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News Flash!

Sue O'Neill Johnson Won the SIG Member-of-the-Year Award



Sue O'Neill Johnson, SIG III Chair, is the winner of the 2003 SIG Member-of-the-Year Award. SIG III has been a winner of the ASIST SIG-of-Year Award for the past three years in a row (2000-2002) while Sue played a leadership role in the group as its Chair in 1999-2000, Past Chair 2000-2001, and Chair Elect 2001-2002. Under Sue's leadership, SIG III has initiated many new programs, such as International Paper Contest and International Travel Grants, to name a few. Congratulations to Sue on the well-deserved award!

SIG III Web Site Won the SIG Publication-of-the-Year Award

SIG III Web site (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>) is the winner of the SIG Publication-of-the-Year Award. The award is to recognize the best publication produced by a SIG during the previous year. Thanks for all the comments and suggestions for improving the site! SIG III Web site strives to meet the needs of its audience and to facilitate SIG III administration and communication. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

International Paper Contest

SIG III is pleased to announce the top six winners of its fourth International Paper Contest:

1. Ifeanyiichukwu F. Njoku (Nigeria)
The Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Fishermen in Lagos State, Nigeria
2. Wathmanel Seneviratne (Sri Lanka)
Local Information Upload Strategy in Building up Rural Community Information Pages on the Internet: An Approach to Attend Information Needs of Rural Sri Lanka
3. Tariq Ashraf (India)
Information Technology and Public Policy: A Socio-Human Profile of Indian Digital Revolution

4. Partha Bhattacharya (India)
Advances in Digital Library Initiatives: A Developing Country Perspective

There are two winners in the 5th place:

5. Albert Arko-Cobbah (South Africa)
The Role Of Libraries in Student-Centred Learning: The Case Of Students From The Disadvantaged Communities In South Africa

5. Joseph Kaduda (Kenya)
A Digital Library in a Rural Malaria Research Centre In Africa; The Kenyan Experience

The theme of this year's paper contest is "Humanizing Information Technology - From Ideas to Bits and Back: The developing world perspective." The six winning papers were selected from 51 papers received for this year's competition. Each winner will be awarded a two-year individual membership in ASIST. In addition, thanks to generous support from Elsevier Publishers, the first and second place winners of the competition will also receive a travel grant to attend the 2003 ASIST Annual Conference in Long Beach, California. These winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by the *ASIST Bulletin* and Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*.

Congratulations to the winners! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ASIST Chapters and SIGs who contributed to funding the competition. Thanks also go to the Contest Committee for its hard work for this year's competition. The Committee this year was composed of Sue O'Neill Johnson, Chair, SIG III; Yunfei Du, ASIST International Paper Contest Chair; Hong Xu, University of Pittsburgh; Nadia Caidi, University of Toronto; Liwen Vaughan, University of Western Ontario; Suzie Allard, University of Tennessee; Gretchen Whitney, University of Tennessee; and Nathalie Leroy, United Nations.

More information about the paper competition is available from the SIG III Web site under Paper Contest.

Travel Grants Update by the Chair

Through the Eugene Garfield Travel Fund and the Digital Scholars Fund, SIG III has offered travel grants to the following eight information professionals to attend the conference:

- Dr. Subbiah Arunchalam, India, second place winner International Paper Contest, 2002 (has visa)
- Dr. PR Goswami, India, (partial support from SIG III, SIG III Board member) (waiting for visa)
- Mr. Tariq Ashraf, India, third place winner of International Paper Contest 2003 (waiting for visa)
- Mr. PK Jain, India, winner of Eugene Garfield Travel Grant 2002 (waiting for visa)
- Ms. Ifeanyichukwu F. Njoku, Nigeria, winner of the International Paper Contest, 2003 (waiting for visa)
- Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Sri Lanka, second place winner of International Paper Contest 2003 (waiting for visa). Ms. Seneviratne has been denied her visa, but there are last minute attempts with help from the World Bank to reverse this decision.
- Dr. Tran Ngoc Ca, Vietnam, winner of Eugene Garfield Travel Grant 2002 (has visa)
- Dr. Wang Jun, China, winner of Eugene Garfield Travel Grant 2002 (has visa)

Getting visas is no easy matter, and ASIST Headquarters has done a great deal of work sending letters of invitation which are used to obtain visas. We already know that two Travel Grant winners, from Nigeria and Nicaragua were unable to get visas, and we quickly offered the travel opportunity to winners of the

International Paper Contest. We hope you will greet these international visitors with enthusiasm and friendliness, and help them get the most out of the Conference. Most have never been in the U.S.

Support for travel and hotel expenses has been provided from the Eugene Garfield Fund, the SIG III Digital Scholars Fund, and the SIG III treasury. Contributions have been made to the SIG III Digital Scholars Fund from the following sources:

- Elsevier Publishers: Their generous support for the past three years has been the major contributor to making memberships and travel grants possible;
- SIG MGT: to support PK Jain to present at a co-sponsored session with SIG III;
- SIG Information Policy: to support Subbiah Arunchalam to present at a co-sponsored session with SIG III;
- The PVC Chapter held a joint fund raiser with SIG III and raised a substantial sum to contribute to this support;
- The LA Chapter held a fund raiser, as well as solicited individual support; and
- The Chicago Chapter, Florida Chapter, and Basch Subscriptions also contributed important support.

Election Ballot for SIG III Officers

Every SIG III member is asked to vote for the SIG III Executive Board. This is an uncontested election unless you write in an alternate candidate who receives more votes than the nominated candidate.

The Candidates:

Chair: Nathalie Leroy (already approved in 2002)

Chair-Elect and Communications Officer: Yin Zhang

Assistant Chair (Outside the US): Liwen Vaughan (Canada) (already approved in 2002)

Assistant Chair-Elect (Outside the US): Merlyna Lim (Indonesia)

Past Chair: Sue O'Neill Johnson

Treasurer: Bahaa El Hadidy

Secretary: Suzanne Stemler

SIG Cabinet Representative: Toni Carbo; Alternate: Sue O'Neill Johnson

InfoShare Officer: Suzanne Stemler

I approve this slate of officers. (Your name) _____.

I nominate _____ for the position of _____.

Please send e-mail back to SIG III Chair, Sue O'Neill Johnson, at suejohnson@msn.com with your approval of the slate, or write-in candidates. Please also indicate if you would like to volunteer to help SIG III in the coming year. Thank you!

In addition to the above officers that other SIGs also have, due to the extensive programs SIG III sponsors, SIG III also has the following officers that other SIGs don't have:

Program Chair: Duncan Omole, Hong Xu (mentor)

Global Village: Naida Caidi and Michel Menou

Annual Report: Norman Horrocks

International Paper Contest Committee

- *Chairs:* Yunfei Du, Nathalie Leroy, and Sue O'Neill Johnson
- Yunfei Du: receives papers and constructs Web site of papers and thank you Web site for donors.
- Nathalie Leroy: finalizes call for paper description, selects judges, and coordinates results.
- Liwen Vaughan: Marketing (Sue O'Neill Johnson, mentor); assistance by Yan Quan Liu
- Norman Horrocks: Travel Grant Logistics
- Linda Bringan (Sue O'Neill Johnson, mentor); Fundraising for International Paper Contest.

SIG III Marketing

- *Chair:* Nadia Caidi
- *Members:* Liwen Vaughan, PR Goswami, Merlyna Lim and Yan Quan Liu
- Marketing efforts for international ASIST memberships, International Paper Contest and InfoShare

InfoShare:

- *Chair:* Suzanne Stemler
- Tesia Kosmalski, Trainee
- Nadia Caidi, Marketing

ASIST 2003 Annual Meeting

There are two SIG III planning meetings. One is Monday, October 20, 5-6:30 pm and the other Tuesday, October 21, 7:30-8:30 am. Both will be held in the Redondo Room, 4th floor of Westin Hotel. If you can't come to the planning meeting, please feel free to send your suggestions and proposals to Sue O'Neill Johnson at suejohnson@msn.com.

Please visit the SIG III table at the SIG Rush/Annual Reception on Sunday at 6 pm. You will meet colleagues and international visitors and get news and information on how to get involved!

Sponsored Sessions

SIG III will sponsor or co-sponsor the following sessions at the Annual Meeting:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003

10:30 am

Transborder Dataflow: Implications for Information Dissemination and Policies between the US, Canada and Mexico

2:00 pm

The Public Domain Under Pressure

4:00 pm

The 2nd Global Information Village Plaza: Connecting Multi-Cultural, Multi-Lingual, and Multi-media Universes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

8:30 am

Sharing and Accessing Internet Resources Across Barriers of Nation, Language, and Collection

10:30 am

New Information Models for Rural Populations in Developing Countries

2:00 pm

World Summit on the Information Society

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

1:30 pm

Cultural Variations of Internet Development and Use

International Reception & Silent Auction

SIG III plans to hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction at the International Reception on Monday evening at 8 pm, October 20, 2003. We need volunteers to arrange auction items on tables and fill in paper forms to accompany each item. Volunteers are also needed to help collect items for people unable to attend, and anything else that needs to be done to ensure a lively and successful auction.

Last year we raised \$510, and we hope to raise more money and support more memberships. Please talk this up among friends and colleagues and gather donations/auction items to bring to Long Beach. If you want to contribute but won't be able to attend you can ask someone who will be attending to bring the item over. Please include item description, suggested base price, and name of donor.

Elsevier sponsors the International Reception. Suzanne Stemler, InfoShare Officer, manages the Silent Auction and raffle for SIG III. All proceeds go to the SIG III InfoShare Fund.

Please contact Suzanne Stemler, SIG III InfoShare Officer, if you have any questions. Also, please let her know what/how many items you will be donating /bringing so that Suzanne can make the arrangement to have enough tables for auction items. From what we have gathered so far, this year will have some valuable art and many other appealing items.

Here is Suzanne's contact information:

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InfoShare Awards

InfoShare, a program sponsored by SIG III, awards one-year ASIST memberships to information professionals in developing countries for whom the cost of membership would be a financial burden. More information about InfoShare is available at the SIG III Web site, under InfoShare. As of 10/6/2003, the balance of the InfoShare account is \$312.00. SIG III welcomes donations to fund the InfoShare Program. Please contact Suzanne Stemler at sstemler@miami.edu if you would like to contribute to the InfoShare account.

Congratulations to the 2003 InfoShare awardees:

Bernard Barizake, Uganda
Vesna Injac-Malbasa, Serbia and Montenegro
Baljin Narantsetseg, Mongolia
J.K. Vijayakumar, India

Here is a brief biographical sketch provided by some of the awardees:

Ms. Narantsetseg Baljin

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Ms. Baljin Narantsetseg is President and CEO of InfoCon Co., Ltd., an IT consulting company in Mongolia. Before this, she held a position of Marketing

Director at Datacom company - the first ISP service provider in Mongolia. Her main interest is to spread use of ICT for Education and Development. She is experienced in PR, Marketing, Network planning and Technical design.

She has conducted research studies on "ISP Business Development in Mongolia", "Knowledge Based Economy- Mongolia", and "Knowledge Based Industry - Mongolia's Perspective". She participated in preparing "Mid-term strategy and action plan for development of ICT in Mongolia" that was approved by the Government of Mongolia in 2002. Recently, she has been involved in the working group that develops IT law for the country.

Her experience has been strengthened since working as a project leader of several ICT development projects implemented by UNDP, Soros Foundation, IDRC, World Bank and so forth.

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Translator from the French language, member of the Association of literary translators of Serbia. Member of the UNESCO Commission of Serbia and Montenegro. Instructor of many courses from the field of acquisition policy, collection management, using of Internet, digital libraries. Manager and coordinator of many new projects in LIS in Serbia: «Training center for continuing professional education of librarians - School Library+», «Retrospective conversion of old catalogues in the National Library of Serbia», «Digital Library of Serbia», «Virtual Library of Serbia». One of the author of the «Dictionary of librarianship: English-Serbian, Serbian-English» (CD-Rom, 2002).

Publications from International Paper Contest

SIG III has held its International Paper Contest since 2000. Here is a list of submitted papers that have been published in *The International Information & Library Review*, ISSN: 1057-2317, EISSN: 1095-9297, Editor: Toni Carbo, School of Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh.

***The International Information & Library Review* Volume: 34, Issue: 2, June 2002**

Selected articles submitted to the 2001 ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest: Part I
Guest Editors: Sue O'Neill Johnson and Nathalie Leroy.

Building Digital Collections in the Algerian Context: Assets and Prospects
Bakelli, Yahia pp. 113 - 127

The Role and Impact of the Digital Library on Capacity Building in the Developing World—a Case Study of the OSSREA Digital Library
Bekele, Samson pp. 129 - 137

Social Impact of the “Digital Divide” in a Central–Eastern European Country
Dragulanescu, Nicolae-George pp. 139 - 151

The Indonesian Digital Library Network is Born to Struggle with the Digital Divide
Fahmi, Ismail pp. 153 - 174

Through Information Technologies to a World-Class Level of Education
Kirillova, Irina pp. 175 - 182

Information in a Networked World: The Developing World Perspective: Challenges of Globalization for Female Journalists in the New Millennium
Mungai, Roselyn pp. 183 - 185

From Atoms to Bits: Consequences of the Emerging Digital Divide in India
Singh, Jagtar pp. 187 - 200

The Practice and Perspectives of Free Access to the Legal Information of Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Stalbovskaya, Maria S. pp. 201 - 207

Our Achievements in Telemedicine Within the Partnership Program With Boston University School of Medicine
Tadevosyan, A.; Screnci, D. pp. 209 - 215

***The International Information & Library Review* Volume: 34, Issue: 3, September 2002**

Selected articles submitted to the 2001 ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest: Part II

Information Technology for Economic and Social Benefit—Options for Bangladesh
Bhuiyan, Farhad Ali pp. 219 - 233

Information in a Networked World: the Indian Perspective
Chandra, Smita pp. 235 - 246

Website Quality Evaluations: Criteria and Tools
Dragulanescu, Nicolae-George pp. 247 - 254

Literacy, Information, and Governance in the Digital Era: An Indian Scenario
Goswami, P.R. pp. 255 - 270

Information in a Networked World: the Nigerian Perspective
Orji, Ozioma Ijeoma pp. 271 - 277

Development of Electronic Resources across Networks in Thailand
Ratchatavorn, Phandao pp. 279 - 287

***The International Information & Library Review* Volume: 35, Issue: 2-4, June - December 2003**

Selected articles submitted to the 2002 ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest on digital libraries and information science and technology advances in developing countries.

Information for Research in Developing Countries - Information Technology, a Friend or Foe?
Arunachalam, Subbiah pp. 133-147

Digital Libraries in the Central African Sub-region: A Case Study of Cameroon
Awasom, Innocent pp. 149-155

Solutions Seeking Problems
Cabanias, F. pp. 157-161

Searching Information and Evaluation of Internet: A Chinese Academic User Survey
Dong, Xiaoying pp. 163-187

Rethinking the Indian Digital Divide: The Present State of Digitization in Indian Management Libraries
Gaur, Ramesh C. pp. 189-203

Penang Library Network Aims to Educate in a Caring Learning Environment
Idrus, Rosnah pp. 205-216

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Maintained Research Institutes' Libraries in India: Towards Digitization and Networking
Jain, P.K. pp. 217-232

From *War-net* to Net-war: The Internet and Resistance Identities in Indonesia
Lim, Merlyna pp. 233-248

Creating Special Literature Resource Databases in Western China Under a Digital Environment
Lu, Ji pp. 249-264

Brazilian Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
Marcondes, Carlos Henrique; Sayão, Luis Fernando pp. 265-279

Building Digital Resources: Creating Facilities at INSA
Mujoo-Munshi, Usha pp. 281-309

Knowledge-Sharing through Radio and Newsletters as a Catalyst to Grassroot Participation and Management for Rural Water-related Environmental Problems in Ebo Itumbonuso, in Local Government Areas, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
Otu, Uwem Robert pp. 311-317

Interoperability and Information Integration in an Early Online Academic Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations: The Case of BTD
Pacheco, Roberto Carlos dos Santos; Kern, Vinícius Medina; Bermejo, Paulo Henrique S. pp. 319-333

Empowering Development Through E-Governance: Creating Smart Communities In Small Island States
Unette Sealy, Wendy pp. 335-358

Building Communities: Some Experiences with IT
Sen, Bharati pp. 359-365

Library as a Provider of Informational Knowledge in the System of Higher Medical Education
Terehova, M.V.; Feodorova, L.M.; Karpovich, A.V. pp. 367-373

Knowledge, Connections, and Communities: A Special Reference to Indian University Libraries
Vijayakumar, J.K.; Vijayakumar, Manju pp. 375-382

A Knowledge Network Constructed by Integrating Classification, Thesaurus, and Metadata in Digital Library
Wang, Jun pp. 383-397

China Academic Library and Information System: Current Situation and Future Development
Zhu, Qiang pp. 399-405

SIG III Listserv and Web Site

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<http://mail.asis.org/mailman/options/sigiii-l/msmith@yahoo.com>

Step 2. On the subscription page, type your password to unsubscribe.

If you forget your password, click "Email My Password to Me" button to have your password emailed to you.

SIG III Web site:

The official Web site of SIG III is located at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>. Please contact the SIG III Communication Officer, Yin Zhang (yinzhang@slis.kent.edu), if you have any questions regarding SIG III Web site and the sigiii-l listserv.

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