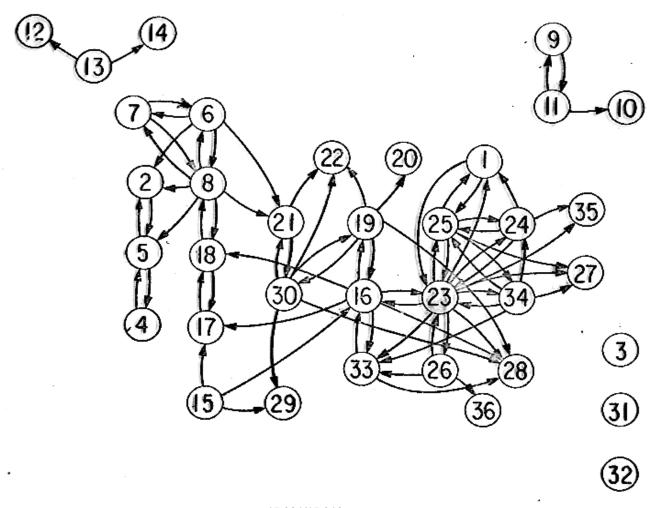
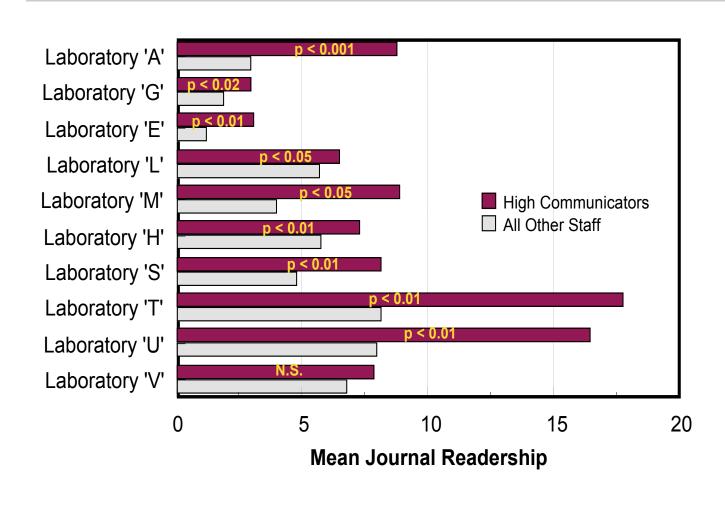
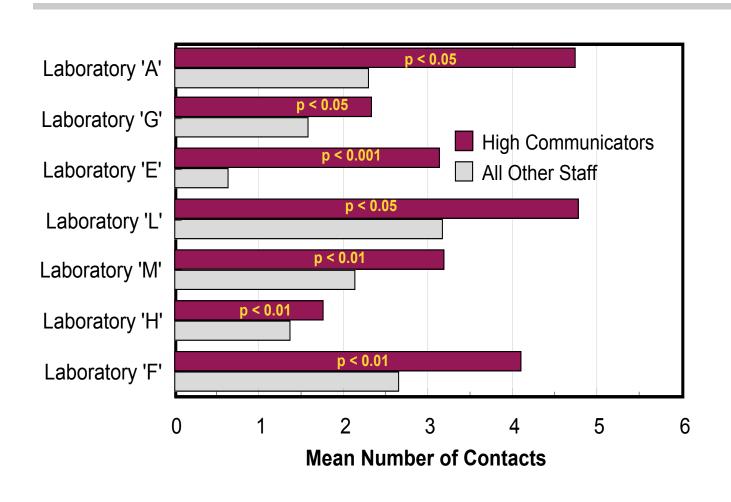
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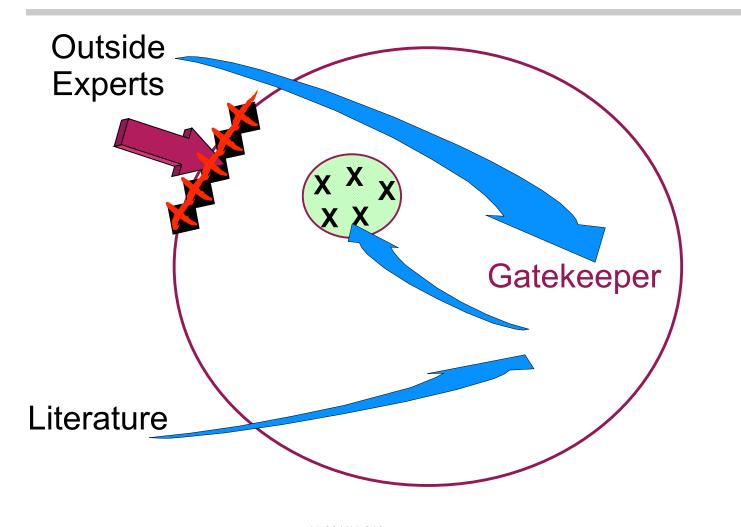
### High Communicators Compared with Colleagues in Readership of Refereed Journals



### High Communicators Compared with Colleagues in Terms of Regular Informal Contact Outside of the Organization



## The Gatekeeper as a Link to Outside Technology



### **Gatekeeper Characteristics**

- High Technical Performance
- Not 'just communicators'
- Highest technical performers in the organization.
- Cannot be created by management.
- Low in the Organizational Hierarchy
- Concentrated at first level of technical supervision or below.
- Seldom found at higher levels of management.
- Seldom found on the technical ladder.
- Visibility
- They are easy to identify.
- Everyone knows who they are.
- Approachability
- Must be at least receptive to people.

### **International Gatekeepers**

- ! International Gatekeepers tend to be Engineers or Scientists, who have worked in other countries and returned home.
- ! Engineers and Scientists visiting from other countries had very high foreign contact, but insufficient domestic contact to be International Gatekeepers.

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