

# SIG III Newsletter

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*Hope to See You All at ASIST 2000 Annual Meeting in Chicago!*

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### 1. International Paper Contest Results

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From Sue Sue O'Neill Johnson SIG III Chair, 2000:

I am pleased to announce the results of the Digital Scholars Competition for librarians and information scientists in developing countries.

1) Lee, Kyiho (Korea)

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ghlee@kordic.re.kr, kyiho\_lee@yahoo.com

Construction of a Full-Text Database and Service System for Korean Electronic Theses and Dissertations

2) Sharma, Aashish & Yurcik, William (India)

Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Devi Ahilya University, presently at Illinois State University

The Emergence of Rural Digital Libraries in India: The Gyandoot Digital Library Intranet Abhimansharma@yahoo.com

3) Chen, Chao-chen & others (R.O.China)

Department of Adult and Continuing Education, National Taiwan Normal University

The Design of Metadata Interchange for Chinese Information and Implementation of Metadata Management System\*

(\*The work is partially supported by National Science Council under grant NSC 89-2750-P-002-012.)

cc4073@tpts1.seed.net.tw.; Will join Taipai Chapter.

4) Goswami, P.R. (India)

Librarian, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, India

E-Mail: prg@fmsdu.ernet.in, Statistical Databases in India.

Towards a Better Dissemination.

5) Liu, Yan Quan & Zhang, Jin (P.R.China)

Digital Asia Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Memorial Library, Madison, WI 53706-1494 Voice: (608)

262-5493; Fax: (608) 265-2754

6) Omole, Duncan Wambogo (Kenya)

UNESCO Global Network for Professional Education in Journalism and the Media (JOURNET) Documentalist, c/o

African Council for Communication Education (ACCE), Nairobi, Kenya. Fax: 254-02-216135, Email:

wambogo@hotmail.com

The six winners will each receive two-year memberships in ASIS&T, SIG III. Four of the six winners (1, 2, 4, and 5) will

be at the Annual Conference in Chicago to present ten minute summaries of their papers. The other two summaries will be presented by judges Dr. Bahaa El Hadidy and Dr Ben-Ami Lipetz.

The session, #18 International Digital Library Advances in Developing Countries (SIG III), will be on Tuesday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. Arkansas/Mayfair Room.

Many thanks to Nathalie Leroy for her work with me in coordinating the effort, and also to Trudi Bellardo who coordinated the judging. All thirty-five papers submitted are being considered for the "Bulletin," or for a special issue of Academic Press' International Information and Library Review. The remaining papers will be made available on the SIG III web site.

Thanks to Eugene Garfield for paying the expenses for the mailing, for the assistance of Dick Hill and the ASIS&T staff, for the support of ASIS&T members, and of Academic Press.

In addition to being a member of SIG III we would like for each winner to have a Chapter affiliation. If your chapter is interested in having one of the winners join your group, please send me a message directly to [sjohnson3@worldbank.org](mailto:sjohnson3@worldbank.org).

Thank you,

Sue O'Neill Johnson SIG III Chair, 2000

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**2. Fundraising Results**  
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Total money raised was \$7,385 which will be used for the memberships, and some expenses by Fellows in attending the Conference. Sixty-four donations were received from ASIS members. A special thanks to Haworth Press for their \$500 donation, and to Academic Press for their \$2,750 donation.

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**3. Election Balot for SIGIII Officers**  
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Dear Sig III Members,

The Nominating Committee of SIG III has agreed on the following slate of officers for the coming year. We have a big program planned and look forward to your participation. Please send your ballot DIRECTLY to me (not to this listserv) by return e-mail to [sjohnson3@worldbank.org](mailto:sjohnson3@worldbank.org). Deadline is Thursday, November 9. Thank you.

**ELECTION BALLOT FOR SIG III MEMBERS**

CHAIR: Bahaa El-Hadidy

CHAIR ELECT: Hong Xu

PAST CHAIR: Sue O'Neill Johnson

ASST CHAIR: Irina Kirillova

ASST CHAIR ELECT: Tatiana Russkykh

CABINET REPRESENTATIVE: Nathalie Leroy

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Kendra Jones

INFOSHARE OFFICER: Mikel Breitenstein

OUTREACH AND NETWORKING OFFICER: Virginia Cano

I approve the nominations\_\_\_\_\_

I do not approve the nominations. I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Please return directly to [sjohnson3@worldbank.org](mailto:sjohnson3@worldbank.org) by Thursday November 9, 2000. Please also indicate if you are interested in becoming more active in SIG III, and if you have a particular area of interest in which you would like to get involved. Thank you very much.

Sue O'Neill Johnson, SIG III chair, 2000  
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#### **4. SIG-III Sponsored Sessions at ASIST Annual Meeting**

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##### **1). Tuesday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.**

##### **a) International Digital Library Advances in Developing Countries (SIG III)**

###### *Overview:*

Information science experts in developing countries face a unique set of opportunities and challenges as they work to put today's evolving technologies to use to benefit their nations. In this session speakers from several developing countries will discuss their efforts to create practical, collaborative applications of digital library and information science technology.

###### *Presenter:*

Kyiho Lee (Korea), "Construction of a Full-Text Database and Service System for Korean Electronic Theses and Dissertations"

Aashish Sharma and William Yurcik (India) "The Emergence of Rural Digital Libraries in India: The Gyandoot Digital Library Intranet"

Chao-chen Chen, et al (R.O.China), "The Design of Metadata Interchange for Chinese Information and Implementation of Metadata Management System"

P.R.Goswani (India), "Statistical Databases in India: towards a Better Dissemination"

Yan Quan Liu and Jin Zhang (P.R.China), "Digital Library Infrastructure - A case study on sharing information resources in China"

Duncan Wambogo Omole (Kenya), "Information Science and Technology in Developing Countries"

###### *Moderator:*

Natalie Leroy, Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nations, NY.

###### *Discussion Leader:*

Sylvia Piggott, of the Joint World Bank-International Monetary Fund Library, Washington, D.C.

##### **b) Global Networks and Virtual Communication (SIG III)**

###### *Overview:*

The Internet has made it possible for people with shared interests from around the world to interact and collaborate with one another in new and exiting ways. In this session speakers from several different countries will discuss their own experiences with some of the collaborative opportunities and challenges posed by this new global communication network.

###### *You Will Learn About*

How two authors used the Internet to collaborate on researching and writing a book; the advantages and limitations of using a computer mediated communication on system to host a virtual conference; lessons learned from building a virtual community of practitioners and researchers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

*Presenters:*

Susanne Bjorner, Choice Magazine and Stephanie Ardito, Ardito Information and Research Inc. Writing About 'Online' Online.

Catherine Collins and Charlotte Ford, Indiana University and Luz Marina Quiorga, University of Hawaii. An Exploratory Study of the Advantages and Limitations of a Virtual Conference.

Michel Menou, City University, London; Daniel Pimienta, Fundacion Redes y Desarrollo, Dominican Republic; Karin Delgadillo, CHASQUINET, Ecuador. Building a Virtual Community in Latin America and the Caribbean for Study and Action on Socially Responsible use of ICTs.

*Moderator:*

Hong Xu, University of Pittsburgh

**2) Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m.****Information and SMEs: Toward Better Strategic Information Management Approaches for SMEs (SIG III)***Overview:*

In today's fast-changing, global, and increasingly competitive business environment SMEs need to be able to gather information quickly and systematically in order to anticipate and respond to rapid-fire changes in the business environment. Recognizing the importance of information management to the success of a competitive economy, many governments around the world are interested in implementing programs to help SMEs better manage information. Unfortunately, very little is known about what types of information SMEs need or how they use it. Such knowledge is essential to developing an appropriate model for strategic information management for SMEs and useful information products and services for them. In this session speakers will discuss efforts to develop a better understanding of SMEs' information needs.

*You Will Learn About*

What is known currently regarding SME information management; lessons and applications that can be implemented based on current knowledge; what needs to be done in terms of research and practice in this area over the next few years.

*Presenters:*

Pierrette Bergeron, University of Montreal. Government Approaches To Foster Business Intelligence Practices in SMEs: A Comparative Study of Eight Governments

Philippe Clerc, Association Des Chambres Francaises De Commerce Et D'Industrie. The French Chambers of Commerce and Industry Sustaining Program for a Better Strategic Information Management by SMEs: A Comparative Study of Three Cases

Elisabeth Davenport, Napier University, Scotland. Localization, Globalization and SMEs in the EC Tourism Sector: The Virtual Enterprise as a Framework for Knowledge Management

Henri Dou, Universite Aix-Marseille III. Competitive Intelligence for SMEs: From Intellectual Concepts to Actionable CI: Rules and Practices

Charles Ramangalahy, University of Montreal. Sustaining Small Business Information Absorptive Capacity for Competitiveness: Towards a Theoretical Framework

*Moderator:*

Ethel Auster, University of Toronto

**3) Thursday, November 16, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

**Information Policy and Research Issues (SIGs IFP, III)***Overview:*

In the new global community, information policies formulated in one country can have an impact on information professionals and users worldwide. Today, a wide array of governments and international, national, and regional institutions are involved in formulating such policies. In this session speakers will explore several case studies to provide participants with a feel for the dimensions of these policy discussions.

*You Will Learn About*

The results of a recent workshop held to gather input from scientists about the potential renewal in 2001 of the European Union's Database Directive on anti-piracy; efforts to ensure that communities disadvantaged by their income level and location are not left out of the Internet revolution.

*Presenters:*

Michel Menou, CIDEGI. Connecting the Disconnected: Telecentres and Other Ways Toward Empowerment

John Rumble, International Committee on Data and US National Institute for Standards and Technology. The EU Database Directive: The Response of the International Scientific Community Shelly Warwick, Queens College, City University of New York. Copyright in the Americas: A Conference Report

*Moderators:*

James Rush, Palinet (retired); Gail Hodge, Information International

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**5. International Reception & Silent Auction at ASIST Annual Meeting**  
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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to announce that Elsevier Science, Inc., has continued its support this year to co-sponsor the SIG III International Reception. On behalf of ASIST and SIG III, I would like to present our thanks and gratitude to Elsevier, Inc. for their support. I would like also to thank Tefko Saracevic for his help in getting the Elsevier sponsorship.

It is with great honor to invite all ASIST Board of Directors, all SIG III members, ASIST staff members, all SIGS Officers and all Chapters Officers to our ASIS international gathering at the ASIST Annual Meeting. The Reception will be at the Sheraton Conference Hotel on Monday, November 13 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at Ballroom 6. We would like also to extend our invitation to all ASIST international guests, all the international speakers and all foreign students attending the meeting.

The reception will feature some international music, some light snacks and a cash bar. There will be a silent auction, which will benefit the SIG III Infoshare Program. The Program sponsors ASIST membership for information practitioners from non-U.S. countries who cannot afford the ASIST dues.

Come and meet our international guests and enjoy the international gatherings. See you in Chicago.

SIG III Chair Elect,  
Bahaa El-Hadidy

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**6. Agenda for SIG III Annual Meeting in Chicago**  
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If you will be at the ASIS&T meeting in Chicago, please attend the annual SIG III (International Information Issues) planning meeting on:

Monday, November 13 at 7:45 a.m. in ASIS Meeting Room B, Sheraton Hotel.

It's a good opportunity to meet people, and we really do get a good start on the work program for the entire year. We've had a very active year, and many of you have participated, or are now ready to participate or share ideas. This is a very open group hoping you will join us.

Sorry about the hour, but I will have donuts...bring your own coffee. We all want to go to the Keynote address at 9:00 a.m. We will also get together Tuesday in the same room for fine tuning, from 7:45-8:30 a.m. if you can come back, then must go off to the SIG III programs happening at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

If you cannot make the meeting, and have some ideas to share, or would like to participate, please send me an e-mail before the meeting. [sjohnson3@worldbank.org](mailto:sjohnson3@worldbank.org).

## AGENDA

Results of Election of Officers for 2001

Review of SIG III activities, 2000

- Programs prepared for Conference
- Digital scholars competition in developing countries awarded memberships to 6 new members
- InfoShare program awarded memberships to 5 new members from developing countries
- Update on our new Web site and electronic newsletter
- Update on Alexandria, Egypt Library international Conference

We need your ideas to continue to develop the SIG, as the international arm of ASIS&T, such as:

- Increase SIG membership, including all members interested in international issues, and all non-US members.
- Increase relevance of SIG III Listserv
- Organize and co-sponsor international meetings with other organizations; develop some seminars and workshops to be offered at international sites,
- Find other ways to increase the ties with other international organizations.
- Enhance the SIG III Web site
- Develop an excellent SIG III program for ASIS&T 2001 Annual meeting.
- Develop the international section of the ASIS Bulletin
- Continue to strengthen the InfoShare program

Thank you. See you in Chicago.

Sue O'Neill Johnson, SIG III Chair, 2000

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## 7. Frequently Asked Questions about sigiii-1 Subscriptions

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The purposes of SIG/III are--

- to promote better awareness among ASIS members and information professionals of the importance of international cooperation;
- to facilitate and enhance better communication and interaction among ASIS members and their foreign colleagues on information issues; and
- to provide a forum for exploring and discussing international information issues and problems. SIG/III membership includes most non-U.S. ASIS members and a true cross-section of U.S. ASIS members.

The list is open to all (regardless of membership) and it is unmoderated. We felt that of all ASIS SIGs, International Information Issues especially needed the ability to communicate quickly and widely.

We have taken the liberty of subscribing all members of SIG III based on the information available at headquarters in

August, 1999. To change your subscription, you will probably want to unsubscribe the address we have entered for you and re-subscribe from another address.

Here's the HOW-TO instructions:

To post a message to sigiii-l:

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Attachments will NOT be processed.

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Text: subscribe sigiii-l  
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Do not include your name or e-mail address.]

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Send to: [majordomo@asis.org](mailto:majordomo@asis.org)  
Subject line should be blank. It will not be processed.  
Text: unsubscribe sigiii-l  
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Do not include your name or e-mail address.]

Please contact me ([hxu@mail.sis.pitt.edu](mailto:hxu@mail.sis.pitt.edu)) if you have any questions regarding the list.

Thanks for your attention.

Hong Xu  
SIG III Communication Officer  
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