

Annual Report to the International Communication Association

- (i) For the ICA Board Meeting, May, 2015
- (ii) For the ICA Annual Report, June, 2015

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

Chair: **Richard Popp**

Vice chair: **David Park**

Report

Membership: CHD's numbers (237) declined from their height following Seattle. The division's membership is largely comprised of North American and European scholars, so with Fukuoka travel costs in mind, we anticipate a similar trend for 2015-16 as non-attending members allow their ICA memberships to lapse. To offset these declines, the group aims to build more connections with scholars at Pacific-based universities working in the areas of media and cultural history. Even still, we worry about the potential of ICA's revised member-number requirements leading to a "demotion" from divisional status.

Committee developments: Josh Lauer was elected secretary. The division also recruited a Graduate Representative (Caroline Jack) and EYS Representative (Dominique Trudel). In summer 2015, the next vice-chair will be elected.

Top Paper Awards: Michael Meyen and Anke Fiedler (overall) for their work on the East German public sphere and Eleanor Marchant (student) for her intellectual history work on Herbert Schiller.

San Juan Preconference: "Communications and the State" (organized by Gene Allen and Michael Stamm) drew much interest and the program brought together media scholars from several fields (communication, history, and others).

Internationalization: The division had a successful year. In addition to recruiting a Francophone EYS representative, top-paper honors went to scholars from German and Belgian universities and the preconference program is highly international (nine nations, four continents). As noted above, we hope to make more connections at Pacific-based universities in the next year.

The division remains concerned about the issue of Chicago Style in ICA journals, and more generally, the lack of publishing space for historical and humanist research in ICA journals. Vice-chair Dave Park has served on the task force looking into this issue.