Forward calls for papers /job offers for students/early careers to our social media person
Serve as a member of the SECAC (=organization of young scholars);
Liaison for students-young scholars
Provide “free space” for own ideas and initiatives. One of these ideas is to organize an event for student/early career scholars in the years that there is no PhD pre-conference.

5. Report on the journal (Claes de Vreese)

- The journal’s current editors are: Claes de Vreese (Editor), Kim Gross, Tamir Sheafer, Jesper Strömbäck (Associate Editors)
- Attention is drawn to DART (data access and research transparency) which is playing an increasing role in political science. DART requires researchers publishing their work to provide data access and to engage in production transparency and analytic transparency. Journal editors are asked to develop respective guidelines and policies in the future, too.
- The “Forum” within the journal is very popular on downloads. Any ideas can be sent to Mike Wagner (U of Wisconsin Madison)
- The amount of visitors during the “Meet the Editor” session on Friday in the Taylor & Francis booth was manageable. It will be repeated again next year.
- One special issue is forthcoming on “Studying Politics Across Media” (guest editors: Emily K. Vraga & Leticia Bode)
- A call for another special issue is currently available (deadline: October 15th 2017) on “New Approaches to Methods and Measurement in the Study of Political Communication Effects” (guest editors: Yanna Krupnikov & Kathleen Searles), see: http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/ah/upcp-march2017
- Overview: Between May 2016 and May 2017 the journal received 294 submissions with an acceptance rate of 12%, 36% of all submissions were desk rejected. The average time from submission to decision was 51 days. In favor of all authors the journal attempts to shorten this time interval continuously.
6. Program planner report (Kimberly Gross)

- We had a total of 355 submissions for the 2017 conference, including 15 panel- and 340 Paper submissions. This was slightly less than in Fukuoka 2016 (349 papers, 16 panels) and San Juan 2015 (312 papers, 8 panels).
- Acceptance rate for paper submissions was 49% (168 papers) and 40% (6) for panel submissions.
- Papers were distributed across 22 countries, with a large share stemming from the US and Europe: US 92, Netherlands 19, Germany 18, Switzerland 9, Israel 9, Denmark 8, UK 6, Sweden 5, Austria 4, Italy 4, Norway 4, Hong Kong 3, Singapore 3, Argentina 1, Australia 1, Belgium 1, Brazil 1, Chile 1, China 1, Korea 1, Mexico 1, Taiwan 1.
- All in all the Division had 40 sessions at the conference + business meeting and reception + interactive poster session (Fukuoka: 41; Puerto Rico: 34)
- 273 reviewer volunteered (Fukuoka: 261; Puerto Rico: 251) reviewing 3.8 papers on average. **THANKS TO ALL REVIEWERS FOR VOLUNTEERING!**
- But: The reviewer system is under pressure: 183 filled in the political communication reviewer survey, some additional individuals volunteered through ICA website. For upcoming conferences, please volunteer to review for the section.
- This year **best paper** awards went to:
  - *Bridging Gaps in Cross-Cutting Media Exposure: The Role of Public Service Broadcasting* - Laia Castro Herrero, University of Fribourg; Lilach Nir, Hebrew University and Morten Skovsgaard, University of Southern Denmark
  - *How the Chinese Government Fabricates Social Media Posts for Strategic Distraction, not Engaged Argument* - Jennifer Pan, Stanford University; Gary King, Harvard University and Margaret Roberts, University of California San Diego
  - *Populism in the Press: A Comparative Analysis of Ten Countries* - Sven Engesser, Nicole Ernst, Florin Buechel and Frank Esser, University of Zurich
  - *From Distribution Channels to Active Intermediaries: How Technology firms Shape Political Communication* - Daniel Kreiss, University North Carolina and Shannon McGregor, University of Texas
- The **top student paper** awards went to:
• Understanding Citizenship, Understanding Social Media? Digital Media's Effects on Understanding of Citizenship and Political Participation - Jakob Ohme & Erik Albaek, University of Southern Denmark
• Lying Press: Three Levels of Perceived Media Bias and their Relationship to Political Attributes - Jakob-Moritz Eberl, University of Vienna

The top poster award went to:
• The search for common ground in conflict news research. Comparing international conflict coverage over time – Christian Baden and Keren Tennenboim-Weinblatt

7. Travel grants (Thomas Zerback)
• This year the division awarded a total of $3500 of travel grants to the following students: Yang Yunkang, Eike Mark Rinke, Eran Amsalem, Larisa Doroshenko, Shannon McGregor, Nir Noon Nave, Aysenur Dal, Chen Kaiping, Kwansik Mun, Yazdani MD, Raphael Kösters
8. **Awards: Kaid-Sanders Best Article of the Year (Sophie Lecheler)**

- Committee members: Sophie Lecheler (chair), U of Vienna, Austria, Kate Kenski, U of Arizona, USA, Lance Bennett, U of Washington, USA, Toshio Takeshita, Meiji U, Japan, Frank Esser, U of Zurich, Switzerland
- A new procedure was applied: Until last year the winner was selected by a special committee who went through all articles on political communication published in established journals during the year before. Since this became too much work the annual award is from now on given on the basis of nominations.
- There were 19 nominations overall, stemming from top journals such as Political Communication, POQ, IJPP, Presidential Studies Quarterly, JoC, HCR ... etc
- Nominations reviewed according to: (1) importance of the topic, (2) theoretical depth, (3) strength of evidence, (4) significance of its conclusions