

Annual Report to the International Communication Association

(i) For the ICA Board Meeting, June 2013

(ii) For the ICA Annual Report, June 2013

Division/Interest Group: ...**Communication History**.....

Chair: ... **Philip Lodge**.....

Vice chair: **Richard Popp**.....

Report

The most significant development for CHIG in 2012-13 is that we are ready to seek Divisional status at the June 2013 Board meeting. The Association's criterion for this is that an interest group must have had 200 or more active members for a period of two consecutive calendar years. Having been founded in May 2007, our membership numbers over the past two years have been:

April 2011..... 217

April 2012..... 225

May 2013..... 277.

We are therefore hopeful that our motion for Divisional status will be successful.

The Interest Group elected a new, incoming Secretary in the autumn of 2012. Nicole Maurantonio (University of Richmond, Virginia) will take over from Deb Lubken after the London 2013 Conference. We are grateful to Deb for her service.

CHIG received more submissions for London 2013 than for any previous conference, with over 100 individual papers and panels being proposed. In order to help accommodate a reasonable proportion of these, we have scheduled our first high density session. Another innovation this year is the CHIG Family Breakfast, an informal event open to all Interest Group members and their families.

Our Top Paper Awards this year have been won by Annie Rudd , University of Columbia (Top Student Paper) and Carlos Scolari, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.

We are sponsoring *New Histories of Communication Study* as our pre-conference in London, and its significant programme is proving attractive.

Internationalising our membership beyond North America and Western Europe remains a priority, and plans to help us do this will be discussed at our Business Meeting in London.