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News from the Chair

Contributed by Kate Johnson

This year's conference in Pittsburgh promises to be a great one for SIG-III and anyone else interested in international issues. There has been a format change in the conference which allows for a series of workshops to be offered during the last day of the conference. SIG-III is involved in two of these – one on Intercultural Information Ethics in Global Information Ecosystem and the other on Education Information Professionals Around the World. More information about these workshops is below. Registration for these workshops is included in the conference fee, so we are hoping to have a very good turnout.

The theme for this year's International Reception will focus on Latin America, in recognition of the Bicentenary of independence for many Latin American countries. We are pleased to add to our usual array of features at the International Reception a local Pittsburgh group that specializes in Columbian music.

It has been a pleasure serving as SIG-III Chair this past year and to have so many keen and hard working people contributing to the success of the SIG. Our InfoShare program and International Paper Contest attracted much interest from our colleagues in the developing world. Through SIG-III's InfoShare Program we were able to offer full memberships to eight information professionals as well as two student memberships. First place in our International Paper Contest was awarded to Angelina Totolo from the University of Botswana. Angelina has indicated she will attend this year's conference. We look forward to meeting her as well as the 2009 International Paper Contest first place winner, Muhammad Rafiq, who was unable to attend last year's conference.

I am very happy to hand over the Chair's chair to Vika Kravchyna who, I expect, will bring much enthusiasm and innovative ideas to ensure the success of SIG-III in future years.

SIG-III Meetings and Events at 2010 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Kate Johnson

Schedule of SIG-III meetings and events at the 2010 Annual Meeting:

Sunday, October 24th

- **8:30am – SIG Cabinet meeting.** Toni Carbo and Aaron Bowen are the SIG-III Cabinet Representatives.
- **12:00-1:00pm – New Members / 1st Time Attendees Brunch.** Vika Kravchyna will be in attendance distributing SIG-III flyers and copies of SIG-III's newsletter.
- **7:00-8:30pm – Welcome Reception.** Please come to the SIG-III table at this event.

Monday, October 25th

- **5:00-6:00pm – SIG-III Business Meeting.** The meeting will be held in the Birmingham Room.
- **8:00-10:00pm – International Reception.** The event features the band "Besame," a Latin music group specializing in Columbian music. The School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has generously offered to sponsor this musical group. The Latin American theme for the International Reception is in recognition of the bicentenaries of many

Central and South American countries this year. The University of Pittsburgh's SLIS ASIS&T Student Chapter is contributing a gift basket consisting of items from the Pittsburgh area. Vika Kravchyna is organizing the silent auction and raffle. Please see a separate section below for further information about the International Reception.

Wednesday, October 27th

SIG-III is sponsoring one Workshop and co-sponsoring another this year:

- **8:30am-12:30pm – Intercultural Information Ethics in Global Information Ecosystem: Opportunities and Challenges**
Sponsor: SIG-III
Organizers: Kate Johnson and Johannes Britz, with the assistance of Tony Hoffman and Michael Zimmer at UW-Milwaukee
Discussion Moderator: Toni Carbo
Speakers: Dennis Ocholla (South Africa), Soraj Hongladarom (Thailand), Rafael Capurro (Germany), Mohammed Aman (USA/Egypt), Thomas Froehlich (USA)
Workshop Description: This half-day workshop is intended for anyone currently engaged with issues of intercultural information ethics, especially on a global scale. In particular, it seeks to further discussion among those scholars already working on the task of developing a Global Code of Ethics, as outlined by UNESCO. Finally, the workshop will also provide PhD students and faculty who are new to issues of intercultural information ethics with an opportunity to learn about the state of the field today.
- **1:30-5:30pm – Education Information Professionals Around the World**
Sponsors: SIG-III, SIG-ED
Discussion Moderator: Nancy K. Roderer
Speakers: Gwen Alexander, Alexander Arbutnot, Gail Bonath, Pascal Calarco, Anne S. Caputo, Rumi Graham, Guoqiu Li, Ann Prentice, and Yukiko Sakai
Workshop Description: A People to People delegation from the U.S. visited five institutions representing information professional educators and employers in China – the National Science Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China, Beijing Normal University in Beijing, the Shanghai Municipal Archives, and East China Normal University in Shanghai. From delegate Yukiko Sakai from Keio we also had the opportunity to learn more about information professional education in Japan. The visits resulted in an excellent exchange of information as well as agreement to work together in several areas. This workshop will allow the discussions

to continue and will bring other interested parties into the conversation.

Panels and Papers with an International Angle at 2010 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Kate Johnson

Panels and papers with an international angle at the 2010 Annual Meeting:

Monday, October 25th

- 8:30-10:00am – Organizing Knowledge the Chinese Way
Speaker: Hur-Li Lee
- 10:30am-12:00pm – Information Science in Europe
Speakers: Tatjana Aparac-Jelusic, Peter Ingwersen, Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Colin Schmidt, and Julian Warner
- 10:30am-12:00pm – Role of Online Communities in Recent Responses to Disasters: Tsunami, China, Haiti, and Katrina
Speakers: Denise Bedford, Iskandarsyah Bakri, Tiantian Wang, Yan Qu, Dave Yates, and Erika Pryor
- 1:30-3:00pm – Emergency Knowledge Management and Social Media Technologies: A Case Study of the 2010 Haitian Earthquake
Speakers: Dave Yates and Scott Paquette
- 3:30-5:00pm – International Collaboration and Counting Inflation in the Assessment of National Research Productivity
Speakers: Mu-husan Huang and Chi-Shiou Lin

Tuesday, October 26th

- 10:30am-12:00pm – Media Awareness in the Age of New Media: A Case Study of Primary 4 Students in Hong Kong
Speakers: Donna Chu, Sam Chu, Nicole Taveres, Felix Siu, Ken Chow, and Shun Yee Ho
- 4:00-5:30pm – Learning Tacit Knowledge in Life Science Graduate Programs in Taiwan
Speakers: Noriko Hara, Hesham Alsarhan, Kuo-Hua Chen, John Kilburn, Marcus Ynalvez, and Ruby Ynalvez

International Reception at 2010 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

This year's International Reception will be held at 8pm on Monday, October 25, 2010, at which time you will be able to meet and mix with colleagues from all over the world, including this year's International Paper Contest winner, Angelina Totolo, from Botswana. Her paper, entitled "Adoption and use of computer technology among school principals in Botswana secondary schools," spoke to the contest's theme of "Navigating Streams in a Global Information Ecosystem." In addition, Muhammad Rafiq, the 2009 International Paper Contest winner, who was unable to attend last year's Annual Meeting, will be in attendance.

ASIS&T is a truly international professional society and SIG-III, through its InfoShare Program, actively recruits members from all over the world. SIG-III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction at the event. If you have items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please bring your items to the conference with you. We will leave a box by the registration table to drop off Silent Auction donation items. For those colleagues who are unable to attend this year, please send Silent Auction donations with a friend or via postal mail. For further information you can contact Kate Johnson (cjohn24@uwo.ca), Daniel Gelaw Alemneh (Daniel.Alemneh@unt.edu), or other SIG-III Officers.

We will also have our annual Raffle Ticket Sale at the International Reception. The prize in the Raffle is a gift basket put together by the University of Pittsburgh's SLIS student chapter of ASIS&T, with local products and goodies. If you have something small and new that you could contribute for the basket, please contact Daniel or Kate and bring it to the conference as well. All proceeds from the Silent Auction and Raffle Ticket Sale will go to the SIG-III InfoShare Fund, which offers ASIS&T memberships to information professionals in developing countries for whom the cost of membership would otherwise be a financial burden. This year we awarded eight (6 professional and 2 student) membership benefits for one year.

This year's International Reception is indeed packed with interesting activities. Thanks to the sponsorship of the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Besame music group (<http://www.besamepittsburgh.com/>) will entertain us with live music and add some excitement to the evening.

Please come enjoy yourself at the International Reception! National costumes encouraged.

Thank you for your support!

Election Ballot for 2010-2011 SIG-III Officers

Contributed by Kate Johnson

Subject to revisions and ratification by SIG-III members at

the SIG-III Business Meeting:

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InfoShare Officer: Devendra Potnis
Cabinet Representative: Toni Carbo
Alternate Cabinet Representative: OPEN
SIG-III Advisory Board: Toni Carbo, Nadia Caidi

We will need to canvass our friends and colleagues to find good people to fill these open positions.

SIG-III Financial Report

Contributed by Bahaa El-Hadidy

SIG General Fund

The beginning balance this year was \$7558. The SIG General Fund revenues consisted of the dues from 96 individual memberships and 158 institution memberships for a total of \$258. The SIG-III total expenses were \$181 for the SIG planning meeting, SIG-III's share for the cost of the New Members / 1st Time Attendees Brunch, and copying service expenses. This results in a net income of \$327. This year's ending fund balance is \$7885. As reported in the July 2010 SIG-III Newsletter, there will be changes in the funding policy of the SIGs, the details of which will be decided at the 2010 Annual Meeting and will be reported to the SIG-III members in a timely manner.

InfoShare Fund

The starting balance for the budget year was \$1052. The program received \$541 from donations and sales at the November 2009 Silent Auction/Raffle. As reported in the July 2010 SIG-III Newsletter, the InfoShare Program awarded six professional memberships and two student memberships to the InfoShare recipients this year. The following four professionals and one student have completed their membership applications at a cost of \$600:

- Justin Chisenga, professional from Ghana
- Atanu Garai, professional from India

- Abdul Waheed, professional from Pakistan
- Alaa Al-Din Al-Radhi, professional from Jordan
- Saima Qutab, student from Pakistan

ASIS&T has yet to receive membership forms from:

- Ayman S. Eldakroury, professional from Egypt
- Nosheen Fatima Warraich, professional from Pakistan
- Chenjerai Mabhiza, student from Namibia

Total expenses from the InfoShare Fund this year are \$600, with an ending balance of \$993.

Digital Scholarship Fund

The beginning fiscal year balance was \$11,606. Due to the weak economy, SIG-III has not received any donations for the Digital Scholarship Fund this year. The most recent travel award expense paid up till now was for the 2009 International Paper Contest first place winner, which was paid from the 2009 budget. Therefore, the available funds as of October 2010 are still \$11,606.

Contributions

We invite all SIGs, chapters, institutions, and members to donate books and other items to support the InfoShare Silent Auction at this year's International Reception. Monetary gifts are also welcome to support other SIG-III activities, which carry on our successful worldwide programs. Bring your items and contributions to the International Reception, participate in the Silent Auction, or contact Bahaa El-Hadidy (elhadidy@cas.usf.edu) for instructions regarding where to send contributions via postal mail.

Your donations will help our award-winning SIG continue its success and fulfill its objectives over the coming years.

International Paper Contest Results

Contributed by Michael Zimmer

The 2010 ASIS&T SIG-III International Paper Contest attracted numerous quality submissions from across the globe addressing the theme "Navigating Streams in a Global Information Ecosystem." After careful review, we are pleased to announce the following winning papers:

First place

Adoption and use of computer technology among school principals in Botswana secondary schools
Author: Angelina Totolo, Department of Library and Information Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

Second place

The role of educational information systems for survival in

information society and the case of Pakistan
Co-Authors: Farzana Shafique, Lecturer, Department of Library & Information Science, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan, and Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Special thanks to the reviewers for donating their time in support of this contest:

- Johannes Britz (UW-Milwaukee)
- Maria Haigh (UW-Milwaukee)
- Catherine Johnson (University of Western Ontario)
- Anindita Paul (University of Missouri)
- Hong Xu (University of Pittsburgh)
- Borchuluun Yadamsuren (University of Missouri)

International Paper Contest First Place Winner's Biography



Dr. Angelina Totolo is a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies as well as a Digital Scholarship Coordinator at the University of Botswana, which is in Southern Africa. She earned a Masters in Library Science from Syracuse University and a Doctor of Philosophy from Florida State University, both in the United States.

I started my career as a secondary school teacher, which is where I saw a real need for a school library in a Botswana school. Without any basic skills in librarianship, I began to volunteer my services to set up the library, for my main interest was to see students read and borrow books. When the Botswana government soon after introduced a school librarianship certificate, I became one of the first teachers to be trained in this area. Since then, I have never looked back. As my interest in librarianship and, later, the broader information science field grew, combined with the help of a government scholarship, I earned a Masters in Library Science from Syracuse University and a Doctor of Philosophy from Florida State University. As the field of school librarianship grew in Botswana and the government

began to build school libraries in all the secondary schools, I began to notice that the technology in school libraries was lagging more and more behind. I then became interested in the current topic of principals and their technology adoption status. Broadly speaking, my areas of interest are information technology adoption and use, information needs and services, and school librarianship.

I have previously been involved with ASIS&T as a member of the ASIS&T Florida State University Chapter in 2004, and I was one of the presenters of a paper entitled “An exploration of the theories that explain the failure of information technology adoption in Africa,” which was presented at the Conference on Information Technology Education in Newark, NJ, USA, in 2005. I must add that I have had a lot of positive encouragement from Professor Kathleen Burnett, who encouraged me to publish the present paper from my dissertation. My experience under Professor Kathleen Burnett’s leadership, together with that of the members of the Doctoral committee at Florida State University (Professor Eliza Dresang, Professor Gary Burnett, Dr. Alysia Roehrig, Dr. Darrell Burke), has greatly shaped my career. Presently, I have been appointed the Digital Scholarship Coordinator to monitor the adoption and use of cutting edge technology by the university community here at the University of Botswana.

International Paper Contest Papers to be Published in IILR

Contributed by Toni Carbo

For the past several years, the International Information and Library Review (IILR) has considered all submissions from the SIG-III International Paper Contest for publication in IILR, using a separate review process from the SIG-III jury process. This year four of the papers from the 11th International Paper Contest were selected. As has been the practice in the past, the theme of the Contest was taken from the theme of the Conference, and the 2010 theme is: “Navigating Streams in an Information Ecosystem.” This year’s theme is particularly relevant to The IILR with the Conference’s tracks in areas such as: Information Behavior, Organization and Use; Information Systems, Interactivity and Design; Information and Knowledge Management; and especially Information in Context: Economic, Social and Policy Perspectives. The selected papers were revised from the original submissions, incorporating comments from reviewers, and the final versions were published in the September 2010 issue (volume 42, number 3). In most cases, the final versions of the papers differ significantly from the original submissions.

The four papers selected for publication in 2010 are:

1. The role of educational information systems for survival in information society and the case of Pakistan by Farzana Shafique and Khalid Mahmood;

2. Information policy: Content and challenges for an effective knowledge society by Eustache Mègnigbèto;
3. Undergraduate students’ perceptions of digital library: A case study by N.K. Sheeja; and
4. Responding to information needs of the citizens through e-government portals and online services in India by Mangala Anil Hirwade

As editor of IILR, I have been fascinated to see the differences between the results of reviews by SIG-III jury members and external reviewers of IILR, all of whom are experienced information scientists with a wide range of backgrounds and experience. Perhaps exploring the reasons for the differences, especially with this year’s papers that received very different reviews and ratings, could be the basis of a future research project. As a co-founder with Michel Menou of SIG-III and a member of ASIS&T for nearly 40 years, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such a distinguished group of colleagues and to continue to learn so much from them. We are all focused on contributing to the knowledge of our international discipline and the Information Professions and on mentoring our junior colleagues as well as we can. I want to extend my appreciation to ASIS&T and SIG-III for all they do to advance international understanding.

Mentorship Program Update

Contributed by Nasser Saleh

The SIG-III Mentorship Program, aimed at building closer relationships between International Paper Contest participants and more established members of the SIG-III and ASIS&T community, will be re-activated as well as restructured to further identify alternative channels to build the network of International Paper Contests participants. Our goal is to encourage the International Paper contestants to remain active in ASIS&T and SIG-III, even after the International Paper Contest has ended, by developing mutually satisfying dialogs and long-lasting relationships sharing information, advice, and expertise. If you have any suggestions regarding how the Mentorship Program may be restructured, please contact Nasser Saleh (nasser.saleh@queensu.ca).

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The official SIG-III blog is located at <http://sigiii.wordpress.com/>.

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Attention ASIS&T Members
Donations Needed
for the
Silent Auction
at the
International Reception

Remember to pack your Silent Auction items for the Annual Meeting!

Event: InfoShare Silent Auction
Location: International Reception
Date: Monday, October 25, 2010
Time: 8-10pm

Bring donated items to the 2010 Annual Meeting for entry in the InfoShare Silent Auction at the International Reception, sponsored by SIG-III.

SIG-III will leave a box by the registration table in which ASIS&T members may drop off Silent Auction donation items.

If unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please send donated Silent Auction items with a friend or by postal mail.

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