

NEWSFORUM

Notes from Quebec City: Communications scholars from across the country met at Laval June 6-8, for the gathering of the Canadian Communications Association, in conjunction with the Learned Societies fo Canada meetings. Highlights in case you could not make it:

The Canadian Journal of Communication elected new board members Jean McNulty, a scholar working for the Ontario Government, Tom McPhail from the University of Calgary, and Donald Theall, currently treasurer. Congratulations, all. * The CJC is proud of the progress made over the past two years, and the exciting plans for the next year. Now it is time to ensure that we spread the word. A major push is on to attract new subscribers, but we need your help. Suggest to students that subscribing is one way to keep up with the field in Canada (student rate \$20). The special issues are valuable teaching tools. If you are organizing a conference, let us know so we can send subscriber information. Above all, if you have not renewed, RENEW NOW. * At a wine and cheese party organized with our sister French-language journals, the CJC honoured second editor Eugene Tate, retiring book review editor Akira Ichikawa (Lethbridge), and departing associate editor Liss Jeffrey (McGill). Editor Gertrude Robinson's moving and humourous presentation was warmly applauded by the many scholars in attendance.*

Other news: At the Canadian Communications Association meeting, Florian Sauvageau (Laval) was elected president, and new board members are Deirdre Grondin (UNB) and Claude Martin (Montreal). CCA fees have increased to \$25 for students, and \$65 for members, effective immediately. The increase is prompted in part (says Carleton's Paul Attallah, one of this year's conference organizers) by the decision to establish a new permanent secretariat for the CCA, probably in Montreal.*

Attallah and Jim Winter (Windsor) have organized a venture into electronic publishing of scholarly papers.

The "International Electronic Journal of Communication" is the proposed name for this electronic mail format journal, which may be ready this fall. The CJC welcomes this prospective effort to adapt the newer technologies to the needs of our field. Winter is in the Department of Communications at Windsor, where he would answer any questions. His e-mail number is: B13@Windsor1. For those technological illiterates among the readership, this may be a great excuse to learn about BitNet, CCANet, and more. For all, the CJC is confident of its quality, substance, and style: our technology may not be the latest, but so long as we continue to receive the best work in the field, we will deliver it to you. There is room for many initiatives, and the more publishing opportunities for scholars, the better for the field. *

Thanks goes to the hard working ever congenial Roger de la Garde, from Laval, and his equally hard-working colleague Paul Attallah for their efforts as organizers. Next year the Learned Societies meeting will be held in Victoria, British Columbia. CCA organizers are (West Coast) David Mitchell and (East Coast) Robert Saucier.*

Other business: *Children's television*, published jointly by the Children's Broadcast Institute (Toronto) and the Centre for Youth and Media Studies (University of Montreal), is available free of charge from The Children's Broadcast Institute, 234 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 405, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1K5. The 40 page booklet includes Rainsberry on what makes quality children's tv; Duncan on Media Literacy; a Sesame Street retrospective; and more. * October 1-3 is the Seventeenth Annual Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, at Airlie House, Washington, D.C. 20036. * The International Sociology Association is holding its twelfth Congress in Madrid next July. The Research Committee on Communication, Knowledge, and Culture will be holding sessions of interest to communications scholars. More information can be obtained from Miguel de Aguilera, Departamento de Comunicacion, Facultad de Ciencias de la Informacion, Ciudad Universitaria. 28040 Madrid (Spain). Fax 34-1-5640182.

Errata: CJC 14:1, *Documents of Canadian Broadcasting* edited by Richard Bird, was published by Carleton University Press. Oxford University Press marketed the book, which is available from either press. * An error crept into the tribute to scholar Thelma McCormack. The Research Branch of the CBC was established by Neal Morrison, and not by Bob McCormack as stated. The CJC regrets this error, and is pleased to recognize (even in this minor way) the many contributions to Canadian broadcasting made by Neal Morrison, who was also a key presence at last fall's conference "Beyond the Printed Word" in Ottawa. *

Several Books are available for review: Kevin Wilson's *Technologies of Control: The New Interactive Media for the Home* (1988); Pierre Belanger, *Recherche Bibliographique: Impacts culturels et linguistiques de la consommation de produits culturels étrangers (émissions de télévision et musique de la radio)* (1988).

Review of French language books are welcome in French or English. There are many more books available for review. Prospective reviewers are encourage to contact our NEW BOOK REVIEW EDITOR Walt Romanow at University of Windsor, Department of Communications, 501 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, Ontario. Reviews should be three pages, double spaced, and must be submitted in duplicate and accompanied by a clearly labelled disc copy (where available). *

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