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From the President:

Caroline Hatcher

Our 2009 year has been a busy one with many successes and some sadness. With our 2009 conference behind us, the Executive team and our Vice President for South America, Javier de Protzel, have been urgently seeking to secure a good venue in South America for our 2011 conference. At this stage, we are still working to secure a site with two good leads still in train. We will need to decide within the next two months, and our Number 1/2010 newsletter from our new Secretary-General, Mark Orbe, will hopefully be able to announce the outcome.

We also have the sadness of the loss of Nancy Hoar in recent weeks. Nancy passed away leaving her dear husband Marion, children, and 9 grandchildren to miss her dearly, as we at WCA will. Nancy's role on the Board as WCA Member-at-Large over the last four years has been an important one and we will miss her commitment to WCA, love of life, and her academic presence.

I encourage you all, as we face the new year, to actively seek to foster WCA through your participation in our events and also through encouraging others, including a new and young generation of scholars,

to join us. Please get your 2010 membership renewal to Mark Orbe as soon as possible. Taylor & Francis are keen to help us to market our association and we are looking for ways to do this with their help. Any ideas are welcomed.

As her final task, the ever diligent and capable Secretary-General for 2008-2009, Judith Hoover, has completed a thorough handover to new Secretary-General Mark Orbe and I would like to thank her for all her support and her contributions to WCA. We look forward to seeing Judith in 2011 looking happy and relaxed and enjoying her deserved sense of satisfaction at a job well done. Mark has included his first message and invitation to you all later in the newsletter.

From Judith:

Thanks again, everyone, for the wonderful cooperation you have given me during these last two years. Above all, I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Ireland conference, and look forward to seeing you again at our future meetings.

I'd like to include a note here about our dear friend and colleague, Nancy Hoar. Those who came to Ireland heard Nancy present Susan Applbaum's recollections of WCA, interspersed with Nancy's own, often humorous, memories. Nancy and her husband, Marion, were there almost from the beginning of WCA and Nancy has been an invaluable member for many years. As an At-Large Member of the Board of Directors, Nancy gave careful consideration to the issues important to WCA. She worked closely with Carolyn Calloway-Thomas to plan and implement the 25th year founding celebration. She enlisted the excellent work of her student, Elizabeth Graham of Western New England College, to create a pictorial view of WCA over the years. Nancy also invited and encouraged Elizabeth to conduct interviews in order to construct a "student perspective of WCA," which became part of the celebration. I'm sure I speak for many of us in saying that I will miss her.

From the (NEW !!) Secretary General:

Mark P. Orbe

As I write this, Western Michigan (USA) is blanketed with the most beautiful snow of the season. Our Fall semester has recently ended and many faculty and students are looking forward to celebrating the holiday season with much quality time with friends and family. It is

with this renewed mindset that I greet you as WCA's new Secretary General.

I became a WCA member in 2003 and attended my first conference (Haninge, Sweden) the same year. Immediately, I felt "at home" amidst an intercultural body representing a global community and knew that WCA would become part of my commitment to "make a world of difference" through my work as an intercultural scholar/practitioner.

My goals, as the new Secretary General, are quite simple: Continue the good work that Judith Hoover – and others before her – have done on behalf of WCA. In this regard, I commit that WCA will be a top priority for the next two years and that I will do my best to serve the organization well. As someone who identifies as a community organizer, I intend to maximize the active participation of as many WCA members as possible. So, please do not be surprised by a personal email requesting your expertise, participation, input, and or service! If you are sitting reading this message, and interested in getting more involved but not sure what this might entail, email me and I will make sure find an opportunity for you to serve. As my grandmother always reminded me, "**many hands might light work!**"

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Message from Melissa Beall, V-P for North America:

Summer Colloquium in Iowa!

The World Communication Association, North America, will hold a Summer Colloquium in Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa, in early June, 2010. This is not equivalent to the biennial WCA conference and should not interfere with the PACA conference in China. Instead, this colloquium will focus on teaching and research, and especially in nurturing emerging scholars in International and Intercultural Communication. The theme is "A Colloquium for Sharing our Teaching and Research as we Nurture Emerging Scholars." Our goal is to nurture emerging scholars as well as to provide a venue for anyone

with an interest in teaching and research to share with like-minded individuals in an informal yet professional setting. Program sessions will be held in a local hotel and meals and lodging prices are quite reasonable. Once the prices are nailed down (there's been a change in the sales and catering staffs of both hotels with whom I've been working). I should have answers in the next few days and will shortly send out detailed information as well as a call for papers, panels, and students interested in getting feedback on their work. Announcements will be made in CRTNET and other venues, as well as in emails to the WCA membership.

I will coordinate and host. My graduate research assistant, John Raschig, will be working with me to set up a wonderful learning experience for students and a networking experience for more established scholars.

You may contact me at any one of the following:

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Look for full details in the next week!

Hope to see you in Iowa in June.

Call for Manuscripts

Journal of Intercultural Communication Research

The *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research (JICR)*, a publication of the World Communication, focuses on quantitative and qualitative research related to intercultural communication. *JICR* publishes manuscripts that report on the interrelations between culture and communication within a single nation/culture or across nations/cultures. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts by hard copy or electronic attachment to be considered for publication in volumes 37-39 (2008-2010). Three copies of hard copy submissions should be sent to Jerry L. Allen, Editor, *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*, Department of Communication, University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516 USA.

Electronic attachments in Word format may be sent to jlallen@newhaven.edu.

Manuscripts should be no more than 25 pages (12 pt., double-spaced, 1 inch margins), not counting references, tables or figures, and must conform to the requirements of the most recent *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)*. Research on the use of human participants must have been conducted in compliance with acceptable national or international standards (e.g., regulations of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services) on voluntary participation, informed consent, deception, and debriefing. The manuscript should not have been published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere. A detachable cover page should include the manuscript title, each author's name, mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers. Author identification should include each author's current affiliation and address, highest degree earned, the institution granting the degree, and the year granted. A 50-100 abstract and a list of keywords should follow the title page. Tables and figures must be in APA style and on separate pages and not included in the text. They should be understandable independent of the text, but their approximate position should be indicated in the text and they should be referred to in the text. Authors are responsible for supplying copies of figures in finished form suitable for reproduction.

Manuscripts deemed by the editor to be appropriate for *JICR* and that conform to the above guidelines will be subjected to blind review.

Online Journal Access

Our publisher, Taylor and Francis, has asked for email addresses, which I have sent, for our members so that they can arrange for online access to our journal. EBSCO has all of our back issues and it is not known at this time if they will release these materials to us through Taylor and Francis, or if we will continue to have access only through library subscriptions to EBSCO.

Membership

Regardless of the outcome of online access, the Association needs your membership dues for 2010 as quickly as possible so that you can continue receiving the current issues of our journal in the mail. Thanks, of course, to all who have already made that commitment.

Please go to the WCA website <http://wcaweb.org> to find the membership application containing information about dues payments.

Regardless of whether you are a new or renewing member, Mark can process your dues by check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard), so do send that along as an email attachment or mail to

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Please mark the form as New or Renewing member. If you have any questions please email: orbe@wmich.edu