Section Chair 2011 – 2012:
Maura Conway (Dublin City University)

Conference Programme Chair 2011 – 2012:
Selçan Kaynak (Bogazici University)
Incoming Section Chair 2012 – 2013

Executive Committee:
Cristina Archetti (2011-13), University of Salford
Edward Comor (2010-2012), University of Western Ontario
Shawn Powers (2011-13), Georgia State University
Jenifer Whitten-Woodring (2010-2012), University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Membership

The section is very healthy. Our present membership is 152 (up from 138 in Jan. 2010, according to ISA HQ) and we have been growing steadily for the past five years.

ISA Annual Convention 2011, Montréal

ISA 2011 took place in Montréal, Canada from March 16 to 19, 2011.

IComm Panels and Roundtables
Altogether, there were 22 IComm items—IComm-only and co-sponsored—on the programme in Montréal, consisting of 18 traditional panels, 2 roundtables, and 2 poster sessions. Maura Conway (Dublin City University) was the IComm Convention Programme Chair for the 2011 convention.

Joint IComm Business Meeting and Reception
The joint IComm Business Meeting-Reception, co-sponsored by Phil Seib (University of Southern California), the journal War, Media and Conflict, and Sage Publishers, took place at the Centre Sheraton Montréal from 6:30-8:30 pm on Friday, March 18, 2011. Section business transacted at the meeting included:

- Award of the IComm Best Paper Award 2010 to Ronald Deibert, Rafal Rohozinski, and Masashi Crete-Nishihata for ‘Cyclones in Cyberspace: Information Shaping and Denial in the 2008 South Ossetia War,’ which has since been published in Security Dialogue (Vol. 43, No. 1, 2012)
- Formation of the Section’s Best Paper Award Committee 2011
- Transfer of section chairing duties from Ken Rogerson (Duke University) to 2011 – 2012 Chair, Maura Conway (Dublin City University).
The Meeting-Reception was followed by a no-host dinner attended by some 20 section members at a nearby restaurant.

**Best Paper Award**
IComm’s Best Paper Award Committee 2011 was formed at the Section’s *Joint Business Meeting-Reception* in Montréal. The Committee was chaired by Babak Bahador (University of Canterbury) and also included Craig Hayden (American University) and Shawn Powers (Georgia State University). The Committee unanimously decided to award Best Paper 2011 to R.S. Zahana (American University) for her paper ‘Relational Spheres and the Primacy of Domestic and Diaspora Publics in Global Public Diplomacy.’ The award will officially be made at the joint IComm Business Meeting-Reception in San Diego.

**ISA Annual Convention 2012, San Diego**
ISA 2012 will take place in San Diego, California from Sunday, April 1 to Wednesday, April 4. The theme of the San Diego conference is ‘Power, Principles and Participation in the Global Information Age’ thus presenting a great opportunity for all of us in IComm.

**Pre-Convention Working Group**
IComm is supporting the Pre-Convention Working Group on ‘New Media and Foreign Policy,’ which was created largely in response to the Arab Spring and political revolution in North Africa and the Middle East. This Working Group is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Analysis section and coordinated by Amy Below (Oregon State University) and Jarrod Hayes (Georgia Institute of Technology), and will feature as presenters/facilitators, ISA IComm stalwarts Phil Seib (University of Southern California), Laura Roselle (Elon University & Duke University), and Bob Boynton (University of Iowa).

**IComm Panels and Roundtables**
Altogether, there will be 37 IComm items—IComm-only and co-sponsored—on the programme in San Diego, consisting of 30 traditional panels, 4 roundtables, 2 poster sessions, and 1 innovative panel.

Given the 2012 convention theme, IComm is co-sponsoring a large number of panels and roundtables in San Diego, including with the Conference Theme; Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies; Diplomatic Studies; Ethnicity, Nationalism & Migration Studies; Environmental Studies; Feminist Theory & Gender Studies; Foreign Policy Analysis; Human Rights; International Organisation; International Security Studies; Peace Studies; Scientific Studies of International Processes; and the Women’s Caucus.

Selçan Kaynak (Bogazici University) is the IComm Convention Programme Chair for the 2012 convention.

**Joint IComm Business Meeting and Reception**
We will, as always, be hosting a joint IComm Business Meeting-Reception in San Diego. This has been scheduled for 7pm on Monday, 2 April (i.e. directly after the ISA President's address). The Reception is being jointly sponsored by Routledge

**Other**

*Virtual Meetings*
IComm’s Executive Committee engages in virtual ‘meetings’ approximately four times yearly between ISA conventions. The ‘meetings’ are conducted using Adobe Connect, which is made possible through the good offices of IComm past-Chair, Ken Rogerson (Duke University).

*Newsletter*
The most recent issue of *The Catalyst: Information, Communication, and Politics*, the joint newsletter of the ISA IComm section and the Information Technology and Politics Organised Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), appeared in Fall 2011 (Vol. 7, Iss.2). ISA IComm member Julien Mailland (University of Southern California) is *The Catalyst’s* current editor.

*ISA-British International Studies Association Joint Conference*
An ISA-British International Studies Association (BISA) Joint Conference will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland on June 20 – 22, 2012. The conference theme is ‘Diversity in the Discipline: Tension or Opportunity in Responding to Global Challenges.’ An IComm-sponsored roundtable entitled ‘Real Time Diplomacy: Politics and Power in the Social Media’ and featuring a number of IComm members appears on the programme.