

ICA Political Communication Division 2016 Business Meeting Minutes (Fukuoka)

1. Welcome (Jesper Strömbäck)

- Meeting called to order Friday, June 10 at 5:00pm
- Approval of the 2015 Business Meeting Minutes (<http://www.politicalcommunication.org/2015ICAMinutes.pdf>; minutes approved)

2. Report from ICA Board of Directors meeting (Jesper Strömbäck)

- Midterm board meeting in DC in January and regular board meeting in Fukuoka
- Fukuoka: 4,027 paper submissions, 247 panel submissions
- 2,394 participants, longest conference ever
- Future session allocations will be based solely on submissions
- ICA financially healthy
- Publication royalties highly important
- Conferences break even
- ICA will increase allocation to divisions with 2\$/member
- Divisions will be able to carry over funds w/o limits
- New publisher from 2018: Oxford University Press
- New fellows: Patricia Moy, Dietram Scheufele, Dhavan Shah, David Ewoldsen
- Three new interest groups: Communication Science and Biology, Computational Methods, and Public Diplomacy.
- New rules for divisions and interest groups
 - Establishment interest group: from 1 to 3% of active members, a history of successful pre/post-conferences for three consecutive years.
 - Redesignation: if membership falls below 2% for two years, not enough submissions to gain 2 panel slots.
 - Establishment division groups: from 200 members to interest group with 5% or more of active members for two years and at least one successful review
 - Redesignation: if membership falls below 4% for two years, has repeated unsuccessful division review, not enough submissions to gain 4 panel slots.
- Two cases of plagiarism: check policies on website
- Future conferences:
 - 2017 SAN DIEGO
 - 2018 PRAGUE
 - 2019 WASHINGTON DC
 - 2020 GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA
 - 2021 DENVER
 - 2022 EUROPE TBD
 - 2023 TORONTO

3. Annual Report of the Division (Jesper Strömbäck)

- Co-sponsor of pre- and post-conferences:

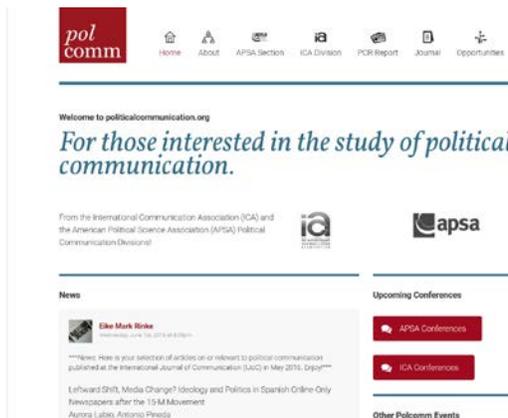
- “Populism in, by, and against the Media” (Benjamin Kramer, Kristoffer Holt, Nayla Fawzi & Sven Engesser)
- “Media Performance and Democracy: Defining and Measuring the Quality of News” (Josef Seethaler & Linards Udris)
- “Powers of Promotion: Apprehending the Social and Political Impacts of Promotionalism” (Melissa Aronczyk, Lee Edwards & Anu Marjaana Kantola)
- Division membership and finances
 - Membership: down from 862 (2014) to 767 (2016)
 - Division is financially healthy
- Budget overview

INCOME 2016		EXPENSES 2016	
\$4,404	ICA	\$3,000	Travel grants
\$3,750	T&F stipend	\$3,300	Awards/plaques
\$1,000	T&F reception	\$10,000	Conference (business meeting & reception)
\$30,272	Royalties	\$15,000	Summer School
		\$1,928	Website redesign
\$39,426	=TOTAL INCOME	\$33,228	=TOTAL EXPENSE

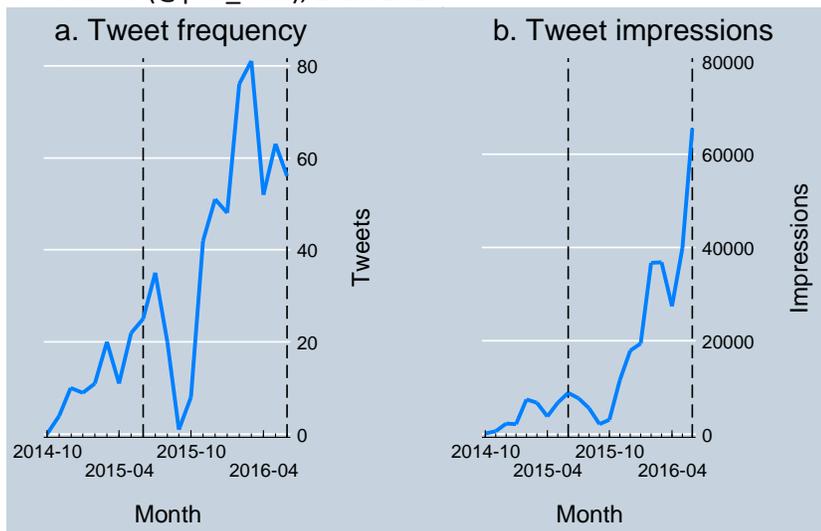
- Expected result 2016: \$6,198 + Budget from last year / Royalty funds: \$18,595 = Expected fund per 31-12-2016 \$24,793

- Journal Report (Claes de Vreese)
 - Team September 1, 2014
 - Editor: Claes de Vreese, U Amsterdam
 - Associate Editors: Kim Gross, Tamir Sheafer, Jesper Strömbäck
 - Renewed editorial board (3 y terms)
 - Changes
 - The journal now provides online first access
 - The journal joined DART (Data Access and Research Transparency Initiative): Data and treatment files online, must be uploaded
 - Symposium forthcoming
 - Special issue CfP: Studying Politics Across Media; DL: October 1, 2016. Guest Eds: Leticia Bode & Emily Vraga
 - From Book reviews to the Forum: Ed Mike Wagner, UW. “The Forum” can take the format of book reviews, but also could be essays, etc. (more timely, not fully abandoning the book review function)
 - Numbers

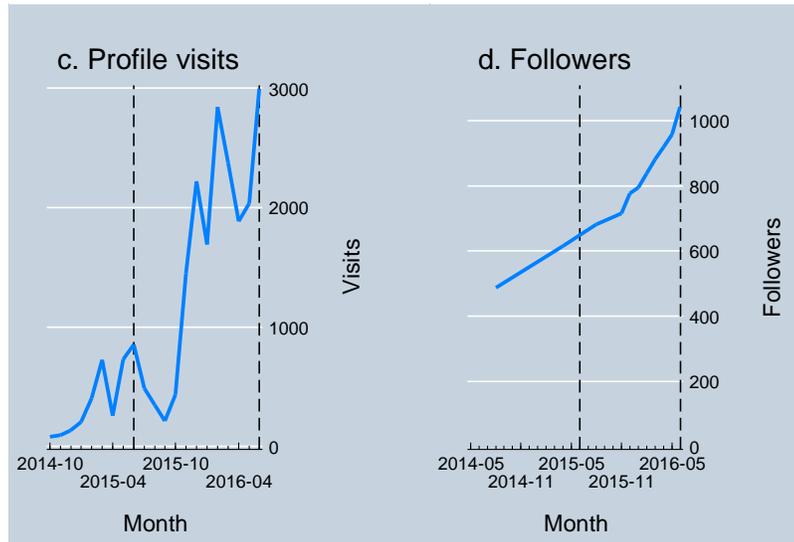
- June 2015 – June 2016
 - 299 submissions, 264 with decision
 - Acceptance rate in past year: 12%
 - Desk rejects: 37%
 - Average time submission to 1st decision: 54 days
- Political Communication Report & Social Media (Eike Mark Rinke)
 - <http://www.politicalcommunication.org/>
 - Past volume features:
 - Roundtable on Jennifer Stromer-Galley’s “Presidential Campaigning in the Internet Age”
 - Article series on “Political Communication in Transitional and Non-Democratic Contexts: Challenges, Issues, and Directions for Research”
 - Report on “Advertising Data for Political Communication Research”
 - Interviews with PolComm Best Paper Awardees
 - ...
 - Upcoming PCR Issue 2016 first to appear in new design, which is mobile responsive



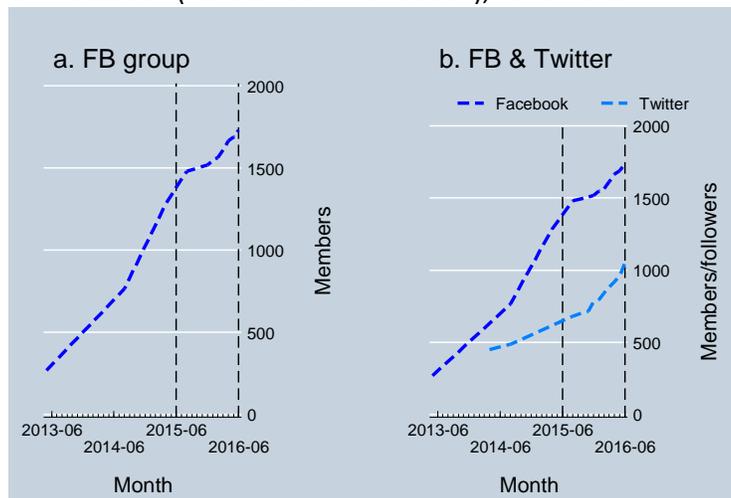
- Social Media
 - Twitter (@poli_com), 2014-2016



* Note: Growth is percent change from mean of first three datapoints in 2014 to mean of last three datapoints in 2016.



o Facebook (Political Communication), 2013-2016



Note: Growth is percent change from first datapoint (May 2013) to last datapoint (June 2016).

o PCR & Social Media: Miscellaneous

- Additional channels:
 - LinkedIn: ~ 5000 members
 - Flickr: divisions' visual memory
- Discontinued channels:
 - Academic Room
 - Academia.edu

o **Perennial advice: Make sure to subscribe to our information services!**

o Thank you to all of you for three years of communication with and for the PolComm community!

4. Program planner's report (Peter Van Aelst)

- Submissions, reviews, acceptance
 - Individual submissions: 349 + Panel submissions: 16 = Total: 365 (312 papers and 8 panels in Puerto Rico 2015)
 - Acceptance rate individual submissions: 177 papers= 49% (Puerto Rico: 47%; Seattle: 44%). Acceptance rate panel submissions: 7 panels= 44% (Puerto Rico: 37%; Seattle 25%)
 - 41 sessions + business meeting and reception + interactive poster session (Puerto Rico: 34)
 - Number of reviewers: 261! (Puerto Rico: 251; Seattle: 208; London: 182)
Average of 3,8 reviews
We need more people to fill in the reviewer survey so the reviews can be better matched. Note: reviewer system is under pressure: 'only' 158 people filled in the reviewer survey

THANKS TO ALL REVIEWERS FOR VOLUNTEERING

- Paper presenters: Geographical spread (based on university of first author)

US	66	Norway	2
Germany	28	Japan	2
Netherlands	21	Belgium	2
Israel	10	Turkey	1
Switzerland	9	Czech republic	1
UK	8	Spain	1
South Korea	8	Russia	1
Hong Kong	8	Greece	1
Sweden	7	Finland	1
Denmark	7	Chili	1
Austria	6	Canada	1
Singapore	4	Brazil	1
China	3	South Africa	1

5. Awards

- Travel Grants:
 - Caroline Avila
 - Andrea Masini
 - Shin Haeng Lee
 - Carlotta Nardi
 - Christiane Grill
 - Alon Zoizner
 - Ruth Garland
 - David Clementson
- Best Paper Award

Lukas Otto, University of Koblenz-Landau (Germany), Beyond simple valence: Discrete emotions as mediators of political communication effects on trust in politicians

- Top Student Paper Awards
 - Measuring Political Thinking: Development and Validation of a Scale for “Deliberation Within,” Carina Weinmann, University of Mannheim
 - Do Voting Applications Narrow the Digital Divide? A Quasi-Experiment, Jasper van de Pool, University of Amsterdam/ASCoR and colleagues
 - Je Suis Charlie? The framing of ingroup transgression and the attribution of responsibility for the Charlie Hebdo attack; Nathan Walter; Stefanie Demetriades; Ruthie Kelly; Traci Gillig, University of Southern California - Annenberg School for Communication
- Kaid-Sanders Award
 - Committee Members: Lauren Feldman (chair), Rutgers U, USA; Lindita Camaj, U of Houston, USA; Johanna Dunaway, Harvard U, USA; Ulrike Klinger, U of Zurich, Switzerland; Michael Meffert, U of Leiden, The Netherlands
 - Roughly 1,400 articles in 2015; roughly 550 classified as “political communication”
 - Procedures:
 1. All eligible articles were divided among the committee.
 2. Each member read \pm 110 articles and nominated a short list of maximum 3.
 3. This process produced 12 nominated articles which were read, reviewed, and ranked by all committee members.
 - And the “ICA Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Division Article of 2015” award goes to...

Conroy-Krutz, J., & Moehler, D. C. (2015). Moderation from bias: A field experiment on partisan media in a new democracy. *The Journal of Politics*, 77(2), 575-587.
- David Swanson Award
 - The David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication Scholarship recognizes distinguished and sustained contributions to the field as planners, editors, and leaders and in roles that require time and energy, innovation, and personal dedication. The award honors David Swanson, one of the founders of political communication who gave exemplary service to the ICA Political Communication Division and the APSA Political Communication Section.
 - And the winner of the 2016 David Swanson Award is...: Shanto Iyengar

6. New Award Structure

At last year’s business meeting it was decided that a task force should be appointed with the task of overseeing and recommend new guidelines for the award of the Political Communication Division.

The task force consisted of Claes de Vreese (Chair), Peter Van Aelst and Christine Filer. Based on their report, the following decisions were taken:

- The Kaid-Sanders Best Article of the Year Award (approved, one abstention)
 - CURRENT SITUATION: This is an annual award. The winner is selected by a special committee who basically goes through all articles on political communication published in established journals during the year before (i.e., the 2016 award is given for the best article in 2015). This process is very thorough, and while it ensures that virtually all articles are taken into account, it also requires very much from the members of the award committee.
 - PROPOSAL: The committee recommends that the annual award is kept but that the award is given on the basis of nominations (max 1 per person), which may include self-nominations. The committee and division is extremely appreciative of recent years' committees, but also consider it a virtually impossible task to continue to current set up, given the proliferation of journals and political communication scholarship in general. The committee recommends limiting the nominations to the list of journals that is currently used by the award committees (including most communication, political science, journalism, and public opinion journals with a political communication focus). We recommend making this list publicly available and to update the list once every four year (a task for the division leadership rather than the ad hoc award committee).
 - The award comes with a plaque and a 500 USD cash prize.

- Best Dissertation Award (approved)
 - CURRENT SITUATION: The best dissertation award was given for the first time in 2013. It was supposed to be given also in 2015, but since only one dissertation was nominated the chair decided not to give out the award in 2015. The next time it will be given is 2017.
 - PROPOSAL: The committee recommends that the biannual award is kept. The committee recommends these guidelines:
 - The award is biannual and is handed out for the best dissertation defended in the two years preceding the year in which the award is given (i.e., 2015-2016 for the award to be given in 2017, etc).
 - The award is nomination-based, and self-nominations are possible.
 - All materials must be submitted in English. [This is a limitation, yet national language materials cannot be judged, comparatively, by a committee.]
 - The award committee judges each nominated dissertation on several criteria including the importance of the problem/topic it addresses, the strength of evidence it presents, and the significance of its conclusions.
 - The committee will also consider the overall contribution of the research to the field and the relationship of the submission to the mission of the division.

- The nomination package should include:
 - a) A publication from the dissertation. This can be an exemplary article or chapter from the dissertation. Both published and un-published articles can be submitted. Alternatively, a 35-page (max) outline of the dissertation can be submitted. Co-authored articles are permitted, but the PhD student must be the lead author on a piece.
 - b) A memo (max 2 pages) outlining the overall thrust and evidence in the dissertation as well as an overview of any other publications stemming from the dissertation (either published, under review, or in press).
 - c) Dated evidence of successful defense
 - d) A nomination letter from a scholar outside the school where the candidate defended, outlining the merits of the dissertation.
 - The award comes with a plaque and a 500 USD cash prize.

- Top Faculty (approved) and Top Student Paper (approved, 1 abstain) Awards
 - o CURRENT SITUATION: These awards are given at the business meeting of the division at the annual conference. At present the division gives one (1) Top Faculty Award that is awarded with 500 dollars and a plaque and three (3) Top Student Paper Awards that are awarded with a certificate. In some years a monetary award has also been given for the Top Student Papers. The winners are those with the highest ranking in the review process, so there is no special process for selecting the winners. The division also gives a Top Poster Award to the paper that is scheduled in a poster session and that received the highest rating in the review process. Thus, the award is based on the paper rather than the poster.

With respect to the Top Student Paper Awards, all papers with at least one student as an author are currently considered eligible. However, it has been discussed whether only papers that are written by students only should be eligible or whether a student has to be first author for the paper to be eligible.
 - o PROPOSAL: The committee recommends that all awards types are kept, but that the number, rules, and perks are adjusted. Specifically the committee recommends:
 - The division hands out 3 faculty paper awards to the 3 highest ranking papers from the evaluations. If one of these is a student-authored paper, the award is given to this paper.
 - The division hands out 3 PhD student (*) paper awards. These are awarded to the 3 highest ranking PhD-student first-author papers. If all of these are co-authored papers, the 2 highest ranking PhD-student first-authored paper AND the highest ranking PhD sole-author paper are awarded the 3 awards. This rule gives space for different types of PhD projects and paper

submissions. If there are no first- or sole-authored PhD papers in the top 50% of the evaluations, fewer awards can be given.

- (*) A PhD student is defined as the status of the candidate on the ICA submission deadline (typically in November). Graduation date is the date printed on the diploma (given cross national differences in viva's, exams, defenses etc).
- The division hands out one Top Poster Award to the paper that is scheduled in a poster session and that received the highest rating in the review process. (approved)
- All these awards come with a printed certificate and no monetary rewards.

7. Other Business

• Upcoming Conferences

- Francois Heinderyckx speaks about issues this year (lack of wifi, long lines for lunch)
- San Diego: hotel is another Hilton, will be between the boardwalk & beach, overflow hotels are walking distance
- "making and doing exhibitions" - showing research in novel ways (installations?)
- taking suggestions for 2022 conference - somewhere in Europe?

• International Encyclopedia of Political Communication (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

- Gianpietro Mazzoleni announced the recently launched International Encyclopedia of Political Communication, of which he was the lead editor.

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- **Summer School in 2016:** The Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan (Italy) and the Political Communication Division (ICA) will together organize the 5th edition of the International Summer School of Political Communication and Electoral Behavior. This year's theme will be "Changing Media Environments, Changing Democracies", and the summer school will be held 18-23 July 2016 in Milan.
- **Graduate Student Preconference San Diego 2017**
- **International Journal of Press/Politics Book Award** – Rasmus Kleis Nielsen announced that the book award, based on nominations, was Andrew Chadwick for *Hybrid Media* (Phil Howard accepted for him)
- **PhD dissertation Award; next in 2017**
- **New Young Scholar Activity Committee**
- **Need a new editor of PCR and Social Media as Eike Mark Rinke's term is running out by January 2017.**

8. Thanks to all volunteers

- International Liaison
 - i. Sebastian Valenzuela (Catholic U of Chile)

- Young Scholar Activity Committee
 - i. Sabine Geers (chair) (U of Amsterdam)
 - ii. Eran Amsalam (Hebrew U)
 - iii. Alex Curry (UT at Austin)
- Graduate Student Representative
 - i. Christine Filer (U of Arizona)
- Nominations Committee
 - i. Patricia Moy (chair) (U of Washington)
 - ii. Lauren Feldman (Rutgers U)
 - iii. David Nicolas Hopmann (U of Southern Denmark)

9. Next Year

- Peter van Aelst (Antwerp U), Chair
- Kimberly Gross (George Washington U), Vice Chair and Program Planner
- Thomas Zerback (Ludwig-Maximilians U), Secretary and Treasurer

10. Adjourn - 5:45 PM