



**President's Report &
Update on Activities
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Introduction

This report is an update on the activities that I have been directly involved in since the Taipei conference in July 2005 when the International Council of IAMCR last met. It is meant to give members an sense of what initiatives are underway on various fronts.

The whole of this report is produced on my responsibility and I welcome further discussion of issues arising from it – and indeed about issues that I have not included!

I should emphasise that the themes in the first main section of this report are the result of my own work, not the work of IAMCR's Scholarly Review Committee. What I set out in this section may or may not resonate well with you. It is just one of many possible ways to offer members and non-members a glimpse of our activities. It is also a response to my commitment to see if there is a way of 'clustering' our work which I made at the International Council meeting in July 2005.

The rest of this report covers a variety of issues including membership fees, conferences, elections, the way we operate internally, legal issues, publications, the WSIS Taskforce and membership and participation – all as a compliment to the work of our Committees and members in these areas.

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Scholarship and Initiatives

IAMCR Research Issues Report series

Following agreement in Taipei to move forward, in December I discussed with the International Council the terms of reference for the launch of an IAMCR Research Issues Report series (short papers). This was agreed in principle and it was agreed to see whether UNESCO would be interested in doing this jointly with us. I have yet to have a response from UNESCO and if none or a negative one is forthcoming, I will move to launch a first call for short issues papers in the Spring. If UNESCO does do this with us, the proposed terms of reference leave editorial responsibility in IAMCR hands (a small editorial committee would be put together). I also proposed that in some cases, issues in the series might be jointly produced with others.

Sections and Working Groups

I had promised to present some proposals for making the organisation of our Sections and Working Groups a little less complicated to understand than they are when they are presented in a long list. My report for 2005 took a small step in that direction. In this report – July 05 – February 06 – I have taken a further step. This is presented below. There must be hundreds of ways of presenting who we are and what we are seeking to encourage in terms of research. But I think it would be helpful to be able to present a more schematic picture to the outside world. With a new web site coming soon, we might attract more interest with a simpler scheme.

The scheme presented here is for discussion. If something like this (modified through discussion) could be presented at our website it might help to entice members to join.

Near the end of this report a straightforward alphabetical listing is presented of what the Sections and Working Groups currently say they are doing. On the basis of that, plus a recent review of websites, a reading of Section head reports, a review of the themes that are providing a focus for the calls for papers for the Cairo 2006 conference, and my own possibly quirky way of understanding our field, I present the following schematic organisation.

It may also provoke discussion about overlaps and gaps and about the strengths and weaknesses of our existing Sections and Working Groups. I hope it does in the sense that such ongoing discussion is vital in a field as central to the history, present and future of our societies.

I fully recognise that there is much overlap and collaboration between Sections and Working Groups (both within these themes and across them). What I present here is simply an attempt to move away from a linear account of what IAMCR is about that is based solely on the logic of the English alphabet. I think we can and should do more than that.

I have grouped our existing Sections and Working Groups into five themes:

Media Production & Consumption
Media, Communication, Participation & Community
Media and Communication Policy & Law
Education & Journalism
Cross-Cutting Theme

Insofar as there is a logic at work here, it is that we encourage studies of the way the media are produced and consumed within the broader context of globalisation and the local structures and practices of production and everyday life. A major aspect of IAMCR's concern is also with the

role of the media and communication processes in fostering participation in local, national, regional and global institutions and in informal and highly situated communities, hence a theme that highlights our particular emphasis on participation and community. Another area of work that appears to me to cohere is that with respect to media and communication policy and law. This work is not necessarily concerned only with formal regulation and law, but also with practices and means of mobilising political action, frequently with an emphasis on civil society actors. There is also a strong emphasis on media education and on professional education, including training, content, ethics and rights and obligations of the media within society, hence the fourth theme.

In all these areas researchers are often concerned with issues of social justice, democratisation, social inequality, the construction of identity and its mediation through the media, and with information and/or communication rights and responsibilities appropriate within a given society. In all these areas a wide variety of methods is used and frequently there is a strong desire to encourage a foundation for comparison – whether this is at a micro, ethnographic level or through macro, structural forms of analysis.

The last cross cutting theme embraces activities that are distinguished in a way that makes them difficult to place in another theme. The History Section addresses all of the technologies of media and communication, bringing the methods of historical analysis to bear on the continuities and discontinuities in the development of media and communication practice through time. The International Communication Section is distinguished by its strong international orientation – though it considers global issues in the light of local ones as well. The Political Economy Section fosters work that might fall within the other themes, but it does so with a strong commitment to the history and traditions of the study of power through the lens of political economy theory. The Working Group on Ethics of Society & Ethics of Communication is concerned with journalism and the media and might arguably be placed in that theme. However, it seems reasonable to highlight the commitment IAMCR has to discussion about appropriate and reasonable ethical stances in our research practice and in terms of what researchers may advocate about the practices of others in respect of the media.

Finally, the Junior Scholars Network continues to attract an enthusiastic group of scholars. It offers an additional home to junior scholars and signals IAMCR's commitment to them as members of our association. The Network is cross-cutting because its substantive concerns change with the upswings and downswings in the interests of those who opt to participate in this network.

Media Production & Consumption

Media Production & Consumption



- Audience – S**
- Media Production Analyses WG**
- Gender & Communication - S**
- Political Communication Research - S**
- Comic Art WG**
- Psychology & Public Opinion - S**
- Popular Culture WG**
- Media & Sport - S**
- Media, Religion & Culture WG**
- Islam & Media WG**

The **Audience** Section encourages new thinking and approaches to audience research and seeks to inspire greater interest in exploring and understanding audiences in diverse settings. This section encompasses investigations of the appropriateness of 'Western' theories and methods in 'other' settings. It is giving special attention to reassessing the theories, methods and issues that inform practices of audience researchers. The nature of audiences as 'knowledge communities', ethnographic approaches to researching them, and the extent to which traditional classifications of audiences (masses, publics and markets) are being challenged by the fluidity and ephemeral nature of virtual and mobile audiences are important concerns.

The **Media Production Analysis** Working Group considers media production in different genres and across different media. It focuses on different media technologies, organisational contexts and genres to grasp the internal and external dynamics of media production processes. Its members are especially interested in production ethnography, the problems and strategies of access to the media, changes in production practice resulting from globalisation, decreasing numbers of public media outlets, and the economics of production as well as studies of the convergence and the challenges of 'new media'.

The **Gender and Communication** Section members are concerned to transcend the often artificial boundaries that give rise to divisions in the conduct of social science. They are committed to avoiding racial, ethnic, national, gender, ideological or philosophical descriptions. Because this Section is centrally concerned with how gender considerations and identities are reproduced and consumed through media production and consumption, members' papers yield new insights into the way similarity and difference are experienced in the everyday lives of audiences.

The **Political Communication Research** Section aims to promote comparative research in political communication including the changes in political communication processes induced by new media and their influence at all levels. Particular attention is given to the media and political socialisation, political campaigning, public opinion and political participation, and interactions between the media and intermediary organisations such as interest groups and political parties. Studies of the uses of the media in campaigns and elections as well as in political marketing processes in government and the role the media play in local and informal forms of governance are of interest here.

The **Comic Art** Working Group examines the development of comic art – including animation, comic books and strips, political and gag cartoons - world-wide in terms of its political sophistication, role in educational and conscientization initiatives, within and outside the mainstream and in terms of the implications of the corporatisation of the media.

The **Psychology and Public Opinion** Section fosters research emphasising socio-psychological and cognitive-psychological processes at work in the production and consumption of standardised media content, mediated interpersonal communication by mobile phone or chat and interactive media such as computer games and robots. It places considerable emphasis on phenomenological approaches to the media and the role of communication and media in families and households.

The **Popular Culture** Working Group aims to encourage studies of the relationship between media production and consumption and popular culture from a range of theoretically informed and empirically grounded perspectives.

The **Media and Sport** Section examines the relations between the media, sport and concepts of nationhood as well as identity, politics and the development of the sports industry. Emphasis is

given to the analysis of national identity, the relationship between sports and world power, the discourses used and transformations in the sports industry.

The **Media, Religion and Culture** Working Group considers important topics around the interaction between religion and the media, including the way religious groups are brought into political alliances as pressure groups and their uses of the media, the complexities of religious agencies with regard to public opinion; and in community building to proclamation, art to expression of faith, apologetic and propagandistic media usage and reception.

The **Islam and Media** Working Group is concerned with human interaction with a view to contributing toward mutual understanding and peace with justice. Its members engage in research and organisational development efforts geared toward strengthening global societal structures based on personal responsibility and mutual cooperation in social, political, and economic relations and it brings an Islamic point of view or Tawhidi perspective to the field. Among the topics addressed are the universal principles of communication in Islam and the West; Islam, communication and sustainable development; coverage of the American war against Iraq; Islam, communication, and Muslim countries; and Islam, communication, and the spread of terrorism.

Media, Communication, Participation & Community Theme

Media, Communication, Participation & Community

Community Communication - S

Participatory Communication Research - S



Diaspora & Media - WG

Communication & HIV/AIDS - WG

Health, Technologies & Communication - WG

Environment, Science & Risk Communication - WG

The **Community Communication** Section focuses on communication that originates, circulates and resonates within communities and the sphere of civil society. It encompasses research on issues of media access, participation and reception; media projects undertaken by marginalised and under-represented groups; the development and support of public and community-based media institutions and infrastructures; the production and distribution of community and alternative media; and theoretical contributions to the research, evaluation and the practice of community communication.

The **Participatory Communication Research** Section brings media researchers and practitioners together in communication aimed at achieving democratic and participatory social change. Topics of interest include the ways in which communication processes can be used to incorporate participation, the subjects and processes of democratisation, communication and information rights, ICTs for sustainable development, health communication, environmental communication, agricultural extension services, folk media and social movements, communication planning activities and interventions, national and cultural identities, community studies and the relationship between participation, empowerment and gender, community radio

and participatory video production, non-formal participatory forms of education, participatory rapid appraisals, and participatory action research.

The **Diaspora and Media** Working Group is concerned with the production and consumption of the media by globally dispersed diasporic communities. The changing relationship between diasporas and globalisation is examined in the light of the transnationalisation of the media and the reconfigurations of place, space and culture that affect everyday life for diasporic communities. Areas of interest include the interplay of the transnational and the local in diasporic communications, diasporic communications and identities, audiences and diasporic cultural politics, diasporic cultural production and consumption, and the tension between integration, cultural separatism and hybridity. This Working Group is also associated with Media Production and Consumption theme.

The Working Group on **Communication and HIV/AIDS** is examining perspectives from around the world on the enormous challenge HIV/AIDS presents to the field of communication—in terms of programmes, research, ethics, and many other cultural issues. This group offers a forum for testing and critically reviewing interventions and policy employed to change behaviours. Closely aligned with the IAMCR theme on Policy & Law, this working group is often concerned with specific communities of actors and so is located under this theme as well.

Similarly, while the **Health, Technologies and Communication** Working Group is concerned with policy initiatives to foster improved use of ICTs to provide telehealth care, it is vitally concerned with improved delivery of diagnostic and preventive health care, often for those based in communities in remote or poor areas of the world.

This Working Group on **Environment, Science and Risk Communication** specialises in research on media and public understanding of science and environment issues; science and health-related media panics; science and environmental journalism; media roles in global environmental controversy; the political uses or constructions of nature; and the roles of pressure groups, new media and activism with respect to science and environment issues. Because risk perceptions vary culturally and within specific communities, this working group is located under this theme.

Media and Communication Policy & Law Theme

Media and Communication Policy & Law



Communication Policy & Technology - S

Law - S

Digital Divide - WG

European Public Broadcasting Policies - WG

Global Media Policy - WG

The **Communication Policy and Technology** Section focuses on communication policy, with a keen interest in the socio-economic aspects of technological change. It encompasses work on issues of policy and technology after the WSIS; the implications of globalisation for the use of

emerging technologies, interfaces between culture, technology and policy, the potential of people-centred design and innovation, as well as critical analyses of ICT and telecom policies.

The **Law** Section encourages research on freedom of the press and the war on terrorism and various legal controversies; media interventions in conflict societies; access to information laws and efforts to redefine media law in the light of the Internet. Its members are particularly interested in regulatory measures in developing countries to strengthen freedom of expression; recent trends in the legal aspects of the Internet, human rights in cyberspace, the rights to freedom of expression, sharing information and privacy.

The **Digital Divide** Working Group is concerned with issues around whether it is possible to measure the 'digital divide' and with new signs of knowledge and information inequalities and their implications. Members examine these issues in the light of the history of the interrelations between media, technology and their uses by audiences as well as the social implications of unequal access by the general public to the media.

The **European Public Broadcasting Policies** Working Group is concerned with the performance practices and accountability mechanisms for public broadcasters and the extent to which governments need to intervene in the media market to correct market failures and to guarantee broadcasting as a public merit good. Its members are interested in whether there is a need for a new policy paradigm for public service broadcasting and alternative ways of assessing and measuring public service broadcasting's value to the public.

The **Global Media Policy** Working Group examines the main features of the continuing transformations of the global media and especially innovative practices in participatory communication governance beyond the nation state. It has a particular interest in new forms of multi-actor governance and initiatives to promote partnerships among different stakeholders as well as their implications for the reality and potential of democratic processes with respect to principles, criteria, guidelines and recommendations for effective and efficient innovation in governance models.

Education & Journalism Theme

Education & Journalism



Media Education Research - S

Professional Education - S

**Post-Socialist Media & Intercultural
Communication - WG**

The goal of the Media Education Research Section is to encourage and promote research in the theory and practice of Media Education at the school, college and university levels. Members focus on media education theory and practices in both developing and developed countries, research relating to 'knowledge societies' and critical analysis of strategies and policies.

The **Professional Education Section** encompasses aspects of teaching, professionalism, and the changes imposed on professional education through changes in technology. It is also interested in the practice of journalistic work. Paper are often concerned with media ethics, the

public role of journalism, the formation of future journalists or communicators, and journalism and peace movements. Members' current interests include teaching journalism in the Arab world, cultural sensitivity in journalism education, the role of blogging and its implications for journalism and journalism education and whether it is possible to foster 'popular diplomacy', i.e. communication through non-official channels.

The **Post-Socialist Media and Intercultural Communication** Working Group is particularly interested in the many different and changing roles of media and journalism in so-called 'transitional societies' or 'new democracies'. This includes work on national adaptation to new journalistic genres and TV formats, ideas about the 'CNN effect', and the political functions of popular culture in different national contexts. Members also have an interest in comparative (multi-language) discourse analyses, the visualization of international journalism and the role of globalisation and critical global justice movements in this process.

Cross Cutting Theme

Cross-Cutting Theme



History - S

International Communication - S

Political Economy - S

Ethics of Society & Ethics of Communication - WG

Junior Scholars Network - S

The **History** Section emphasises media history and the historical relations between the media and politics and a variety of perspectives on the globalisation of communication since the 19th century. Members are interested in work that foregrounds the role of communication technologies and applications in social formation and historical change, including critiques of perspectives that see today's information societies as emerging out of a clear break with the past.

The **International Communication** Section is interested in the broad issues and problems of global communication. These include the intersection of globalisation and media, issues of information flow, freedom of expression, global media ethics, the media's role in foreign diplomacy, media and diaspora, global literature and other arts, science communication, etc. This section considers the role of the media in constructing a sense of community including the development of virtual communities and the uses of new media, their implications for organisations and employment, the construction of audiences.

The **Political Economy** Section examines the role of power in the production, distribution and exchange of mediated communication including the study social relations in their totality, how they have developed historically, evaluating them according to standards of social justice, and intervening to bring about a more just and democratic world. Janet: sections used to report and they should now. Section members have been rethinking political economy in the light of developments in various parts of the world including the relationship between globalisation and localisation; the production of goods and services by firms in China; commodification and commercialisation; liberalisation and neoliberal policies, ideology and culture and how these

issues influence control over the news and politicians. They are also concerned with issues around democracy including the challenges of limited funds available to alternative media outlets; linguistic issues, organisational issues and political insecurity.

The **Ethics of Society and Ethics of Communication** Working Groups is concerned with ethical and deontological problems and issues of the communication media. It focuses particularly on the crisis of the relationship between ethics and politics; political developments in different areas of the world; the actors in the different modalities of political communication; the sources of political information and their risks from an ethical point of view; political news and public relations; and the roles played by propaganda and disinformation in political news.

The **Junior Scholars Network** brings young-at-heart scholars together, to create and maintain lines of communication with researchers internationally, to promote universal values of solidarity, peace, equality and respect, to work on new ideas for research and teaching and to create an umbrella for future projects that are related to the study and analysis of communication. At conferences it attracts a wide range of papers that are discussed in an environment aimed at providing mentoring and networks that scholars can continue to build upon in their careers.

Summary

This thematic overview of IAMCR's scholarly work de-emphasises distinctions between Sections and Working Groups. I have said before that we should value and encourage the waxing and waning of interest in various Sections and Working Groups. The world in which we conduct research is not static and I see no reason to think that the organisation of our association should be static. I am not proposing here any changes in the status of specific Sections and Working Groups – we know that some are more active than others and I welcome proposals from Section Heads and Working Group chairs should they wish to change in various ways – including the dissolution, merger or rearrangement of current activities.

This document is produced solely by me. It is for discussion and is not the work of the Scholarly Review Committee as a whole. I assume that we will continue to discuss these issues in what I hope will remain a productive way. This report is intended as a public document and, I prefer that more dramatic actions towards change occur directly with those concerned and insofar as there are changes they be proposed through our Committee structure.

Budget and Fees

Membership Fees

International Council members are to be congratulated for having managed to agree a new membership fee structure and level from 2006 onwards through an online discussion. Inevitably a change of this kind is difficult to agree, especially when the discussion takes place by email. We managed to achieve 100% agreement. I expect everyone is not 100% happy but a consensus was reached by mid-January 2006. We could have achieved agreement earlier, but I found it difficult to create a solution that I thought was fair, close enough to what I thought people were asking for, and also not likely to jeopardise IAMCR's income stream to a substantial degree. Once I managed to work this out, you reached agreement very easily – so thank you.

The process was as follows. Initially, César Bolaño, Treasurer, proposed some changes to the Executive Board. We discussed these in September 2005, asked for clarifications, and then Annabelle Sreberny and I worked out the cost and the likely subsidy required for the journal offer.

The main changes are: inclusion of a journal offer, a change in the relative discount on institutional membership for low income country institutions and for low income country individual members, and a reassignment of a few countries to the low income country which were previously (and anomalously) considered to be high income. We also raised the fee level for some categories of members to reflect the (partial) cost of the journal (low income) and contribute slightly more of the cost (high income). Overall, the journal offer will require a subsidy of perhaps as much as US\$5,000 per year from IAMCR general revenues (possibly as little as US\$2,500). This also was agreed with the International Council Members. We agreed that the arrangement should be reviewed in three years.

Implementing the changes meant considerable work for our webmaster Kirsten Bach as all aspects of the membership renewal process had to change to reflect the new fees and the journal offer. This work was completed by the end of January and the call for membership renewals went out to all those who were paid up in 2005 and to those who were paid up in 2004 but had not paid in 2005.

After the first few days I have had no emails asking why the fees have changed. I have had a few emails asking for clarification (apparently the form is not very clear), many emails asking for invoices for institutions (which are being provided) and only a few cases of members saying they would have preferred to keep the former journal discount scheme.

We have, following discussion in Taipei, also introduced a new one year trial membership for all those non-members who register for the IAMCR conference. This is at a low fee which will be repaid to IAMCR by the local conference organisers. These new members will not receive the journal in the first year because we cannot afford to subsidise the cost. If they wish to receive a journal, we may be able to let them have it if they pay the full membership fee later in the year.

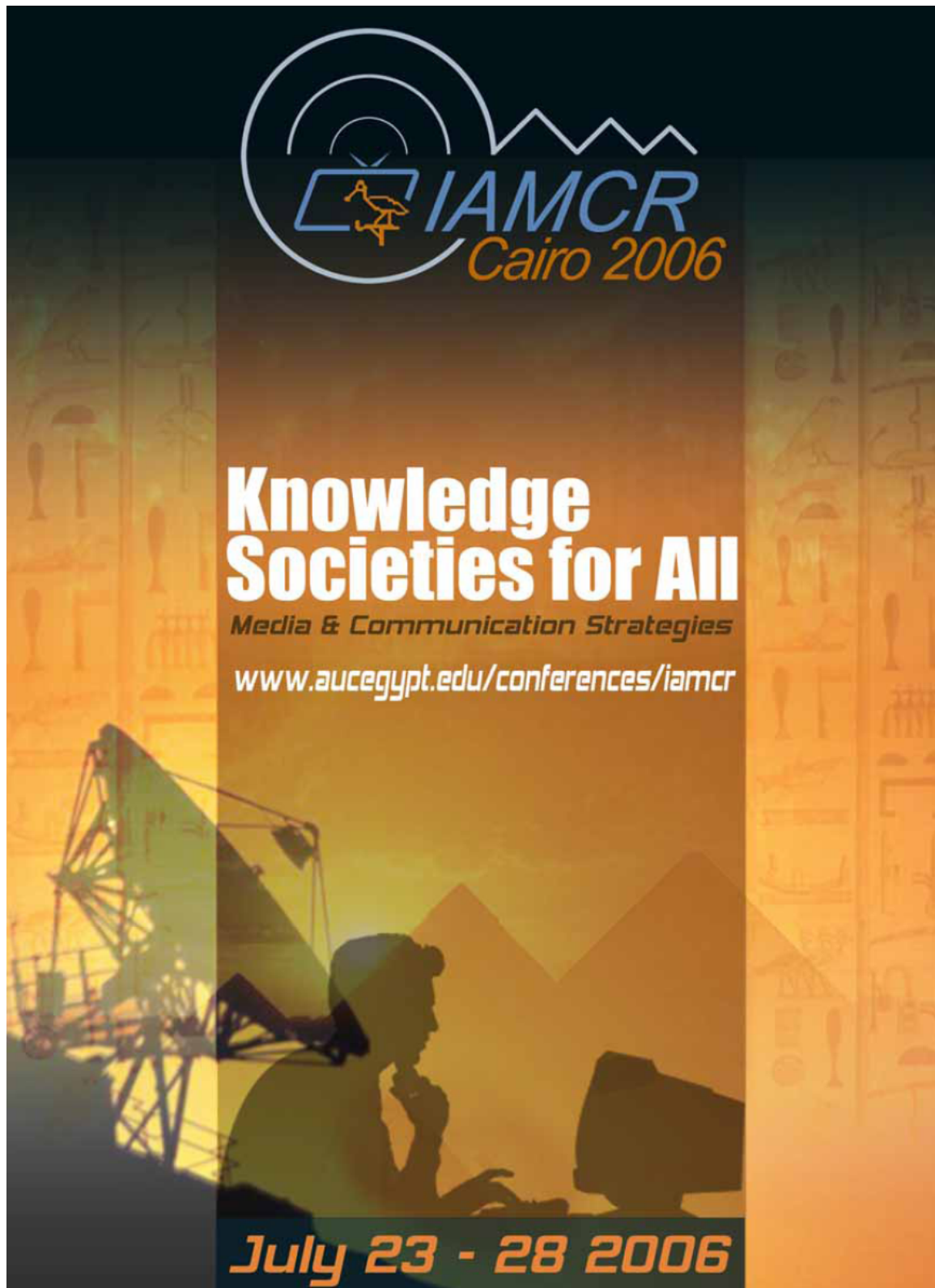
Budget

In Taipei, the International Council agreed a budget taking us to December 2005. The next order of business for the Executive Board is to propose a budget for the current period – now that the financial year is January-December.

Conferences

The planning for plenary sessions in Cairo is well underway. Both Divina Frau-Meigs and Annabelle Sreberny are helping Ole and myself with plenary session organisation, together with the local organisers.

The conference theme ‘Knowledge Societies for All: Media and Communication Strategies’ provides an important opportunity to critique and assess what might be meant by the term Knowledge Societies, how various understandings of social, political and economic processes have given rise to the currency of this term. We need to better understand the meaning of this term as well as alternative terms in the light of political action and strategy. What does it mean to call for these societies to be inclusive? What is it that we want those who are presently excluded to become included in?



The answers to these questions are certainly not straightforward and are undoubtedly contested depending on an enormous range of issues and interests which have only an indirect relation to technology. They have an important bearing on people's expectations about their relationships with close and distant others.

In some instances, this term becomes a rhetorical shield that is difficult to penetrate. IAMCR members will undoubtedly offer a host of conceptual and analytical tools to penetrate this shield, thereby revealing new insights into the historical and current experiences of societies that may, in part, be characterised in this way.

One of the conference plenaries in Cairo will focus on critical perspectives on media and communications in development. It is being co-sponsored by IAMCR and AMIC and Indrajit Benerjee, Director General of AMIC, and the opening plenary will focus directly on these issues.

Other plenaries will include 'Media and Communication in the Arab World: Perspectives on Empires and Communication', 'Media Ethics and Religious Models of Communication', and 'Global Governance, Equality and Action after the WSIS'.

We also hope that there will be a session organised by the Chinese Communication Association (CCA).

Thanks to all Section Heads and Working Group chairs for your work to put together a good conference. Special thanks to Beate Josephi for finding homes for a number of abstracts. She agreed to become conference programme 'consultant' and offer a clearing house for papers.

We do not (at the time of writing) have confirmation about how much funding will be available to support travel. The local organisers are working on this from their side and I have contacted UNESCO, so far without reply. I'll also contact other organisations.

The local conference organisers for Cairo have agreed that they will conduct a survey of conference participants at the time of the Conference in July. They have had access to the questionnaire and results of the survey of the Taipei conference and will build on that.

Schiller and Smythe Prizes

We have introduced a new prize in honour of Dallas Smythe and are offering this one and the existing Herbert Schiller prize for papers presented at the Cairo conference, see IAMCR conferences – next conference.

2007 Conference

We are exploring with UNESCO whether the 2007 Conference (IAMCR's 50th Anniversary) can be held in Paris in their facilities. Frank Morgan, Kaarle Nordenstreng and Divina Frau-Meigs have had initial discussions with UNESCO about this. We are waiting for a reply. If this does not prove to be feasible we will start strongly encouraging others to bid to host the conference.

Elections

In Taipei it was noted that we need to add another member to the election committee. I have contacted Janet Wasko and Cees Hamelink who have said they will make a suggestion soon.

During the International Council meeting in Taipei there was a discussion about the voting procedure. Ole confirms that we decided that it would be appropriate to adopt a simple majority voting procedure or 'first past the post' as it is sometimes called. I will propose an amendment and Philippe Maarek is advising me about how this must be done for the Statutes.

There was also discussion about whether we should have an ‘ideal’ target for the composition of the International Council in terms of regions, gender, etc. The outcome of that discussion was that it would be useful to discuss this, but that we should not create a rigid strait-jacket in the event that the ideal could not be met. I will be asking the Election Committee to give some thought to this issue.

The issue was raised in Taipei as to whether Section Heads should also be elected in the same way as Council members at large. There has been little discussion about this recently. My guess is that views about it are mixed. Insofar as IAMCR has no rigid criteria for Section Membership, it would be extremely difficult to determine who could vote and who could not. And currently we do not have the technical means to centrally record Section or Working Group affiliations – we will have this with the new website and membership database integration.

I would like to invite one or two Working Group chairs to participate in International Council meetings. Working Groups could nominate one or two Chairs to attend on their behalf. A representative of one Working Group Chair participated in Taipei. I do not envisage a formal change in the statutes to make the Council bigger, but I think it would be good to be more inclusive of an important group of contributors to the life of IAMCR. If it worked well and Working Group chairs are receptive to this idea, in future years it might become a formal arrangement – thus requiring a later change in statutes.

Executive Board and IAMCR Internal Organisation

At the Executive Board and International Council meetings in Taipei, it was agreed that I could hire a part-time assistant in London to help with organisational matters. I did so and Indrek Ibrus has as much work as he can to handle coping with day-to-day inquiries, maintaining our membership database and responding to questions about membership renewals.

However, because of the distributed nature of our organisation and because information technology in some ways exacerbates problems of coordination – I felt that more needed to be done to enhance the way we operate. Our members deserve more support and attention than they have been receiving because of confusion caused by multiple sources of information accumulating in multiple digital and physical places around the world.

I have proposed and the International Council has accepted some new arrangements. The reasons and the arrangements are discussed briefly below.

Currently, the Executive Board members are physically located in the UK (myself and Annabelle Sreberny VP and who also chairs the publications committee), France (Divina Frau-Meigs VP), Denmark (Ole Prehn SG, also oversees the website), and Brazil (César Bolaño, Treasurer). We are operating as a truly distributed organisation but this is not easy mainly because of issues to do with infrastructure (postal in the case of Brazil), legal requirements for the establishment and operation of bank accounts across national boundaries, the need to provide several options for the way people pay their fees (resulting in multiple sources of information being sent to different locations (Paypal sends notices to Denmark, faxes come to London, emails go to Brazil and London) – perhaps this gives you an indication of the wonders of decentralisation.

We also have a website that was designed on the basis that all members would regularly update their own membership information. Members do not do that – or rather only a very small proportion are willing to do that – about 10%. Even the lead contact for institutional members cannot update their own members’ data at the website because of a design decision to make this virtually impossible to do.

In September and October, I decided that the way we were operating organisationally was completely unsustainable and said so to the International Council. The first step I took was to enter all known paid members in 2005 and 2004 into the website and into another non-web database. This was done with the help of my assistant Indrek Ibrus. As International Council members will know already, this gave us a basis for knowing who our members are, but it did not give us a basis for regularly updating the information (a design problem of the website). Initially, I thought we could manage by updating the new parallel non-web database in London where most of the membership information was being sent. Indrek has been doing this since October 2005. But I could see that we were rapidly going to confront more problems as the web database rapidly becomes out of date as members renew or new ones join and fail to enter their own details in the database. The Executive Board asked for a modification to the database to allow us to enter member information in September 2005 but by February 2006 the modifications had not been made because of the complexity of the existing back-end of the website. Now that we are commissioning an alternative website, Ole has asked that work to change the existing web database should stop.

I searched for an alternative – in order to retain my sanity!

The alternative has been agreed by the International Council. The alternative is that for an initial three years from January 2006, IAMCR will employ two individuals who happen to be based in yet another country (Uruguay). Amy Mahan and Bruce Girard will be familiar to some of you – they are both active researchers in the media and communication field. They also have experience in the development and design of websites and of handling membership information.

Their remit is to design and implement a new website that is workable for members, for the needs of the Executive Board members, for Sections and Working Groups and which will be more attractive and interesting to non-member visitors. Their work will provide for the centralised integration and updating of IAMCR member information (still enabling members who wish to do so to update their own information), including the generation of accurate mailing labels for newsletters.

As a result of this change I hope you will see improvements by mid-2006. IAMCR will have to pay for this organisational support out of the revenues it receives for membership fees. The cost has also been agreed (not included here as that information is really only the business of the International Council – and General Assembly in reports of accounts. This document is available to everyone on the web). The new way of operating does not introduce any new formal institutions to IAMCR's organisation. It simply enables me as President, to subcontract some of the work. All members of the Executive Board continue with their designated responsibilities as before.

Legal Issues

In Taipei it was made clear to me that our Treasurer's status as our 'Treasurer' could not be recognised by any authorities in Brazil unless we could find the original documentation establishing IAMCR as a legal entity. Without this documentation, César Bolaño was unable to function as Treasurer from Brazil.

With the help of Philippe Maarek and Cees Hamelink, we traced the original documentation to François-Xavier Hutin who had it from 1990 when IAMCR was re-registered with the French authorities in Paris. I now have the original documents and Cesar has digital copies.

There may be other issues of a legal nature (see also Elections section), but I will leave them aside for the time being.

Publications

Thanks to Annabelle Sreberny's efforts and Sage Publications, we now have a choice of three Sage journals to offer to our members as part of their membership in IAMCR. This offer begins with 2006 membership renewals and is mandatory only for high income country regular members and for all institutional members (who receive one copy). This required a change in the membership fee level but I think – given our relatively small membership base at present, that we have the best deal we could possibly get.

Thomas Tufte has taken on responsibility for book publications.

Annabelle has been doing an excellent job of attracting paid adverts for the newsletter.

IAMCR - WSIS Taskforce

The WSIS Taskforce ensured that IAMCR was visible and active in Tunis in November 2005. Some IAMCR members participated wearing different 'hats' but it was clear that we were there and – especially through Divina Frau-Meigs and Marc Raboy's efforts with the civil society groups, there was even more visibility. A call has gone out to participants in the Tunis WSIS for reports on their experience and these will be published in the Spring 2006 Newsletter.

At the WSIS in Tunis, the Taskforce launched the International Researchers Charter for Knowledge Societies. This has so far been signed by 125 people at the time of writing. More important than the number of signees is the extent of interest in the Charter that has been reported to me by various members including Divina. It is providing a focal point for a number of discussions that are ongoing in a various venues in places around the world. The Charter can be found at our website.

I spoke in 6 events during the week including our own IAMCR side event where we launched the International Researchers' Charter and in a panel organised by Hopeton Dunn during a big side conference. Both of these were quite well attended.

In December 2005, I launched a discussion of how to take the work of this Taskforce forward – with the Executive Board, the co-chairs, the Taskforce members, and with the International Council. Both Divina and Marc wish to stand down as Chairs of the WSIS Taskforce – I thank them for all their work and welcome them back as members of the new taskforce when it is constituted. All this will ultimately go to the General Assembly as well.

Although there were some differences of opinion, the main view was that a new taskforce should be constituted with a somewhat wider remit, but still encompassing WSIS follow-up activities. I have given some draft terms of reference for a new Taskforce to Andrew Calabrese who has agreed to develop them further in consultation with everyone. I hope we can get the new Taskforce ready to be working formally after Cairo – informally beforehand.

Membership, Participation & Member Recruitment

The Membership Committee since July 2005 has generated many good ideas about how to recruit new members. So far it has not been feasible to implement many of them, due mainly to the pressure on me of finding a way to introduce workable arrangements to handle the existing membership information and IAMCR revenues.

The main change we have introduced is that all non-member participants in the Cairo and future conferences will become members of IAMCR for one year – they pay a small fee for this and will be asked at the end of that year if they want to renew at normal fee levels – the revenues collected from this one year arrangement will be returned by the local conference organisers to IAMCR.. This arrangement may help to recruit new full fee paying members in subsequent years.

We distributed membership forms and flyers at the WSIS and at several other conferences. We have electronic versions of all this material and these have been made available to all Section Heads and Working Group Chairs. I also distributed a short note on the 2005 Taipei conference quite widely and it is hosted on several websites. George Thottam had it included in the newsletter of Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) and is including news there about the Cairo Conference. I also asked the International Institute of Communication to run a piece on our conference and I expect they will in their magazine *Intermedia*. The local conference organisers have produced a pdf which has been sent to you – members of the International Council can play a big role in advertising the conference.

Many have suggested that we need people to liaise with in various countries and regions. Since July 05 I have contacted several people to ask them to designate contact points – nobody has declined to do so. But we need to put in place some means of reaching out to them and asking them to do something. I will be asking all members of the International Council to help with this process of reaching out.

It was emphasised in Taipei that we need to give further thought to how firmly attached members are to one or more Sections or Working Groups. Some thought that members should be asked to indicate more clearly which Sections or Working Groups they belong to (this could become the practice again once we have the new website). It was also observed that there is now competition between academic organisations and we need liaison officers regionally and locally. Membership drives would be more effective if we use contacts for strategic purposes. As above, getting this to work effectively will require a lot more time and commitment than so far has been devoted to it.

A more ‘user-friendly’ website should come on line in mid-2006. One of the design specifications is that it be more interesting to non-members as a way of getting them interested in joining IAMCR. Another is that it be easier to join online than it currently is.

Once we have the integrated membership database within the new website, it can be used to contact members for purposes other than membership renewal. When that feature exists, I will conduct a survey of member’s ‘needs’ and ‘wants’ in response to a suggestion made at the International Council in Taipei. The existing database and website are not designed to allow us to do a mass email for a survey.

Finally, the IAMCR Membership Directory at the website was updated following Taipei and will be updated again following the current round of membership renewals. Currently the design of existing membership database on the web makes it virtually impossible for us to update institutional member’s lists (each individual has to do it themselves which they do not) and so we most likely will have to wait for the new website to enable us to input information that members have sent us.

Associate Member Relationships:

We have agreed to transfer ECCR status as Associate IAMCR Member to the new ECREA and relations with President Francois Heinderyckx were renewed during the November 2005 Amsterdam Communications Conference.

I contacted Dan O'Hair of the National Communication Association in the US. They will consider Associate Status with IAMCR at their Executive Council retreat at the end of January 06 and I will follow this up.

I contacted Professor Fayez Alshehri regarding his interest in the Saudi Media & Communications Association becoming an associate member of IAMCR. This arose out of a conversation in Taipei. I will follow-up if he responds.

I contacted Indrajit Banerjee and George Thottam about the possibility of the newly established Indian Communication Association becoming an associate member of IAMCR, Indrajit has responded very positively and we will discuss this further.

Conclusion

This report on my activities since Taipei will be followed by a short note before many of us meet in Cairo in July. I hope then to be able to report further progress on many of the ongoing issues that we face.

Formal Aims of IAMCR

The **formal aims** of the Association are:

- To provide a forum where researchers and others involved in media and communication can meet and exchange information about their work;
- To encourage the development of research and systematic study, especially in areas of media production, transmission and reception, in the contexts in which these activities take place and in those subjects and areas where such work is not well developed;
- To stimulate interest in media and communication research;
- To disseminate information about research and research needs – not only to researchers but also to those working in the various media and others responsible for communication policies;
- To seek to improve media and communication research, policy and practice and to encourage research, especially from international and interdisciplinary perspectives, and to exchange information on practices and conditions that would improve the quality of media and communication practice, and media and communication research;
- To contribute by means of appropriate research, to the development and improvement of the education and training of journalists and other media professionals.

IAMCR Sections

Audience

This Section encourages new thinking and approaches to audience research and aims to inspire greater interest in exploring and understanding audiences in diverse settings. Critiques of popular market research strategies and opinion polls and analyses of the profitable sale of audiences to sponsors and owners are welcome. This section is also enthused by investigations of the appropriateness of ‘Western’ theories and methods in ‘other’ settings.

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<http://iamcr.net/insidesection/audience/index.html>

Communication Policy and Technology (CP&T)

The CP&T Section’s focus is on communication policy, with a keen interest in the socio-economic aspects of technological change. The Section welcomes research that bridges between theory and practice, and theoretical and empirical studies, by offering scientific reflection as well as guidelines for political action. The CP&T Section does not adhere to any single philosophical or theoretical school but encourages research that is critical and counter-intuitive.

Section Heads: Dr. Hopeton Dunn, hdunn@cwjamaica.com , Dr. Pascal Verhoest, Pascal.Verhoest@brudisc.be; Deputy Heads: Dr. Jo Pierson, jo.pierson@vub.ac.be, Dr. Tanja Storsul, tanja.storsul@media.uio.no

<http://iamcr.net/insidesection/techcom/index.htm>

Community Communication

This Section focuses on communication that originates, circulates and resonates with communities, broadly defined. It seeks 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, politics, socio-economics, language, ethnicity, gender, or other

interests and intersections. This Section welcomes both theoretical and applied research, as well as research conducted at both micro and macro levels of analysis.

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(<http://iamcr.net/insidesection/comcom/index.htm>)

Gender and Communication

The mission of the Gender and Communication Section is to foster and encourage any and all aspects of scholarship relating to the nexus of gender and communication. This Section aims to encourage the conduct and dissemination of research that uses gender as a primary thematic in work around media, culture and communication; to encourage and nurture younger scholars and those from developing countries interested in aspects of gender-media to participate in the academic community via attendance at conferences.

Section Heads: Gita Bamezai, gitabamezai@excite.com , Todd J.M. Holden, holden@intcul.tohoku.ac.jp ; Deputy Head: Ellen Riordan, EMRIORDAN@stthomas.edu
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History

The History Section aims to encourage and support historical research on media and communication.

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International Communication

The mission of this Section is to provide opportunities and venues for association by all those who are interested in the broadest issues and problems of global communication. The limitations to communication across distance have been displaced, but in their place are new challenges and opportunities. Within the International Communication Section are colleagues who are interested in the intersection of globalisation and media, including, for example, issues of information flow, freedom of expression, global media ethics, the media's role in foreign diplomacy, media and diaspora, global literature and other arts, science communication, etc. Active participation is invited from academics and professionals who seek to associate with those with interests in these and related subjects.

Section Head: Allen Palmer allen_palmer@byu.edu
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Junior Scholars Network

The aims of the Junior Scholars Network are to bring young-at-heart scholars together, to create and maintain lines of communication with researchers internationally, to promote universal values of solidarity, peace, equality and respect, to work on new ideas for research and teaching and to create an umbrella for future projects that are related to the study and analysis of communication.

Section Heads: Rosa Mikeal Martney, rosa.martney@colostate.edu , Sandor Vegh, veghs@fulbrightweb.org
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Law

The Law Section aims to encourage research on freedom of the press and the war on terrorism and various legal controversies; media interventions in conflict societies; access to information laws and redefining media law through the Internet.

Section Heads: Andrei Richter, richter@medialaw.ru , Wolfgang Kleinwachter, wolfgang@imv.au.dk
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Media and Sport

The Media and Sport Section seeks to promote a range of scholarly perspectives on the study of media and sport, especially in the area of the relations between the media, sport and concepts of nationhood as well as identity, politics and the development of the sports industry.

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<http://www.play-the-game.org/partners/iamcr.html>

Media Education Research

The primary goal and mission of the Media Education Research Section is to encourage and promote research in the theory and practice of Media Education at the school, college and university levels of education.

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Participatory Communication Research (PCR) Section

The mission of the Section is to bring theory and practice closer together by forming an arena for media researchers and practitioners in communication for social change to meet, debate and do research together. The aims and objectives of the section are: to promote communication research aiming at democratic and participatory social change; to create a dialogue between theory/ies and practice(s); and to establish networks of researchers in communication working from a participatory perspective.

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Political Communication Research

The Political Communication Research Section aims to promote comparative research in political communication.

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Political Economy

The Political Economy Section examines the role of power in the production, distribution and exchange of mediated communication. Drawing from the rich history of political economic theory, Section members study social relations in their totality, consider how they have developed historically, evaluate them according to standards of social justice, and intervene to bring about a more just and democratic world.

Section Heads: Janet Wasko, jwasko@uoregon.edu ; Helena Sousa, helena@ics.uminho.pt

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Professional Education

This Section promotes the conduct and dissemination of research into professional education. This encompasses aspects of teaching, professionalism, journalistic ethics and the changes imposed on professional education through changes in technology. Professional education, however, does not exist in a vacuum and its success can best be measured in professional practice. Studies on journalistic autonomy, of professional education in the light of actual practice, of journalistic work in the light of professional education, and newsroom and work place studies are also seen as essential parts of this section's research. The section seeks to include both theoretical and applied research, and encourages comparative studies. It also takes in research in professional education in related fields.

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(<http://profed-iamcr.cci.ecu.edu.au/aimsmission.php>)

Psychology and Public Opinion

The Psychology and Public Opinion Section aims to foster research emphasising socio-psychological and cognitive-psychological processes through theory and empirical work. Section Heads: Hillel Nosssek, hnossek@colman.ac.il , Friedrich Krotz, friedrich.krotz@uni-erfurt.de
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IAMCR Working Groups

Comic Art

This Working Group aims to examine the development of comic art – including animation, comic books and strips, political and gag cartoons - world-wide in terms of its political sophistication, role in educational and conscientization initiatives, within and outside the mainstream and in terms of the implications of the corporatisation of the media.
Chair: John Lent, jlent@temple.edu

Communication and HIV/AIDS

This Working Group aims to develop an overview of existing and completed work in this area to identify gaps and to determine what work exists, worldwide and across agencies; to analyse this information and to draw up an IAMCR research agenda. This group is working towards research completion, publishing and distribution of findings. The purpose is to examine different perspectives from around the world on the enormous challenge HIV/AIDS presents to the field of communication—in terms of programmes, research, ethics, and many other cultural issues.
Chairs: Marjan de Bruin, Marjan.debruin@uwimona.edu.jm , Thomas Tufte, tufte@ruc.dk

Diaspora and Media

This Working Group aims to examine the role of diaspora groups in the production and consumption of the media from a variety of perspectives including the roles of cultural and discursive practices, the implications of new information technologies, the nature of globally dispersed diasporic communities.
Chair: Shelina Faisal, s.fazal@londonmet.ac.uk

Digital Divide

The aims of this Working Group are to contribute to theoretical understanding of inequality in access to information and media in the new digital environment; trace the development of new media through the concept of digital divide; identify gaps and inconsistencies in the digital media world, their origins and development; specify problems for media and communication systems brought about by ICT progress in local, national and global environments; promote better communication between researchers from different countries and continents; support innovative research in the field; and support young researchers.
Chair: Elena Vartanova, eva@journ.msu.ru

Environment, Science and Risk Communication

The objective of this Working Group is to provide a forum at IAMCR conferences for scholars researching in the field of media and communication on 'Environmental Issues, Science and Risk' to present and discuss their research. A second objective is to provide a focal point - through the visibility afforded via IAMCR for contact and networking among scholars interested in this sub-field of media and communication research.
Chair: Anders Hansen, ash@leicester.ac.uk

Ethics of Society and Ethics of Communication

The aim of this Working Group is to devote the greatest attention to the ethical and deontological problems and issues of the communication media in an epoch where, unfortunately, ethics is often neglected, ignored or simply misconceived or worse. Investigations of lying as a main activity for many people in the messages diffused through the mass media are a central focus.

Chair: Manuel Pares i Maicas, Manuel.Pares@uab.es

European Public Broadcasting Policies

The aim of this Working Group is to examine and make inventories of new performance practices and accountability mechanisms for public broadcasters in different countries, inside and outside Europe and to investigate how they work and what can be learned from them.

Chair: Jo Bardoel, bardoel@pscw.uva.nl

Global Media Policy

The aim of this Working Group is to examine and critique the main features of the continuing transformations of the global media in terms of production and consumption and of the communicative environment in which these transformations are taking place.

Chair: Marc Raboy, marc.raboy@umontreal.ca

Health, Technologies and Communication

The aim of this Working Group is to develop and foster research on a range of health related issues with a particular focus on the way in which new ICTs and telehealth initiatives can potentially underpin improved delivery of diagnostic and preventive health care, often in remote or poor areas of the world.

Chair: Milton Campos, Milton.Campos@umontreal.ca

Islam and Media

The Islam and Media Working Group looks at the communication phenomenon such as human interaction with a view to contributing toward mutual understanding and peace with justice. It seeks to engage in research and organisational development efforts geared toward strengthening the global societal structures based on personal responsibility and mutual cooperation in social, political, and economic relations. The goal of this Working Group is to contribute to the advancement of research and evaluation in the media and communication related fields from an Islamic point of view (the Tawhidi perspective).

Chair: Mohamnad Siddiqi, m-siddiqi@wiu.edu

Media Production Analysis

This Working Group provides a venue for researchers of media production in different genres and across different media. It focuses on different media technologies, organisational contexts and genres to grasp the internal and external dynamics of media production processes.

Chair: Chris Paterson, paterson@usfca.edu

Media, Religion and Culture

This Working Group has a special interest in religious aspects of communication. It tries to foster international cooperation in the field, discussion and exchange of ideas, and common research projects.

Chair: P. Johannes Ehrat, Jehrat@web.de; ehrat@unigre.it

Popular Culture

This Working Group aims to encourage studies of the relationship between media production and consumption and popular culture from a range of perspectives that are theoretically informed and empirically grounded. Chair: Gerry Whannel, gwhannel@britishlibrary.net

Post-Socialist Media and Intercultural Communication

This Working Group is dedicated to the studies of the post-socialist and post-authoritarian media systems and political landscapes in different countries in transition. Intercultural communication research is necessary to explain the differences between these numerous and distinct countries.
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