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## **Journals**

*HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research,*

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Board member, 2010-present.

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*The European Journal of Humour Research*

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Co-organizer (Chair), 17th International Society for Humor Studies Conference, Youngstown, OH, June 13-17, 2005.

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