de>

We are looking forward to seeing you in Munich!

On Behalf of the Executive Council of the ECA
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Heroes in a Global World

In the shock of the events of September 11th, we have witnessed an upsurge in the need for heroes, the search for heroes, the redefinition of the heroic.

All cultures have heroes, but the hero and the heroic vary from culture to culture and from time to time. What constitutes the heroic and who becomes the hero is a function of cultural priorities and values, and, most significantly, is related to the communication medium utilised for presenting and preserving information about heroes. Heroes, leaders and the famous have always fascinated the public but a permeable divider has replaced the wall between public acts and private life. The boundary between public and private is blurred, as the private lives of public figures are served up for popular consumption. Twentieth century mass media have made available an unending stream of celebrities who some argue, have supplanted the hero, at least that is what some critics argue. Simultaneously we have moved into an ever more connected and globalised environment capable of altering cultures and therefore, the phenomenon of hero.

Manuscripts are being sought for 'Heroes in a Global World' an edited volume, examining heroes and celebrities in a media age to published by Hampton Press.

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Intercultural Understanding and Communication

*International Association for Intercultural Studies Conference
California State University,
Fullerton. July 24-28, 2003*

The International Association for Intercultural Studies consists of groups of scholars from a wide range of cultures and languages who continue to come together to share and to learn from each other's experiences in intercultural communication. These groups have included Asians, Native Americans, Hispanics, Africans, North Americans, and Europeans. They also represent a number of language-related disciplines: linguistics, language teaching, studies, sociology, psychology, history, political science, and communication.

This year the association will be holding its 9th international conference and organisers are requesting the submission of papers on a variety of culture-related topics. Papers may focus on one's own cultural practices, those of other cultures, or provide a comparison and contrast of cultures. The conference will be presented in English and papers from the conference could be published in *Intercultural Communication Studies* or other conference-related books.

In the past, contributions have come from broad categories such as:

Information Technology and culture, media and culture, intercultural conflicts, organisational communication across cultures, language and cultural education, non-verbal communication, international journalism, advertising, computer mediated communication, visual art and culture, culture as reality construction, language attitude, language policy, language change and language stability,

patterns of cultural and linguistic diversity, endangered languages and cultural losses, intercultural communication, cultural history, business across cultures, rhetoric theory across culture, discourse analysis, comparative literature, ethnicity and language, evaluation of cultural texts in the classroom, teaching culture, music as culture, dance as culture, cultural symbolism, communication models of culture, cultural change, problems in cultural studies, language renewal, language stabilisation, international languages, patterns of cultural and linguistic diversity.

Elaborated abstracts or completed papers are due February 20, 2003. Abstracts or paper may be submitted to Richard Wiseman via e-mail at rwiseman@fullerton.edu

More information is available from the web site: www.trinity.edu/org/ics/iccc9.html

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International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress June 29 - July 4, 2003

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress will be held in Durban, South Africa, from June 29th to July 4th 2003. The congress will host a joint panel between the IPSA's Research Committee on Political Communication and their section on Comparative Political Campaign.

Person interested in presenting a paper at this meeting should contact immediately Phillippe J. Maarek by return. The proposals for papers should be one page in length and include the author's name, address, affiliations, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses, title of the paper and an abstract of 500 words or 1550 signs. The abstract should specify the subject, questions asked, methodology and findings.

The congress will also feature roundtable discussions on Government communication, from national to the local level as well as Globalisation of Political Communication

Issues. Persons with papers relating to either topic are also invited to submit their proposals for consideration.

All discussant volunteers and persons submitting papers should contact Phillippe J. Maarek (maarek@univ-paris 12.fr)

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Leadership in the Era of Globalisation

Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership Conference Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN October 2-4, 2003

The current era of unprecedented socio-cultural contact and transformation presents challenges and opportunities to devise more socially responsive institutions, whether at the local, national, or international level.

To examine concrete examples of such responses, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at St. Mary's College will host a conference under the theme, "Leadership in the Era of Globalisation."

The purpose of the conference is to develop a more refined understanding of the social and political dimensions of globalisation. Special attention will be given to women's roles in devising practicable responses to problems that occur in their societies within the context of globalisation. Such responses can include the development of institutions, programmes, and other forms of social interventions; clarifications and extensions of social and political theories of globalisation; and responses in the arts elicited by globalisation.

- Proposals

The organisers request papers or proposals for presentations and workshops on such themes as:

- 1 women and community development in a global context
- 2 theories of globalisation
- 3 globalisation and democratisation
- 4 globalisation and intercultural dialogue
- 5 globalisation from below
- 6 multiculturalism and pluralism in global contexts

7 communication and conflict resolution in intercultural contexts

Contributions that have a strong theoretical, critical, and philosophical orientation are especially welcomed.

Guidelines for Submissions

The deadline for all submissions is April 15, 2003. Submit proposals for papers, workshops, and performances in the form of an abstract no more than 500 words.

Abstracts for workshops and presentations should discuss the session's objectives and the approach to be taken, and should indicate the expected length of time of the event and the resources required for its staging.

Please submit papers and abstracts in electronic form as e-mail attachments in Microsoft Word format (any platform version).

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"What's Left in Communication Research?"

EURICOM Colloquium, Piran, Slovenia September 16-21, 2003

The European Institute for Communication and Culture (EURICOM) will hold a colloquium in Piran, Slovenia from September 16 to September 21, 2003, to discuss the history and contemporary status of Leftist or radical traditions in critical communication and media research and theory.

A strong Left tradition in critical communication and media studies crystallised in the 1960s and 70s, exemplified by and Mattelart and Seigelaub's Communications and Class Struggle collections.

The focus of the colloquium would be to examine how this tradition has fared since that time. Specific questions/issues might be:

- 1 Is there any observable impact of the end of the Cold War on a Left tradition in commu-

nication research?

- 2 How does current critical communication research compare to earlier periods?
- 3 In what ways has the ascendance of "post-Marxist" theory and criticism redirected critical communication research perspectives?
- 4 How do recent popular movements (environmental, human rights, global justice, etc.) relate to previous Leftist/radical politics?
- 5 Is class still an important category in examining issues relating to communication and media?
- 6 What activist/policy strategies are associated with current critical communications research?
- 7 Is it possible for political economy and cultural studies to agree on political strategies?
- 8 What is the significance revisionism within critical theory in communication and media studies?
- 9 How do these developments relate to the (changing) status and character of communication and media studies in universities?

The deadline for abstracts is March 1, 2003 and the deadline for papers is August 1, 2003.

Abstracts and papers may be sent to either:

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IAICS 2003: Call-for-Participation

We are organizing panels for the IAICS (the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies) 9th International Conference on Intercultural Understanding and Communication. The conference will be held at California State University, Fullerton July 24-28, 2003 (IAICS home page: www.trinity.edu/)

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Conferences, seminars and workshops

January 7-9, 2003

Communication for Development in the Information Age: Extending the Benefits of Technology for All

'The International Conference on communication for Development in the Information Age: Extending the Benefits of Technology for All', will be held in Varanasi India at Banaras Hindu University from January 7-9, 2003.

For more information, visit: www.uacu.ac.ae/gcra/index.htm or www.humfak.auc.dk/iamcr/relog.html or www.mq.edu.au/gcra

March 24-26, 2003

European Communication Congress 2003;

Organised by The European Communication Association (ECA) and the German Association for Media Effects Research (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medienwirkungsforschung, (DGMF)). Venue: Munich, Germany. The conference languages will be English and German and a new Executive Council of the ECA will be elected at the Congress. The deadline for submission of papers is December 31, 2002. Information: www.europeancommunicationassociation.de

May 9-10, 2003

Violence and Media;

Resources and Discourses II International Conference. Venue: Faculty of Communication. University Ramon Llull. Conference website: cicr.blanquerna.edu

June 29-July 4, 2003

Political Communication Sessions;

The International Political Science Association (ISPA) World Congress. Venue: Durban, South Africa. A joint panel with the ISPA section on Comparative Political Campaign is planned. Information : Philippe J. Maarek (maarek@univ-paris12.fr)

July 24-28, 2003

Intercultural Understanding and Communication;

9th International Conference on Intercultural Understanding and

Communication. Venue: California State University, Fullerton. Information: Clemencia Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma, 610 Elm Avenue, Norman OK 73019 USA. Tel.: 405 325 1570. E-mail: clemencia@ou.edu or visit www.trinity.edu/org/ics/iccc9.html

September 16-21, 2003

"What's Left in Communication Research?";

EURICOM Colloquium. Venue: Piran, Slovenia. Submit abstracts by March 1, 2003 and papers by August 1, 2003. Send abstracts or papers to Prof. Janet Wasko, School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, USA

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October 2-4, 2003

Leadership in the Era of Globalisation;

Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership Conference. Venue: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2003. Information: Vicente Berdayes, Department of Communication Studies, Dance & Theatre, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. E-mail: berdayes@saintmarys.edu. Tel: (574) 284-4647. Fax: (574) 284-4716. Conference web site: www.saintmarys.edu/~berdayes/conference.html

November 6-9, 2003

Digital Dynamics;

IAMCR and ICA Conference. Venue: Loughborough University, UK. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2003. Information: Michael L. Haley, Ph.D., CAE, Executive Director, International Communication Association, 1730 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036. E-mail: mhaley@icahdq.org

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org/ics/). The theme of the panels will focus on Asian approaches to human communication. Papers that aim to demonstrate the following aspects are invited:

- To address theoretical and methodological issues in human communication studies in Asia (ideally, across countries and regions).
- To draw out principles of human communication from Asian philosophical-religious traditions (e.g., Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Shintoinism, and Taoism).
- To explore aspects of human communication through Asian indigenous concepts in Asian languages.

Papers selected to be included in the panels will appear in a special issue of Intercultural Communication Studies (Vol. 12, 2003).

Please submit the abstract (200-300 words) or any inquiries to one of the following persons by January 10, 2003.

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