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## James Cretsos Award

We are delighted to reports that the leadership contribution of two key officers of SIG III have been recognized. We with to congratulate Nadia Caidi (Chair for 2005-06) and Caryn Anderson (Infoshare Officer) on being chosen as co-winners of the James Cretsos Award for 2006. This award recognizes leadership in the society from those who have been members for seven years or less.

**Jonathan Levitt**

**SIG III related events at ASIST 2006**

Monday Nov 6: 5:00-7:00 pm: Business Meeting of SIG-III  
Monday Nov 6: 8:00-10:00 pm: International Reception (Let's all come, recognize international members, welcome our paper contest winners as well as give Caryn and Vika maximum support for the infoshare fundraising. Come in a traditional or national dress. It will be exciting!)  
Tuesday Nov 7: 6:00-8:00 pm: Business Meeting of SIG-III  
Tuesday Nov 7: 11:45-1:45 pm: Awards Luncheon (come and let's bag home together all the awards SIG III may have won)  
SIG Planning Meeting for all SIGs: Stay tuned for date and time.

**Duncan Omole**

**New Mentorship Program**

**Background**  
For the past seven years, SIG III has been organizing the very successful International Paper Contest. The aim of the International Paper Contest is to give a voice to information professionals from developing nations. It is an opportunity for our colleagues to inform us about their research and initiatives; to tell us about the issues they face and the solutions they adopt. It is also an opportunity for us all to learn from their experiences and to share ideas and expertise.

As of 2006, 323 authors of 270 papers from 51 countries/areas have participated in the International Paper Contest. Each year, six winners are selected by a panel of judges who review the papers based on criteria such as originality, relevance to the theme of the contest, presentation, organization and style.

Each of the six winners is awarded a two-year individual membership in ASIST. In addition, depending on SIG III fundraising, the first place winner is usually rewarded with funding to attend the ASIST Annual Conference. This is a

wonderful opportunity for our colleagues to interact with the rest of the ASIST community and build lasting relationships.

Submitted papers are also considered for posting on the SIG III web site as pre-publications, as well as for inclusion in a special issue of the International Information and Library Review, subject to the usual peer refereeing process.

**The SIG III Mentorship Program**  
To build further this network of wonderful scholars and encourage them to remain active in ASIST and SIG III even after the Paper Contest is over, we have recently established the SIG III Mentorship Program.

The aim of the Mentorship Program is to build closer relationships between Paper Contest participants and more established members of the SIG III and ASIST community. This year, we initiated the program by focusing on the six winners of the 2006 International Paper Contest (depending on the success of this initiative, we may broaden the reach to other Contest participants as well). The mentors are all seasoned ASIST members, active SIG III members and/or SIG III officers. Appendix A lists the names of the 2006 mentors/mentees.

The idea is to allow the mentor and the contest winner (mentee) to engage in a mutually satisfying relationship and dialogue, to share information and other professional advice, even collaborate on projects. By building on their particular perspectives or areas of expertise, and cultivating mutual respect, both mentors and mentees can benefit from the relationship and create long-lasting relationships.

**Disseminating Contestants' Research**  
There is another purpose for the SIG III Mentorship Program: to help in disseminating the research of the winning papers of the International Paper Contest. To this effect, the mentors will be asked to assist their mentees, in any way they can, to produce a poster presentation (based on their submitted paper) for inclusion and presentation at the annual ASIST meeting.

Obviously, many of the winners are not able to attend the annual meeting for financial or logistical reasons, so it is our hope that through the Mentorship program, we can help in getting their posters and indeed their research presented at the ASIST annual meeting, through the efforts of the mentors who can act as the intermediaries between the researchers and the broader ASIST community. The mentors can not only provide assistance and guidance with the production of the poster but also with making sure the poster makes its way to the annual meeting (e.g., mounting the poster of the mentee, or if the mentor cannot come to the conference, finding someone else to set up the poster at the annual meeting). Appendix B provides a list of resources on how to design effective posters.

#### Using the new SIG III Blog

The Mentorship Program will make use of the new SIG III Blog (described in the next article) to enable mentors and mentees to communicate and share ideas and experiences with other mentors/mentees. The blog is an easy-to-use forum to facilitate exchange about current research, developments in various areas of common interest, social and professional networking, as well as sharing ideas about poster presentations. The blog will be a good complement to the current SIG-III listserv. The blog can be accessed at: <http://sigiii.neasist.org/>

It is our hope that both mentors and mentees find the Mentorship Program useful and beneficial to your professional goals.

If you are interested in participating in the Mentorship Program (as a Mentor or as a Mentee), please feel free to contact Nadia Caidi ([nadia.caidi@utoronto.ca](mailto:nadia.caidi@utoronto.ca)) or the Incoming SIG III Chair, Duncan Omole ([domole@worldbank.org](mailto:domole@worldbank.org)) for more information about this program or how you can help.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration!

**Nadia Caidi**

**SIG-III Blog: If we Build it, They Will Come**

Greetings everyone! It is with great pleasure that I announce the launch of the SIG-III Blog! Caryn Anderson, Hong Cui, Amanda Wilson and I have had a great time building the Blog. And people are coming and posting! The Blog's web address is: <http://www.neasist.org/icisc/blog/>

As with the ASIS&T 2006 Annual Meeting, the official language of the SIG-III blog is English. We have created categories for posts relating to different regions of the world, to ASIS&T's 2006 Annual Meeting, to the International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (ICISC), and to this year's Global Information Village Plaza (GIVP). The majority of the posting so far has been in this last category.

As I'm sure most if not all of you know, the theme for this year's Plaza is trust in information. To get discussion going on this topic I posted three questions and three general topics of discussion:

- How do we define trust?
- How do we measure trust?
- Which aspects of trust are most significant?
- e-commerce and data mining
- Government surveillance
- Government censorship

We welcome your views! Please tell us what YOU think about any of these questions/topics. Feel free as well to begin new threads if you have further thoughts on issues of trust. Your ideas will help enrich our discussion of trust and will keep the Blog fresh and active. So please, check it out and let us know your thoughts! Last but not least, if you have any questions or comments please send me a message at [sigiiiblog@gmail.com](mailto:sigiiiblog@gmail.com). Thanks!

**Aaron Bowen**

#### **Fundraising update**

\*Elsevier, Eugene Garfield Foundation, SIGs, Chapters, LIS Schools, and Individuals have contributed \$7,220 to the ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest\*

SIG III would like to thank the generous donors for their support for the International Paper Contest, who have helped raise \$7,220 since mid-March 2006. The SIG III fundraising campaign is ongoing and we welcome contributions to keep the program going.

Here is the list of donors that have received as of August 10, 2006:

-Institutional Donors

Eugene Garfield Foundation: \$2,150  
Elsevier: \$2,000  
Kent State University SLIS: \$500  
Drexel University College of IST: \$500  
ASIST Chicago Chapter: \$500  
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University of Western Ontario: \$250  
University of South Carolina: \$200  
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ASIST Central Ohio Chapter: \$100

-Individual donors: \$375

Bonnie Carroll, Lucy Te-Chu Lee, D.  
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-In-Kind Donations

Two copies of the "Berkshire Encyclopedia of Human-Computer Interaction" by Berkshire Publishing Group. (awarded to the second authors of the top-ranked 2nd and 3rd Paper Contest winners).

This year marks the seventh anniversary of 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 run by SIG III each year. The papers submitted represent important developments in information science, and they serve to advance the information profession worldwide.

To date, 323 authors of 270 papers from 51 countries/areas have participated in the SIG III 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 raised funds 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 over forty two-year ASIST memberships to contest winners from 15 different countries, and has supported 16 winners to attend the ASIST Annual Meeting.

SIG III is currently reaping the benefits of our International Paper Contest fundraising campaign, which is bringing in donations from all over the world. As in the past years, SIG III was privileged enough to receive donations from various ASIST Chapters (including the newly formed European Chapter), many of which donate on a regular basis, and others that have contributed greatly to our fundraising effort throughout the past several years. Elsevier has also been a constant help, donating \$3000 this year (\$2000 for the International Paper Contest alone, and another \$1000 for the International Reception). The Eugene Garfield Foundation has also generously provided us with \$2150. We are also thankful to the LIS schools throughout North America that have contributed generously to this campaign. Finally, thanks to individual donors and to Berkshire Publishing, which has graciously offered two copies of their Encyclopedia of Human-Computer Interaction.

We would like to thank all of these donors for their ongoing support, as it means a great deal to us. We are also extremely grateful for the help of these donors. Without their contributions, we would not be able to run the International Paper Contest, which benefits so many scholars and information professionals around the world. Additionally, we would like to thank all the

individual donors who have contributed in the past and will contribute again in the future. Finally, we would like to thank the Executive Director Richard Hill and Director of Finance Janice Hatzakos at ASIST headquarters for their help in processing the donations and making them available for our digital scholar funds.

The officers and members of SIG III are always working diligently to make this SIG the best it can be. Between this effort and all the support received this year, it is certain that this year's International Paper Contest will be just as successful as it has been in the past years. Again, thanks for the continued support.

For more information about the International Paper Contest, please visit the International Paper Contest section of the SIG III website (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>).

#### **Nadia Caidi, SIG III Chair, 2005-2006.**

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We would greatly appreciate more donations to keep this paper competition running. If this is possible, please send a check, made payable to: ASIST for the "Digital Scholars Fund," attn: Richard Hill  
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1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 510  
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Members can also donate online at  
<http://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGIII/fundraising/fundraiser/index.htm>

We thank you for your generosity in contributing to this International Paper Contest that has benefited so many people.

#### **Fundraising Event for the International Paper Contest**

On October 6 2006 6-9 pm, SIG III in partnership with PVC will be having a fundraiser at the Kenya Embassy in Washington DC [2249R Street NW]. There will be wine, good food, soft drinks, African door prizes, Kenyan/African music and the Ambassador will speak. The fundraiser committee members are Patricia Evans, Sue Johnson, Yunfei Du, Jon Sims, Trudi Hahn, Dawn

Pointer McCleskey, Greta D. Ober-Beauchesne, Dilek Brown, Yohannes Kebede, Denise Bedford, Duncan Omole, Lucy Njuguna, Raymond Muhula, and Omar Akchurin. We are in the process of receiving African art and craft donation items to be used for the silent auction and for the draw prizes. If you have any item to donate, please contact Duncan Omole at [domole@worldbank.org](mailto:domole@worldbank.org). Please plan to attend if you are in the Washington metropolitan area during this time. Tickets go for \$25 for pre-paid reservation and \$30 at the door. To make a prepaid donation, please mail a check to Jon Simons, Fundraising Treasurer, 10818 Crippen Vale Court, Reston VA 20194; or fax your credit card contribution to ASIST, Fax No. 301-495-0810. All contributions are made to "ASIST Digital Scholars Fund" and are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. We appreciate your support. An email invitation will be sent to all SIG III and ASIST members.

#### **Duncan Omole**

#### **International Paper Contest papers to be published in IILR**

Nine of the papers submitted to SIG III's international paper competition (2006) on "Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future for All?." will be featured in a special issue of *The International Information and Library Review (IILR)*. These papers cover a wide range of topics, ranging from the preservation and dissemination of indigenous knowledge to the promotion of reading habits. They relate to research and development in many countries, including Indonesia, China, Sudan, Zimbabwe, and India.

The 2006 paper contest attracted papers submitted by 42 authors from 12 developing countries. The competition allows ASIS&T to: develop a knowledge base of information on quality projects and research in developing countries, encourage leading information scientists to become ASIST&T members, and disseminate and archive the results of research and development activities of developing nations in the evolving Information Age. For more information on the competition, check the ASIS&T website at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII>.

**Toni Carbo**

## Some biographies of the 2006 International Paper contest winners

### 1. Aditya Nugraha, Indonesia.

"Desa Informasi - The Role of Digital Libraries in the Preservation and Dissemination of Indigenous Knowledge."

Photo and biography of the author:



My name is Liauw Toong Tjiek. My colleagues also know me as Aditya Nugraha. I have a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from Petra Christian University, Surabaya - Indonesia. My interest in librarianship developed (unknowingly) when I was an undergraduate student. It all started when I volunteer to help manage a library of a church where I go to worship. In my early years as an undergrad I also worked in my campus library as a part-time student worker. I found out that I love doing librarian stuff, especially the ones related to information technology. I decided to start my career as a librarian by joining with my campus library when I graduated. I started my career in the Library Automation division (Library System office is the term widely used in US). I worked for several years before pursuing my master degree in library and information science. In 2001, under the Fulbright scholarship program I went to study at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

My background in Electrical Engineering gives my certain advantages over many of my colleagues, especially in grasping technical terms and details. My technical background and 'spirit' of librarianship lead me to find what I love most for my work, which is utilizing information technology for gathering and disseminating information, and help people the information they

need. I also love to combine technological innovation and community outreach programs.

I believe that my project – Desa Informasi (Information Village) at [www.petra.ac.id/desa-informasi](http://www.petra.ac.id/desa-informasi) – reflects my passion. In initiating and running this project I feel as if I'm creating 'works of art' that I really enjoy. I want people to be able to enjoy it as well as I can. Some of the sub-projects under Desa Informasi that I really am passionate about are the Surabaya Memory, Digital Theses, and Petra@rt Gallery. I think I am really absorbed – professionally as well as personally – in the projects. I also learned so much in doing the projects. They have led me to explore the blurring boundaries of libraries, archives, and museums. I am 'forced' to learn subjects that traditionally fall outside of my domain of librarianship. I can no longer say for sure whether I am a librarian, an archivist, or a museum curator. It indeed is an exciting time to be a librarian, exploring 'uncharted territories.'

### 2. Chengyu Zhang & Li Li, China.

"Digital Teaching Reference Book Service: A Case Study on Knowledge-Object-Based Microstructure of Digital Resources."

Photo and biography of the first author:



ZHANG Chengyu, born 1966 in Beijing, is a librarian in Tsinghua University Library from 1993. He got his B.S. degree from the Department of Mathematics in Tsinghua University in 1992 and B. L. (the second degree) from the Department of Chinese Language and Literature of Tsinghua University in 1993. In 2001, he got his Master Degree from the Department of Information Management of Peking University. During his experiences in library, he pays much attention and interest on researches of digital library, knowledge resources management and



other related topics, and had published more than 30 papers on these fields in Chinese or English.

He had participated in the construction of the CD network service system based on NetWare since 1994, which solved the problem of utilizing the network to share CD resources. In 1995, he participated in the development of the information service system, which were the full-text search engine based on WEB, using CGI and retrieval technique of the full text search. As a programmer, he designed and developed a software system to digitalize, organize and disseminate ebook via Internet in 1996-1998, which was a sub-project of the Chinese National Key Sci-tech Development Project. This system integrated OCR, Java, and full text retrieval techniques.

From 2001 to 2005, he finished several research projects on digital library and information resource management supported by the Project of Humanity and Social Science Research of the Education Ministry of China, the National Social Science Foundation of China and the Beijing Educational Science Project.

#### Biography of the second author:

Dr. LI Li is an associate editor of Tsinghua Science and Technology, an academic journal in English language published by Tsinghua University Press. She got her Ph.D. from Peking University of China in 2001 and then joined Tsinghua University Press. Her main research fields include periodical editology, traditional and digital publishing, and cognitive and developmental psychology. She is now a member of the academic division of China Editology Society of Science Periodicals. She has published more than 20 papers on related subjects, with 5 papers in English language published on international journals. She has translated 2 English books on psychology into Chinese. She has taken part in many research projects, such as the development strategies of Chinese University journals, comparison research of Chinese journals and famous international journals, distributed knowledge organization and management mechanisms, and inhibition phenomena in attention.

3. Bharati Sen & Nahid Khashmelmous, India & Sudan. "Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge Materials: Preliminary Efforts at Elhafeed Library, Ahfad University, Sudan."

#### Biography of the first author:



Dr. Bharati Sen has a basic education in science with a M.Sc. degree in Botany. Later she entered the profession of Library & Information Sc. and completed her Ph.D. in the subject. She has been teaching for more than 20 years and is currently a Reader at the SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. Her area of specialization is abstracting and information consolidation as well as metadata creation for information retrieval.

Dr. Sen has been associated with a number of projects. Some of these relate to planning and development of libraries. She had been in-charge of a website on 'Women's Studies in South Asia'. One of the current projects is capacity building for women to develop e-content. She had been associated with documentation of working of NGOs and their networking for rehabilitation and development of Kutch after the devastating earthquake of 2001.

For last four years Dr. Sen's focus has been community information, traditional and indigenous knowledge. She has published a number of papers and has been working and writing about documentation and dissemination of such information. At present she is documenting traditional knowledge of women in a rural area in West Bengal under the UGC area studies grants.

4. Pradip Upadhyay & Madaswamy Moni, India. "e-Granthalaya: Moving Towards Rural Digital Library for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods."

#### Photo and biography of the first author:





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#### Photo and biography of the second author



Madaswamy Moni is a senior technocrat of National Informatics Centre (Department of Information Technology, Government of India), currently working as its Deputy Director General. With more than 24 years of professional

experience, he has held several prestigious assignments. He pioneered to establish the District Information System of National Informatics Centre (DISNIC) in 27 Sectors of importance, which included Agriculture, Education, Industries, Rural Development, Microlevel Planning, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Water Resources etc, for implementation in about 520 districts of India, with the establishment of NICNET in districts, during 1987-96.

His forte is ICT Diffusion and Infusion for achieving sustainable agricultural and rural development in India. He was instrumental in organising the national conference on "Informatics for Sustainable Agricultural Development (ISDA-95)" in May 1995, which gave the "road map" for ICT diffusion in the agricultural sector.

Madaswamy Moni has been propagating an integrated approach of "ICT and Agricultural, rural and backward area development", with its farm & non-farm linkages, to facilitate sustainable development, sustainable consumption, and sustainable livelihood of rural people. His mission is "ICT Diffusion and infusion in primary, secondary and service sectors for increasing productivity and growth" which has engendered the organization of two international conferences (i.e. Sustainable Development & Sustainable Lifestyles - 2001, Sustainable Agriculture, Water Resources Development and Earth care Policies - 2002). As the Secretary General of the Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation (An Earth Care Foundation in India), he is instrumental in generating renewed interests in issues of sustainable development among the relevant professionals in India. Five books edited along with his guru Dr.K.V.Sundaram, as a result of international conference organised by the Foundation, shows his immense interest in sustainable development issues.

Madaswamy Moni has visited many African, European and Asian countries on various technical missions. He is a distinguished Board Member (Indian Representative) in the "Asian Federation of Information Technology in Agriculture" (AFITA) for 2002-2004 and now the Vice-President of AFITA for the Period 2004-06, and also the Vice-President of Indian Association of

Information Technology in Agriculture (IAITA). The Centenarian Trust (Chennai) has conferred Madaswamy Moni with the title "Seva Ratna" for his contributions in extending the applications of Information and Communications Technology to agriculture and rural development in India, in January 2004. The Dcecan Geographical Society India (Pune) has bestowed upon him with its prestigious Award "Bhugol Bhushan Award 2006" in October 2006.

Recently he has been nominated as the Member, State Commission on Agricultural Reforms, Research and Development, Government of Jharkhand.

Present Responsibilities as Deputy Director General Since 2001 include e-Governance Standards Formulation to implement National e-Governance Programme (NeGP), Agricultural Informatics, ICT for Micro Level Planning & Grassroots Development, e-Granthalaya : Moving Towards Rural Digital Library for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods with a mission to network 5 Lakh Libraries and convert them as "Community Information Services Centres" – as a step towards achieving "India as a Knowledge Society", International Cooperation and NIC Mission Document 2005.

5. Yashwant Kanade & K.S Chudamani, India. "A Discourse on Promotion of Reading Habits in India."

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