9. **Awards: Outstanding PhD (Erik Bucy)**
   - Committee members: Toril Aalberg, Norwegian U of Science and Technology (chair), Erik Bucy, Texas Tech University, Michael Xenos, U of Wisconsin
   - Honorable mention: Benjamin Toff for his dissertation entitled “The Blind Scorekeepers, Journalism, Polling and the Battle to Define Public Opinion in American Politics”. Katherine Jean Cramer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison was his advisor. Dr. Rinke completed his doctoral degree at the University of Mannheim under the direction of Dr. Hartmut Wessler
   - The award went to: Eike Mark Rinke for his dissertation: "Justificatory News: Investigating the Contextual Antecedents of Justification in the News"

10. **IJPP book award (Rasmus Kleis-Nielsen)**

11. **Next year’s activities**
    - ICA elections (chair, student, regional member)
    - Election of a new secretary + vice chair (fall)
    - Nominating committee (Jesper Strömbäck, Kjerstin Thorson, Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt)
    - Milan Summer School in 2018
    - The Division expresses thanks to all helpers and organizers: Kim Gross, Michael Xenos, Thomas Zerback, Claes de Vreese, Kjerstin Thorson, Kate Kenski, Sebastian Valenzuela, Toril Aalberg, Erik Bucy, Sophie Lecheler, Lance Bennett, Toshio Takeshita, Frank Esser, Shannon McGregor, Gianpietro Mazzoleni, Frank Marckinkowski, Yariv Tsfati, Jörg Matthes
    - All award winners stayed for photos after the business meeting

12. **Reception: The reception took place at Joe’s Crab Shack**