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ASIST Annual Meeting

Here is a list of SIG III meetings and events that you are invited to come to!

Two SIG III business/planning meetings
- All are welcome!
- Monday, October 31, 5-7pm, in the Park Room at the conference hotel
- Tuesday, November 1, 6-8pm, in the Park Room

If you can't come to the meeting, watch the minutes to be posted on the sigiii-l listserv. If you are interested in organizing a session, please contact **Kate Johnson (caj3@uwm.edu)**, our annual meeting program Chair for the next year.

Welcome Reception
- Sunday, 6:30pm. Please come to the SIG III table at this event.

International Reception
- Monday, October 31, 8-10pm
- Please see a separate section on this fun event!

SIG III sponsored/co-sponsored sessions:
Day: Sunday, October 30
Time: 1:30pm

Track: Social Informatics
Title of the Session: Re-visiting the Neutrality of
        Technology
Sponsor(s): SIGs III, IFP, HFIS
Speakers: Marjia Dalbello, Kalpana Shankar, Nadia
        Caidi, Thomas Froehlich
Moderator: Martha Smith

Day: Tuesday, November 1
Time: 8:30am
Track: Standards
Title of the session: International Standards Developments
Sponsor(s): SIGs III, LT
Speakers: Sally McCallum, Herbert Van de Sompel

Day: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 8:30am
Track: International Issues in Digital Libraries
Title of the session: Cross-Cultural Analysis of Virtual
        Reference
Sponsor(s): SIGs III, DL, USE
Speakers: Lokman Meho, Nahyun Kwon, Bin Li, Pnina
        Shachaf, Noriko Hara, Yukiko Sakai
Moderator: David Lankes

Day: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 10:30am
Track: International Issues in Digital Libraries
Title of the Session: Cross-Cultural Issues in User
        Learning and the Design of Digital Interfaces
Sponsor(s): SIGs III, USE, HCI
Speakers: Dania Bilal, Bharat Mehra, Anita Komlodi,
        and Nadia Caidi
Moderator: Dania Bilal

Day: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 3:30pm
Track: International Issues in Digital Libraries
Title of the session: Multilingual Digital Libraries:
        Research and Practice
Sponsor(s): SIGs III, DL
Speakers: Douglas Oard, Lynne Howarth, and Ian H. Witten
Moderator: Yin Zhang

International Reception

This year's International Reception will be held on Monday, October 31, 2005, at 8pm. Elsevier has generously contributed $1,000 to this year's

International Reception. This donation is the second gift from Elsevier this year, following their $2,000 contribution to this year's International Paper Contest. Mr. Chris Pringle of Elsevier plans to attend the reception, and there will also be a table available at the reception for ASIST members to browse Elsevier's publications. SIG III would like to thank Elsevier for their continuing support and assistance, as they have given in the past several years.

SIG III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction and Raffle Ticket Sale at the event. All proceeds will go to the SIG III InfoShare Fund. The InfoShare program supports ASIST memberships for information professionals in developing countries.

Sue O'Neill Johnson (sueojohnson@hotmail.com), InfoShare Coordinator, will be the contact person for the Silent Auction and Raffle Sale this year. Please let her know in advance how many items you will be donating or bringing if possible.

We will also have, as part of the Raffle, a gift basket with new goodies in it for the winner. If you have something small and new that you could contribute for the basket, please bring it also. Instructions on where to leave these items will be on the conference bulletin board, or look for a box near the registration desk.

Thank you for your support! Come and have a fun night at the International Reception! International attire would be highly encouraged!

International Paper Contest Results

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG III) is pleased to announce the winners of its sixth International Paper Contest:

First place
Lukman Ibraheem Diso
Nigeria
Information Technology Policy Formulation In Nigeria: Answers Without Questions

Second Place
Sanjeev Kumar & Nandini Dutta
India
Designing a National Fashion Information System: A Perspective Plan

Third Place
M.G. Sreekumar & T. Sunitha

India
Seamless Aggregation and Integration of Diverse Datastreams: Essential Strategies for Building Practical Digital Libraries and Electronic Information Systems

Fourth Place
Selenay Aytac
Turkey
Multilingual Information Retrieval on the Internet: A Case Study of Turkish Users

Fifth Place
Alma Beatriz Rivera-Aguilera
Mexico/EL Salvador
XML Markup and Retrieval in Magazine Articles: Exploratory Results and Implementation Issues

Sixth Place
Akshay Mathur
India
ICT and Rural Societies: Opportunities for Growth

The theme of this year's paper contest was "Bringing Research and Practice Together - the Developing World Perspective." The six winning papers were selected from 30 papers by 39 authors from 12 developing countries received for this year's competition. The contest has also seen its first winner from Latin America.

Thanks to the generous donations from Elsevier, SIGs, Chapters, LIS Schools, and many other organizations and individuals, we have raised $9,000 to support the International Paper Contest. Each of the eight winners will be awarded a two-year individual membership in ASIST. In addition, the first place winner will be rewarded a minimum of $1,000 to attend the 2005 ASIST Annual Meeting, October 28-November 2, in Charlotte, North Carolina. These winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*, which is edited by Toni Carbo.

Congratulations to the winners! The Contest Committee worked really hard in selecting the winning papers. This year's paper contest was organized by Liwen Vaughan (Chair) from the University of Western Ontario, and Duncan Omole at World Bank.
This year's judges were:
- K.T. Anuradha, National Centre for Science Information, India
- Yunfei Du, Wayne State University
- Nathalie Leroy, United Nations

- Merlyna Lim, Social Construction of Technology (SCoT) Research Group, Indonesia
- Ifeanyi Njoku, Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Nigeria
- Duncan Omole, The World Bank
- Jadranka Stojanovski, Rudjer Boskovic Institute Library, Croatia
- Jun Wang, Beijing University, China
- Julian Warner, Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Yin Zhang, Kent State University

Their efforts make it possible to develop and sustain this international network of digital scholars and experts on digital libraries and information technology in developing countries. More information about the paper competition is available from the SIG III website (http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/) under Paper Contest.

SIG III Fundraising Update

SIG III launched this year's fundraising campaign for the International Paper Contest in mid-March 2005. As of October 18, 2005, we have raised $9,600 with the help of 23 individuals and 20 group organizations:

Donors	Amount
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Total	**$ 9,600**

We thank the above individuals and groups for their generosity in contributing to this International Paper Contest that has benefited so many people! We would greatly appreciate more donations to keep this paper competition running. Please send a check, made payable to ASIST for the "Digital Scholars Fund," to

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We would also like to thank Executive Director Richard Hill and Director of Finance Janice Hatzakos at ASIST headquarters for their help in processing the donations.

This year marks the sixth anniversary for the ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest on International Digital Libraries and Information Science & Technology Advances in Developing Countries. The International Paper Contest is one of the most successful programs SIG III runs each year. The papers submitted represent important developments in information science, and they serve to advance the information profession worldwide. In the past three years (2002-2004), we have attracted over 150 information professionals from 35 developing countries to participate in the International Paper Contest. Many of the papers have been published in library and information literature, including the *International Information and Library Review* and the *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*. In addition, contest winners often see advances in their professional careers. Their stories are posted on the ASIST SIG III website at http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/. This valuable opportunity would not be available without the financial support provided by all of our generous donors.

The funds raised will support two-year ASIST memberships for six to eight of the paper contest winners each year and cover expenses of the top winner(s) to travel from his or her home country to the ASIST Annual Meeting. Since the first paper contest in 2000, through this program, SIG III has sponsored 32 two-year ASIST memberships to contest winners from 15 different countries, and has supported 15 winners to attend the ASIST Annual Meeting.

For more information about the International Paper Contest and previous updates, please visit the SIG III website at: http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/

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Call for Sessions and Panels at the 2006 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Catherine A. Johnson

Hello All,

I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Kate Johnson and I am the new Program Chair for SIG-III, 2005-2006. I teach in the School of Information Studies at the U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. My reason for being in the SIG-III is my interest in Mongolia where I did my dissertation research. My main interest now is in the development of education for librarians in Mongolia, the role of public libraries in community development and issues around the digital divide in developing countries.

The theme for ASIST 2006 is "Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future for All". This is a very pertinent topic for our SIG, so I am hoping we can come up with some interesting session and panel ideas. Some that occur to me include:

- Distance Education - collaborative learning across international boundaries
- Transborder data flow and policy issues
- E-governance and developing countries
- Indigenous knowledge and digital libraries - collecting, preserving and disseminating IK

If you are not coming to ASIST this year, could you please forward any ideas to me that you would like me to present to the SIG. If you are coming please come prepared to share your ideas at the Business meeting on Tuesday from 6pm-8pm.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting many of you in Charlotte.

All the best,

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International Conferences Calendar a Success

Contributed by Caryn Anderson

The New England and European Chapters together with SIG/III endeavoured to establish the International Calendar of Information Science Conferences, which was launched on July 23 and has been so far quite successful. Editing and moderation are secured by Caryn Anderson and Michel Menou. A few volunteers in the US and abroad are helping with the gathering of information, most notably J.K. Vijayakumar (known as Vijay to many, and former InfoShare award winner). Haworth press spontaneously offered a contribution of $500 to help run the service in exchange of due acknowledgement, what was agreed. Funds are managed by the New England Chapter which is also overseeing the hosting.

Since 23 July 2005, the calendar has been visited by researchers and practitioners in over 65 countries, including: Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bahrain, Benin, Brazil, Botswana, Belarus, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Morocco, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam.

At the time of writing this report there were over 190 events in the calendar. The web site is now receiving an average of approximately 200 sessions per day (a total of over 12,500 in the past two months). About half of the sessions are checks of the RSS feed, which is an encouraging sign that both a). people have subscribed and will therefore remain regularly connected to the calendar, and b). We continue to get new interest (some top referrals to the calendar come from links on a couple of popular blogs and other professional associations).

We plan to explore the idea of establishing a related blog which may help to facilitate communication among conference attendees to coordinate their attendance or comment on specific conferences, and to encourage communication among conference planners to coordinate scheduling.

International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (ICISC)
http://icisc.neasist.org/
Contact: icisc@neasist.org

Published/Accepted International Paper Contest papers in IILR

Contributed by Toni Carbo with assistance of Rebecca Price

I thought you would be interested to see the SIG III papers that have been, or will be, published in IILR in 2004 and 2005. Attached is the list of the papers for 2004 and 2005 from the SIG III International Paper Contests in 2004 and 2005, plus one paper by Diso that was revised from the 2003 contest and will be published in the December 2005 issue. Thanks to your help and fine work, for the first time, we are able to publish papers in a special issue in the same year that they were submitted.

In addition, the authors of 7 papers from the 2005 contest were given comments from reviewers and from

me and were invited to revise their papers for consideration for publication in IILR 2006.

I am very pleased that we have been able to provide an opportunity for researchers around the world to be published in a scholarly journal. As always, I greatly appreciate everything you do to encourage the contributions of individuals around the world to the development of our discipline.

Published Papers from 2005 Paper Contest
(Author, Title, and when published)

Aytac, Selenay
"Multilingual Information Retrieval on the Internet: A Case Study of Turkish Users"
December-05

Diso, Lukman Ibraheem
"Information Technology Policy Formulation in Nigeria: Answers without Questions"
December-05

Kumar, Sanjeev & Dutta, Nandini
"Designing a National Fashion Information System: A Perspective plan"
December-05

Mathur, Akshay
"ICT and rural societies: Opportunities for Growth"
December-05

Munnolli, Satish
"Harnessing the Online Resources: A Case Study of ScienceDirect"
December-05

Obioha, Josephine
"The Role of ICT in Information Seeking and Use Amongst Research Officers in Research Institutes in Nigeria: The Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research Institute Experience"
December-05

Quijano-Solis, Alvaro & Novelo-Pena, Raul
"Bringing Research and Practice Together – the Developing World Perspective"
December-05

Raza, Masoom & Eqbal, Monawwer
"Design and Development of Library and Information Science Gateway: An Indian Initiative
December-05

Rivera-Aguilera, Alma Beatriz

"XML markup and information retrieval in magazine articles: Exploratory results and implementation issues"
December-05

Sen Head, Bharati
"Indigenous Knowledge for Development: Bringing Research and Practice Together"
December-05

Sreekumar, M.G. & Sunitha, T.
"Seamless Aggregation and Integration of Diverse Datastreams: Essential Strategies for building Practical Digital Libraries and Electronic Information Systems"
December-05

Published Papers from 2004 Paper Contest
(Author, Title, and when published)

Anuradha, K.T.
"Design and Development of Institutional Repositories: A Case Study"
September-05

Cholin, Veeranna
"Study of the Application of Information Technology for Effective Access to Resources in Indian University Libraries"
September-05

Majumdar, S.
"Preservation and Conservation of Literary Heritage: A Case Study of India"
September-05

Ojedokun, Ayoku A.
"The evolving sophistication of Internet abuses in Africa"
March-05

Shuva, Nafiz Zaman
"Implementing Information and Communication Technology in public libraries of Bangladesh"
September-05

Published Papers from 2003 Paper Contest
(Author, Title, and when published)

Diso, Lukman Ibraheem
"Information Production, Transfer, and Delivery: Mass Information Work and Television, the Journalist's Dilemma in Nigeria"
December-05

Kaduda, J.; Olola, CHO.; Oluoch, TO.; Mwazi, DM

"A Digital Library in a Rural Malaria Research Centre in Africa"
March-05

Kasusse, Michael
"Bridging the Digital Divide in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Rural Challenge in Uganda"
September-05

Ifeanyi Faith Njoku
"Information needs and information seeking behaviour of Fishermen in Lagos State Nigeria"
2004, vol. 36

Member News

Sue O'Neill Johnson's New Book

The monograph, "Leadership and Management Principles in Libraries in Developing Countries" is the result of the competition of the Leadership and Management Division of SLA in 2002-2003 when Sue O'Neill Johnson (Past chair of SIG III 2000 and 2003; .
SIG-Member-of-the-Year Award winner for 2003) was co-chair of International Relations. The winner of the competition was Mr. Paiki Muswazi of Swaziland. Twenty papers were selected for publication. Editors were Sylvia Piggott, Chair of the Division, who administered the project; Wei Wei, who handled the details of publishing with Haworth Press, and also identified the publication as the 2002 volume of Science and Technology Libraries; and myself, who managed the marketing and outreach for the competition.

We've had two reviews: New Library World , Vol. 106, issue 3&4, 2005 by Mike Freeman, Hon. International Relations Officer, WAI CILIP, UK, and Portal: libraries and the Academy 5.1 (2005) 135-136 by Sha Li Zhang, Wichita State University Libraries.

The essays are by authors from 15 developing countries in Asia, Sub Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Central America. They represent a body of practical experience, problems, lessons, and techniques that can be shared and tried by others in developing countries. As Sha Li Zhang, reviewer, said, "The essays offer authentic observations and rich experience through the eyes of the authors...The leadership techniques...can be tracked from leadership roots in the developed world. For instance, Muhammad Yaqub Chaudhare and

Muhammad Umar Farooq's 'retreat but never surrender' and 'service without asking:'; Grete Pashch's 'cautious but decisive' and Imo J. Akpan's 'lead by examples' all speak to the commonalities of leadership experience." The papers from Shivanthi Weerasinghe, Sri Lanka (a former winner of the ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest) on development of a web site for a commercial bank, Michael Kasusse on AIDS work in Uganda, and Muzhgan Nazarova on librarianship in Azerbaijan, all show the importance of library services as the backbone of local and national economic development. ISBN is 0-7890-3410-1.

Bahaa El-Hadidy Honored

Bahaa El-Hadidy has been selected by the forthcoming Special 60th Diamond Edition of Marquis Who's Who in America for his outstanding achievements. The listing will devote about three pages for his biography.

Bahaa is the former SIG III Chair (2000-2001) and SIG-Member-of-the-Year Award winner for 2000. He has been previously recognized in the International Who's Who. Congratulations, Bahaa!

News from Previous Paper Contest Winner

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, one of the winners of the ASIST International Paper contest, year 2003 , has recently joined Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow as Librarian. IIM-Lucknow is one of the most prestigious Institutes, established by government of India offering both Diploma and Fellow programmes in Business Management.

Spread over 200 acres and situated in the capital city of Lucknow, Institute boasts of a library which is considered in India as pride of library profession. Spread over 32000 sq meter, library is housed in a separate building which is an architectural beauty both in terms of its aesthetics and functionality.

Library resources consist of 60,000 documents in print, electronic, audio-visual and Micro formats, selected after rigorous scrutiny. Library subscribes to nearly 600 print journals and 26 electronic databases

covering –e-Journals, Corporate, Legal and Statistical information. Other library facilities include well equipped cyber and audio-visual labs, research carols and Video Conferencing facilities which provide global connectivity to faculty and students of the institute.

Library has recently taken a major initiative to bring its most of its resources under a double click paradigm, providing a seamless twenty four access . This includes developing an integrated library portal, conversion of microforms into electronic format, harnessing appropriate web resources and building a digital library for managing student and faculty generated information.

Library opens for all 24 hours and all 365 days. It also has a separate children section to cater to the needs of children living in the campus.

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