

Program Planner's Report (Yariv Tsfat, Vice Chair)

a) Volunteers

1. 161 reviewers from 22 countries; represented 35 research areas and 10 method areas; a total of 520 paper and panel reviews were completed.

b) Papers

1. 236 papers were submitted (an increase from 201 last year; we were the division with largest number of paper submissions).

2. 120 papers were accepted, for a 51 percent acceptance rate.

3. Average scores ranged from 1.48 to 5 with a cut-off of 3.29.

d) Panels:

1. There were 18 panel proposals submitted (all reviewed by three reviewers); 8 were accepted (44 percent acceptance rate).

2. Scores ranged from 1.56 to 4.22 with a cut-off of 3.33.

2. Our division originated 30 sessions (22 thematically-organized paper sessions and 8 panels), the poster session, and the business meeting and reception (thus, 33 sessions directly sponsored).

3. Division sessions appeared in most available time slots (sometimes with 2 per slot).

e) Co-sponsorships:

1. The division co-sponsored an additional 15 sessions

2. This figure includes two cross-unit sessions that we've initiated: one on "framing" and the other on "effects" as keywords in communication research.

3. Co-sponsors include 16 ICA divisions (Feminist Scholarship, Journalism Studies, Mass Communication, Philosophy of Communication, Visual Communication Popular Communication, Global Communication and social Change, Communication and Technology, Game Studies, Ethnicity and Race, Health Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Info Systems, Language and Social Interaction, Organizational Communication, Public Relations).

4. The division also co-sponsored a pre-conference on Media Ethics

f) Student participation.

1. 42 student papers were accepted.

2. To increase student participation, we tried to assign student chairs to as many of the papers sessions as possible.

g) Student travel awards. With matching funds from ICA, the division granted 4 awards, ranging from \$215 to \$300 including conference fee waivers:

Gonen Dori-Hacohen, University of Haifa

Sven Engesser, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich

Annika Rechmann, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich

Mary Dennis, University of California, Santa Barbara

h) Top papers:

1. Top faculty paper:

Young Min Baek, U. of Pennsylvania & Joseph N. Cappella, U. of Pennsylvania:
"When citizens meet experts: Effects of issue experts' mental models on citizens'
opinion as textual network"

2. Top student papers:

Craig Pinkerton, Ohio U.: "Calibrating Social Movement Rhetorical Theory: The
Politics of Loving-Kindness amidst the Exigencies in Burma"

Nuri Kim, Stanford U.: "The Role of Anger and Information in Deliberation"

Teresa Myers, Ohio State U.: "Communication and Foreign Policy Opinions:
Attention to News, Policy Framing, and Willingness to Engage"

i) Thanks

1. All of the division members who gave their time to the conference as
(respondents, presenters, authors and other duties). In particular I'd like to thank the
reviewers for their hard work, esp. those that got some extra work in the last days of
the review process.

2. My assistant Mary Katsman for all her incredible help

3. Patricia Moy and Kevin Barnhurst for all their dedicated help

3. etc.

I look forward to working on the 2009 conference in Singapore.