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## 2006 InfoShare Awardees

InfoShare is a program sponsored by SIG III. The program awards one- or two-year ASIST memberships to information professionals in developing countries for whom the cost of membership would be a financial burden.

Sue O'Neill Johnson and Caryn Anderson have served as our InfoShare Co-Coordinator this year. Revenue from the International Reception at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA this past November generated enough funds to make five awards this year. We are pleased to present the 2006 Recipients:

### **Ifeanyichukwu (Ify) Njoku (Nigeria)**

Ifeanyichukwu Njoku is the College Librarian of the Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Lagos, Nigeria. She holds Master degrees in Library and Information Science and in Public Administration. She is an active member of the IT section of the Nigerian Library Association. She is currently carrying out some studies on the information behaviour of fishermen. She is particularly interested on the influence ICT on information behaviour in developing countries. Ify was the International Paper Contest winner for 2003 and is currently the Co-Chair Elect for SIG-III. Ify was officially nominated by Sue O'Neill Johnson, who notes that Ify has been a tireless advocate for ASIST for the past two years.

### **Dr. P. R. Goswami (India)**

Nominated by Sue O'Neill Johnson, Sue says, "He has been to three ASIST meetings ... and has been extremely valuable in getting participation from Delhi in our International Paper Contest." In addition, Dr. Goswami was the Conference Secretariat and key organizer of the IT in Special Libraries conference held in New Delhi on 9 December 2005 (sponsored by SLA - Asian chapter).

### **J.K. Vijayakumar (Antigua, Indian national)**

J. K. Vijayakumar (Vijay) is the Assistant Director of Library at American University of Antigua, College of Medicine in West Indies. He was a Scientist at Government of India's National Library Network, called INFLIBNET, for seven years and contributed towards its various innovative programs aimed at modernizing Indian academic libraries. He secured Masters in Library and Information Science with First Rank from Annamalai University during 1996 and finished Ph.D. in Library Science from Bhundelkhand University during 2002-2005. He was named as "IFLA/OCLC Fellow" in 2002, and was an associate of the Mortenson Centre for International Library Programs at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA.

He has received multiple membership awards and travel grants from ASIST, IFLA and the Special Libraries Association in recent years and is a standing committee member in IFLA-UN Section. He co-edited International CALIBER-2004 proceedings and widely published 30 technical papers and reports at the international and national level. He has organized and actively participated in several International and Indian conferences and programs and is an active volunteer for the International Calendar of Information Science Conferences, contributing events regularly. He is also serving on the judging committee for ASIST SIG-III International Paper contest for 2006.

### **Ms. Lkhagvasuren Ariunaa (Mongolia)**

Nominated by Kate Johnson, Lkhagvasuren Ariunaa is the chief executive of InTec Co Ltd, an IT consulting company based in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. She is also the team leader of the ICT for Innovating Rural Education of Mongolia project supported by ADB,

JFICT and MOECS. Prior to starting her own company, she was the Director of Information and Civil Society Programmes in 2001 - 2004 at the Mongolian Foundation for Open Society funded by the Soros Foundation. She was the network administrator of UNDP's Mongolia office and afterwards project coordinator of the UNDP and Government of Mongolia project in 1997 - 1999. Lkhagvasuren has a Master of Business Systems from Monash University, Australia, and an MBA from the International Management Centre, Hungary, and Case Western Reserve University, USA.

**Caryn Anderson.**

### **SLA – Asian Chapter Conference**

SLA – Asian Chapter organized a seminar on 'IT Application in Special Libraries' at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi on December 9, 2005. As many as 150 library professionals from New Delhi and other places attended the seminar. The message sent by Ms. Jane Macastra, President SLA – Asian Chapter was read out by Ms. Pradnya Yogesh, Librarian, Kanbay Software, Pune. In her message, Ms. Macastra said that the objective of the SLA is to bring the members of the SLA and non-members together on a platform for professional development. Mr. Debal C. Kar, Secretary, Asian Chapter was the Organising Secretary for this seminar. There were seven invited speakers which included (i) Dr. H.K. Kaul on 'Information Professionals in the knowledge Sector: Their Changing Role in Special Libraries'; (ii) Dr. Ms. Usha Mujoo Munshi on 'E-Scholarship: Initiatives at the Indian National Science Academy for Dissemination of Information in Special Libraries'; (iii) Dr. Mrs. S.P. Singh on 'Role of Special Libraries in India and Current Trends' (iv) Dr. Jagdish Arora on 'Open Access and Scholarly Publishing'; and (v) Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur on 'Digital Library Initiatives at the IGNCA'; (vi) Dr. V.N. Shukla on 'Digital Library Initiatives in India'; and (viii) Professor Mrs. Uma Kanjilal on 'E-Learning Development in India'. In the discussion part of the seminar, the participants emphasized the need for a proper policy for digitization programme including development of uniform standards for metadata and use of an open source software like D-Space.

**P.R. Goswami, Chair, Organising Committee.**

### **LIS education in developing countries**

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The International Information and Library Review is soliciting papers for a special issue addressing the following broad theme:

*LIS Education in developing countries and emerging democracies.*

Libraries and other information services can be significant tools in the economic and social development of developing countries and emerging democracies. Often, however, library and information science education in these countries lacks the expertise and experience to produce librarians who can shape their libraries and information services to function effectively in the global information society. This special issue of The International Information and Library Review will focus on the state of LIS education in developing countries and emerging democracies.

Related themes could include but are not limited to:

- · Case studies of LIS curriculum development in developing countries
- · The social and cultural context of LIS curricula in specific countries
- · Challenges in translating knowledge gained from a Western-based LIS education into a developing world context
- · Use of information and communication technologies to provide access to LIS education to students in developing countries
- · Evaluation of Western-based LIS programs delivered either in face to face or online formats to students from developing countries.
- · Challenges faced by students from developing countries who are enrolled in LIS programs in the West
- · Personal reflections on LIS education in developing countries and emerging democracies

Papers are solicited from LIS practitioners and educators in both the developed and developing world that address the state of LIS education in developing countries in either practical or theoretical terms.

#### **DEADLINES:**

Please submit a 150 word abstract by July 1<sup>st</sup> and the full paper by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The abstract and paper can be submitted as a word attachment to: Johnson at sois dot uwm dot edu

**Catherine Johnson,**

## 2006 International Paper contest winners

It is my great pleasure to announce the results of the seventh International Paper Contest organized by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG III). Thanks to Duncan and Jonathan and for everyone involved in making it happen!

Our six winners this year are:

1. Aditya Nugraha, Indonesia.  
"Desa Informasi - The Role of Digital Libraries in the Preservation and Dissemination of Indigenous Knowledge."
2. Chengyu Zhang & Li Li, China.  
"Digital Teaching Reference Book Service: A Case Study on Knowledge-Object-Based Microstructure of Digital Resources."
3. Bharati Sen & Nahid Khashmelmous, India & Sudan.  
"Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge Materials: Preliminary Efforts at Elhafeed Library, Ahfad University, Sudan."
4. Pradip Upadhyay & Madaswamy Moni, India.  
"e-Granthalaya: Moving Towards Rural Digital Library for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods."
5. Yashwant Kanade & K.S Chudamani, India.  
"A Discourse on Promotion of Reading Habits in India."
6. P Jain & Parveen Babbar, India.  
"Digital Library Initiatives in India."

The theme of this year's contest was "Information Realities: Shaping the digital future for all?" The six winning papers were selected from 31 submissions by 42 authors from 12 developing countries.

Principal authors of the winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIST. In addition, the first place winner, Aditya Nugraha will be awarded a minimum of \$1,000 to attend the November 3-8, 2006 ASIST Annual Meeting, in Austin, Texas. The second authors of the second and third ranked papers receive a copy of Berkshire Encyclopedia of Human-Computer Interaction ([www.berkshirehci.com](http://www.berkshirehci.com)) generously donated by Berkshire Publishing Group.

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.

Thanks to the generous donations from Eugene Garfield Foundation, Elsevier, the Chicago Chapter and European Chapter of ASIST, University of Western Ontario, Drexel University, Kent State University, LACASIS, International Information Association, and many other organizations and individuals, we have raised \$6550 to support the International Paper Contest. We expect many more donations to be coming in due course.

Congratulations to the winners!

The Contest Committee worked really hard in selecting the winning papers. The paper contest was organized by Duncan Omole (Chair) and Jonathan Levitt (co-Chair) from the Open University and University College London.

The judges were:

Duncan Omole, The World Bank Group, Washington DC.

Miriam Vieira da Cunha, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil.

Yunfei Du, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Yin Zhang, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, USA.

Nadia Caidi, University of Toronto, Canada.

Sue Johnson, Consultant, National Library of Medicine, Washington, DC.

Liwen Vaughan, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

Nathalie Leroy, United Nations, New York City, New York.

Merlyna Lim, Annenberg Center for Communication, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

J.K. Vijayakumar, American University of Antigua, Antigua & Barbuda, West Indies.

We thank the jury members for their selfless effort and our donors for their compassion which makes 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.

**Nadia Caidi.**

## Past International Paper contest winners

We are very pleased to be able to provide news on five past winners of the International Paper contest

### Dr Chao Chen-Chen, A winner of the International Paper contest 2000.



Professor, Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University, CHINA

#### Recent activities:

- Consultant committee of National Media Industry Information Service, Government Information Office, China
- Co Project Investigator of National Digital Archives Program Application Services Division
- Secretary-general, Library Association of China (in Taiwan), 2004-2005
- Member of Standing Council, Library Association of China (in Taiwan), 2004-2005

#### Recent Research Projects:

- Integration of digital resources created by open projects and promotion of digital resource transaction (Research grant supported by National Science Council, 2005-2006)
- Digital Resources Integration of Digital Archives Projects (Research grant supported by National Science Council, 2004-2005)
- Study on Ontology of Administrative Knowledge and Design of Ontology System (Research grant supported by Executive Yuan, 2004-2005)

- Study on E-Publishing Management of Government Publications (Research grant supported by Research, Development and Evaluation Commission, Executive Yuan, 2004)
- National Digital Archives Program, Applications and Services Div. Project (Co-Project Investigator) (Research grant supported by National Science Council 2004-)
- The Planning and Implement of E-learning Courses of Chinese Calligraphy (Project Leader) (Research grant supported by National Science Council 2003-2005)
- Building SCORM Content from Existing Instructional Materials for Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission (Project Leader) (Research grant supported by Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, 2003/9-2004/4)
- Research on Classification System of National Repository of Culture Heritage (Project Leader, 2003/12-)
- A Supporting System for E-Learning of Chinese Calligraphy (Project Leader) (Research grant supported by National Science Council 2003-2005)
- Taiwan Genealogy On Line (Project Leader) (Research grant supported by National Science Council, 2002/-)

### Aashish Sharma, a winner of the International Paper Contest in 2000.



Aashish Sharma is at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and working at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. He mostly does research and deals with security issues related to high performance computing environment, like Teragrid and computing clusters.

**Dr PR Goswami, a winner in the International Paper Contest in 2000 and 2001**



As Director of the National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Dr. Goswami's responsibility is to plan and promote library and information services for the institutes of social science that come under the ICSSR fraternity. Presently there are 27 institutes spread all over India that are getting financial support from the ICSSR. Now they are planning to have a Social Science Libraries Network (SSLN) under the aegis of the NASSDOC. The primary objective is to have resource sharing among these libraries particularly for grey literature published in India and also to start consortia based subscription to e journals for these institutes. They are collaborating with the Inlibnet (Information and library network of the University Grants Commission of India). NASSDOC has recently compiled a significant retrospective bibliographic tool. It is known as INSPELi e Indian Social Science periodical literature covering the period 1800 to 1970. NASSDOC has digitised a part of its PhD theses collection in collaboration with Vidyanidhi Digital Library Project of Mysore University funded by the Ford Foundation.

**Widharto Widharto, a winner of the International Paper Contest in 2001.**



- Annual Conference of the Special Library Association, Toronto, Canada, 5-9 June 2005
- The 31st IAMSILIC Annual Conference in Rome, Italy, in October 2005
- CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarian) 13th Conference.
- The 10FM (10th Anniversary of First Monday), in Chicago, Ill.

In addition he won one of the 2006 SLA Diversity Leadership Development Awards and has been invited to receive it in Baltimore, MD. 11-14 June 2006.

**Ishmail Fahmi, A winner of the International Paper contest 2001.**



Ishmail has been a PhD student since February 2004 at the Information Science department of the University of Groningen. His research is about "Automatic Term Recognition Using Dependency Relation". He uses medical corpus as well as the UMLS to test my method. He also works at the University Library as a researcher at the Digital Library department. His task is to develop a semantic web for the Early American Imprints corpus. More information about both of his projects can be found here: <http://odur.let.rug.nl/fahmi> (PhD project) and <http://evans.ub.rug.nl> (Library).

**Sue O'Neill Johnson.**

## Information Science in Brazil

The history of ideas, as produced by scientists and the institutions that employ them, makes visible the intellectual production in a particular field of knowledge. In the field of Information Science, Brazil holds an annual meeting that examines the history and developments in the field. One forum, in particular, makes this discussion possible: the ENANCIB (National Meeting of Research in Information Science). Through debates, exchange of ideas and of experiences, ENANCIB shapes and strengthens the community, promotes the formation of identity of this scientific field, its visibility, the delimitation of its borders and its relationship with other fields of knowledge. Additionally, ENANCIB allows the establishment of new scientific partnerships and consolidation of existing work groups.

This event has been held since 1994 as a means toward the consolidation and structuration of the Brazilian Information Science field, thus contributing to the development of the country's postgraduate courses.

ENANCIB is held annually at one of the 9 Brazilian postgraduate schools (located at universities in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Brasília, Belo Horizonte, Campinas, Marília, Florianópolis, Salvador and João Pessoa). Faculty members and students (both at the masters and Ph.D. levels) in Information Science and related areas participate in the meeting. The work presented at the ENANCIB meetings reflects the latest research and developments in Brazilian Information Science, as carried out in the various postgraduate programs and institutions. The 6th ENANCIB took place in Florianópolis, in November 2005, and was organized by PGCIN – Postgraduate Program in Information Science, at the Federal University of Santa Catarina. The organizers of the meeting were: Miriam Vieira da Cunha, General Chair, Lígia Café, president of the Scientific Committee, Edna Lúcia da Silva (in charge of students awards), Francisco das Chagas de Souza (in charge of the General Rapport), Estera Muszkat Menezes (in charge of social events), all of them Professors of the Department of Information Science of the Federal University of Santa Catarina. The Scientific Committee was composed by: Lígia Café (president), Nélide González de Gomez, professor, Brazilian Institute of Scientific and Technological Information, José Augusto Chaves Guimarães, professor, São Paulo State University, Suzana Mueller, professor, University of Brasília, Marta Aun, professor, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Katia Carvalho, professor, Federal University of Bahia, Francisco das Chagas de Souza, professor,

Federal University of Santa Catarina, Asa Fujino, professor, University of São Paulo. The attendance at the meeting exceeded 200 people.

The theme of the 6th ENANCIB was: “Scientific policy and challenges to knowledge”. This topic intended to draw attention upon the transformations and challenges faced by this scientific field.

- 125 papers were presented at the meeting. These papers were clustered around seven major working groups:
- WG1 - Historical and epistemological information studies (16 papers)
- WG 2 - Knowledge organization and representation of information (26 papers)
- WG 3 - Mediation, circulation and information use (31 papers)
- WG 4 - Management of information units (13 papers)
- WG 5 - Policy, ethics and information economy (14 papers)
- WG 6 - Information and work (10 papers)
- WG 7 - Information for diagnosis, mapping and evaluation (15 papers)

### **WG1 - Historical and epistemological information studies**

The 16 communications presented in this group dealt with:

- the reconstruction of the history of the field; as well as
- a displacement of the analysis of information practices and processes from the traditional spaces to other spaces and practices, such as portals, Intranets and digital libraries.

Example of papers presented in this work group included:

- “An Epistemological proposal for Information Science”
- “Information, memory and history: the creation of an information system at Rio de Janeiro in the 19th century”

### **WG2 - Knowledge organization and representation of information.**

The main trends for this line of research included:

- search for models that can illustrate theories and concepts of the area
- emphasis on the creation of information and its management in digital environments
- shift from the document as end product to the process of document production

- wider integration of ICT within the concepts or the area. consolidation of the ----interdisciplinary relationships of Information Science

This group presented the idea of the creation of a Brazilian chapter of ISKO (International Society for Knowledge Organization) which has been submitted to the Organization.

Examples of papers presented in this work group:

- “Organization and representation of knowledge areas in Science and Technology”
- “A methodology proposal in automatic indexing using nominal syntagms”

### **WG3 - Mediation, circulation and information use.**

This session focused on ICT use with a special emphasis on information use and diffusion in electronic media, social networks and information flows.

### **WG4 – Management of information units.**

The papers presented pointed to the following features:

- maturity of research on knowledge management, competitive intelligence and organizational intelligence;
- concern for conceptual aspects;
- advances in information appropriation as research theme from the standpoint of management;
- suggestion of new information spaces.

Example of communications:

- “Use of information sources for competitive intelligence”
- “Information architecture to personalized digital libraries”

### **WG5 - Policy, ethics and information economy.**

Highlighted trends:

- focus on the role of State;
- emphasis on the scientific and social crisis as witnessed by the absence of public policy;
- modification of occupational structures through the ICT and network paradigms;
- need to develop research which produce criteria and parameters for the evaluation of information programs and policies.

Example of paper presented:

- “The economic logic of scientific edition”

### **WG6 - Information and work(10 communications).**

Evidenced:

- the diversity of information spaces;
- the necessity of building a theoretical structure which accommodates contributions of sociology, anthropology, semiotics and history.

Examples of papers presented:

- “Visibility of librarian professional practice”
- “Work organization in university libraries”

### **WG7 - Information for diagnosis, mapping and evaluation (15 communications).**

Trends:

- Impulse given by technology to quantitative studies of Information Science
- importance of studies of the scientific and technological information flows;
- contribution of social and cultural concerns in Information Science studies.

Example of communication presented:

- “Study of co-author net and of the interdisciplinarity of scientific production based on the analysis of social networks.”
- “Mapping of an article produced at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul”

In summary, the trends across the various working groups evidence the development of Brazilian Information Science, the obvious influence of technologies and the growing maturity of research methods, with prominence of qualitative ones. The papers presented were of theoretical and applied nature, showing progress towards interdisciplinarity evidenced in researches with contributions of areas such as Administration, Computer Science, Economy, Law, Literature and Education, among others. Moreover, it is necessary to cite the concern with the historical reconstruction of Brazilian Information Science and diversification of workspaces under study.

**Miriam Vieira da Cunha and Lígia Café.**

### **Sessions at ASIST 2006**

The following panels have been accepted for ASIST 2006:

- Kendra Albright - Information seeking for HIV/AIDS information in Africa
- Nadia Caidi and John Gathegi - Life after WSIS: Lessons Learnt and Implications for the Information Professions
- Aaron Bowen - Global Plaza - Cultural Perspectives on Trust in Information

**Kate Johnson.**

## Fundraising update

A fundraising effort is underway and we welcome donations to support the International Paper contest.

I am pleased to announce that we have received the following pledges as of Jun 21, 2006

- Elsevier has agreed to support the International Paper Contest for 2006 to the value of \$2,000 International Reception at the 2006 ASIST Annual Meeting, to the value of \$1,000.
- The Eugene Garfield Foundation has pledged \$2500 for the Austin Texas meeting, provided that a matching \$2500 has been raised from publishers.
- \$500 from Chicago Chapter
- \$500 from Drexel University
- \$500 from Kent State University
- \$300 from LACASIS
- \$250 from Univ. of Western Ontario
- \$150 from International Information Association
- \$100 from European Chapter
- Copies of their Encyclopedia of Human-Computer Interaction to the top 2 and top 3 winning papers from Berkshire Publishing

**Ozioma Orj and Nadia Caidi.**

## Message from the new Webmaster

I was very glad to take on the role of webmaster for ASIST SIGIII website in Nov 2005, right after ASIST 2005 annual meeting. In the past months, there was quite something for me to do and I enjoyed doing them. These include saving SIGIII expense on WebDev software the first day on the job by utilizing local resource available at Faculty of Information and Media Studies of University of Western Ontario; updating the look and feel of SIGIII website to echo the new design of our parental ASIST website while keeping the familiar navigation aids of SIGIII website intact; communicating with other SIGIII officers and ASIST webmaster to maintain the access to SIGIII website during the server transfer period at ASIST server end; updating SIGIII website in a timely manner with news items and announcements (InfoShare and winner announcement, International Paper Contest, etc), newsletters (ASIST 2005 meeting and photos), photos and contact information of 2005-2006 officers, and maintaining the linkage structure through out of the site; validating some of the web pages with W3C HTML standards; and also investigating the possible Blog software packages for the use of SIGIII and other interested parties. Many SIGIII officers offered

suggestions and corrections for the site and they should be well acknowledged here. People working at ASIST server end is acknowledged as well.

**Hong Cui.**

## SIG III Listserv and Web Site

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