

**DATE: August 4, 2017**

**SUBJECT: ICA Communication Science & Biology IG: Call for Nominations, etc.**

Dear Members of ICA's CSaB Interest Group!

I hope you all have a terrific and productive summer! I would like to call your attention to a few important issues and deadlines for our interest group:

1) Call for Nominations: At the end of the 2018 conference in Prague, I will hand over the Chair position to our Vice-Chair Emily Falk. This means that we need to elect a new Vice-Chair/Chair (4 years term) and also a new Secretary (2 years term) this Fall. If you are interested in one of these two positions, and you are a member of our interest group, please nominate yourself or someone else who has agreed to be nominated. You can find details regarding the responsibilities and duties of our vice-chair and secretary here: <http://csab.commscience.org/announcements> or directly in our bylaws which you can access here [http://csab.commscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ica\\_csab\\_bylaws.pdf](http://csab.commscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ica_csab_bylaws.pdf) (section 7). Send your information (name, position/title, affiliation) and a 300-word election statement (background; why you like to become a CSaB officer) to Emily Falk (emily.falk@asc.upenn.edu) or to me (renew@ucsb.edu) no later than August 11, 2017 so that we can forward your nomination to ICA in time. As outgoing Chair I would like to encourage all, especially junior faculty members, to consider serving our interest group. It's a wonderful, diverse, and interesting community, with an important mission, it's worth it!

2) 2017 Business Meeting Minutes: The minutes of our 2017 business meeting in San Diego are now posted at our website. Please find them here: <http://csab.commscience.org/archives>

3) CSaB Membership: We are currently at 124 active members, which is great for a young interest group. We would like to keep all members and perhaps add a few more supporters to our membership by the time of the next ICA conference in Prague. If you renew your membership, please make sure you add the Communication Science & Biology Interest Group Membership to your profile. If you know someone who you think should be a member of our interest group, please encourage this person to become a member. It is as simple as sending an email to Kristine Rosa (krosa@icahdq.org) or to membership@icahdq.org indicating that you wish to add the Communication Science & Biology Interest Group to your membership. Please help us and encourage interested colleagues and students to join us! Among the many benefits of becoming a CSaB members is featuring your lab or research group on our website (<http://csab.commscience.org/member-labs>). To have your lab listed, simply (1) join CSaB as a Member, and (2) email your lab's details to Richard Huskey (huskey.29@osu.edu). We are very proud to help promote our Member's exciting scholarship.

4) Call for Papers for 2018 ICA Conference in Prague: As you probably already know, our call for papers for the 2018 conference in Prague is available here: [http://csab.commscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/csab\\_cfp2018.pdf](http://csab.commscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/csab_cfp2018.pdf). Please check our call and consider submitting your work to our interest group. The more submissions we receive, the more presentation slots will be assigned to our interest group from ICA. Our Vice-Chair Emily Falk will be the planner for the 2018 conference and she will email you further details and reminders in separate emails.

5) Website + Twitter: And as always, please visit our website (<http://csab.commscience.org>) and active twitter account (@ICA\_CSaB). Check us out, give us a follow, and tweet us if you have news or research that you would like to see promoted!

Thank you all for your continued input and support! I look forward to meeting you in Prague.

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