Sue O'Neill Johnson (1939-2007)

We regret to have to inform you of the sad loss of Sue who passed away last month. The immediate response from officers and the numerous messages on the Memorial Wiki (http://asistmemorial.pbwiki.com/Susan-ONeill-Johnson) and SIG-III list are testimony to the huge impact that Sue has had on this SIG III.

Here are some of Sue’s many contributions to SIG III as mentioned in the group’s nomination letter for her 2003 ASIST SIG Member-of-the-Year Award:

SIG III has been a winner of the ASIST SIG-of-Year Award for the past three years in a row (2000-2002) while Sue played a leadership role in the group as its Chair in 1999-2000, Past Chair 2000-2001, and Chair Elect 2001-2002. Under Sue’s leadership, SIG III has initiated many new programs, such as International Paper Contest and International Travel Grants, to name a few.

Sue pays a great attention to the success of various programs sponsored by SIG III and works on every single detail to ensure their success. For example, for the International Paper Contest, Sue actively participates in the campaign to market the paper contest. In 2000, Sue presented the details of the program to a group of librarians in Delhi, India. Sue also oversees the paper collecting process, serves as a reviewer, ensures winners to be recruited as ASIST members and top winners to have funds to travel to the United States to present their winning papers, makes hotel arrangements for these international presenters, and contacts ASIST Bulletin editor, Irene L. Travis, and the International Information and Library Review editor, Toni Carbo, to publish outstanding submissions. It is not surprising that the International Paper Contest has attracted more and more papers each year. In 2002, 43 papers were received. This year, 51 papers from 23 developing countries are received.

With so many active and popular programs sponsored by SIG III, there is a great demand to raise fund to support these programs. Sue has been working actively to contact other SIGs, Chapters, and individuals and commercial financial donors to secure funds. She has helped raise $18,700.00 in four
During the last three years, Sue has developed "Plan of Actions" for the SIG which was considered a model to be considered by other SIGs. She has been continuously communicating with the SIG Officers, the ASIST Headquarters, and other ASIST leaders for the careful and timely implementation of the SIG plans. She participated in other professional meetings and activities.

In general, Sue, has been a very creative and dynamic leader for SIG III. Her remarkable and significant contributions have had a great impact on the SIG III and the international information communities. She truly deserves this SIG Member-of-the-Year Award.

(Source: Yin Zang’s message on http://asistmemorial.pbwiki.com/Susan-ONEill-Johnson)

ASIST’s account of Sue’s life (http://www.asis.org/sue_oneill_johnson.html) stressed her love of music. Here are two photos of her playing musical instruments.

I am sure that very many of you will join me in thanking Sue for all that she has done for SIG III and expressing our condolences to her family and friends.

Jonathan Levitt
SIG of the Year Award

For the sixth time in the last eight years, SIG III won the SIG of the Year Award – this time jointly with SIG Digital Libraries (previous awards this decade were in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005 and 2006). Congratulations to everyone for making this possible and let’s continue the great work.

Jonathan Levitt

2007-08 SIG-III officers

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At the Annual III Biz Meeting the formal election will be held, with nominations accepted from the floor, providing only that the candidates have previously indicated their willingness to serve and confirmed their membership.

Yunfei Du
**SIG III events at the AM**

**International Reception**  
Monday, October 22nd at 8pm - http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/social.html#iii.

Elsevier Publishers which has supported this event over the years is doing it again this year with a contribution of $1000 which we appreciate. Elsevier will be represented at the reception by Tony Roche and will have a table to display their publications. In addition, Tony has offered to bring 5 complimentary copies of the IILR special issue to the reception for attendees to take away (first come first served!) Caryn Anderson, Kate Johnson and Vika Kravchyna are working on the usual annual Silent Auction to support the InfoShare program.

**Co-sponsorship of sessions**  
We will be co-sponsoring with other SIGs the following sessions:
- Information Behavior in Developing Countries: Research, Issues, and Emerging Trends (SIG USE, SIG III, SIG ED) - Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 8.30am.
- International Perspectives in Open Government (SIG III and SIG IFP) - Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 10.15am.
- 5th Global Information Village Plaza, MySpace, OurSpace: Social Networking in the International - Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 4pm.

**SIG III business meetings**  
SIG III will be holding two Business Meetings at the Annual Meeting:  
Monday Oct 22: 9:00-10:30am: Room Gilpatrick B  
Tuesday Oct 23: 6:30-7:50pm: Room Gilpatrick C  
Anyone interested in these meetings is very welcome to attend.

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**Book auction**  
Bring one new or slightly used book on information science or relevant topic. ASIS&T will collect them and donate them to a selected institution. A collection bin will be made available near the registration area. For further details see the next article.

**Book Auction**  
The recipient institution for this year’s auction is the East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS), Makerere University, Uganda (http://easlis.mak.ac.ug/)

Materials of particular interest to EASLIS are the following:  
- Types of Information Materials sought  
- Textbooks, Conference proceedings within 10 years period.  
- Commissioned Reports, International Organizations Reports (e.g. World Bank, and UN Agencies) related to information management for the last 2-3 years for  
- Social-economic and political development of the World  
- Journals: in Information Science, Library Science, Records Management, Archives, Conservation and Preservation, Museology, etc. that have a connotation and would assist Graduate researchers in the school. Preferably complete series in not more than 10 years back.  
- Video Tapes and CDs: For demonstration purposes in respective subjects like preservation of records, printing science, library management, reading culture, etc.  
- E-Resources: If we could link with a LIS institution to share publicly available E-resources in their library.  
- Technical Processing tools and systems: Specialized classification systems e.g., health information systems, industrial systems.
For more information about this event, please visit the donation web site at http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SoIS/ASIST_book_donation/.

Xiangming Mu

**Some news from the Chair**

**International Paper Contest**
SIG III conducted a successful paper contest where we received an impressive number of papers on information science development initiatives and trends in the developing world. 6 winners were selected and the top two will be present at this year’s international reception. 6 of these papers will also appear in the September 2007 issue of the International Information and Library Review. All the 6 winners receive two years of free membership to ASIST.

SIG III has been organizing the International Paper Contest successfully for the past 8 years. As of today, 343 authors from 51 countries have contributed 283 papers.

**InfoShare**
The InfoShare program awards one-year ASIST memberships to information professionals in developing countries for whom the cost of membership would be a financial burden.

This year owing to a successful fundraising at the International Reception last year, SIG III has been able to sponsor fourteen deserving information professionals for ASIST memberships. More sponsorship is planned for this year.

Duncan Omole

**Global Information Village Plaza at the AM**
In terms of my recent work on the Plaza, there’s actually not much new to report. The Plaza keeps rolling forward in terms of Blog content, and I’m working on getting it in shape for the Annual Meeting. I need a few additional volunteers for the Plaza session team, as I outline below.

I managed to free up some time at the end of September and the beginning of October to add some new content. I’ve added three extensive new posts over the past two weeks, and have ideas for another three or four somewhat less extensive posts that I will add in time for the Meeting, which should provide more than enough content for discussion at the Plaza session.

The new content I’ve posted recently discusses the rise of the Brazilian social media presence on the Internet, which is extensive and growing very rapidly. I’ve also added a two-part discussion (soon to be expanded to three parts) on sexuality, censorship and subversion on the Web in modern China. The latter discussion focuses on two blogs in particular discussing sexuality in modern China that offer interesting perspectives on what the Chinese government will censor and what kinds of topics young Chinese people will discuss through social media.

Building upon these recent posts, I hope to soon add content about another two blogs discussing sexuality – one in Brazil, and the other in England. I believe the China-Brazil-England cultural comparison of this topic will be particularly interesting, especially given that each of these bloggers has chosen to link the topic of sexuality to technology and social media. I also plan to add one post each calling for discussion of two blog posts that recently appeared in the African blogosphere – one discussing racial diversity in the South African blogosphere, and the other discussing feminism in the African blogosphere as a whole. It is my hope that calling for commentary on socially relevant issues like these as they exist in the international blogosphere will generate some good discussion on the SIG-III blog.
In terms of publicity, I’ve created profiles for myself on several social networks – Facebook and MySpace of course, but also Orkut and Bebo in order to contact the Brazilian, Indian, and British crowds. I’ve even tried to join Mixi in Japan, CyWorld in Korea, and Zhanzuo in China, although without much success due to the language barriers. I’ve joined librarian groups on these social networks and have begun posting announcements to these groups. I’m hoping to drive traffic up as much as possible – if you know someone (a person or a listserv) who would be interested in checking the Blog out, let them know!

I am also in the process of assembling the Plaza session team. My thanks to those of you who have volunteered so far! I still need two volunteers to act as discussion facilitators. (When we have the Plaza, I will give a brief introduction to the Plaza, its purpose, and what we will do during the session. After this intro we will have 20 to 25 minutes of group discussion at four tables, with a facilitator at each table to lead the discussion. I will ask each facilitator in turn for a summary of their table’s discussion, and then open the floor up to all for additional commentary). I also need another two or more volunteers to act as greeters for people who come in the door to let them know what the Plaza is, and what kind of a discussion we will be having.

To sum up, I’ve still got a lot of work to do before the conference, but the Plaza is coming together. I look forward to presenting it and to seeing everyone in Milwaukee!

Aaron Bowen

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**Biographies of winners of the 2007 International Paper contest**

**1: Shampa Paul: India**

*A case study of e-governance initiatives in India*

**Biography of the author**

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- M.Phil (Library and Information Science), appeared for theory examination and dissertation Entitled “Bridging digital divide: The state of digitisation in selected libraries of Delhi University, North Campus” submitted in June 2007.
- Master of Arts (Economics), Himachal Pradesh University, 2000.
- Master of Library and Information Science, Delhi, 1997.
- Bachelor of Library and Information Science, University of Poona, 1990.
- Bachelor of Science (Botany, Chemistry and Environmental Science), University of Delhi, 1988.

**TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator, Delhi 2006 (Recognized by MICROSOFT for systems and network administrators working in WINDOWS 2003, the program focuses on the administration portion of an IT professional’s duties).
- Diploma in Hardware and Networking, Delhi Institute of Computer Science (An ISO 9001 Certified Institute, Accredited by DOEACC), Delhi, 2005.

**JOB SPECIFICATIONS**

Institute of Economic Growth (since Nov’ 96)

- Implemented CDS/ISIS in networking environment i.e. Novell Netware version 3.12.
- Created 3 databases namely BOOKS, SERIALS and MICRODOCUMENTS in CDS/ISIS that are accessible on Local Area Network.
• Developed the design of worksheet and implemented it for all the databases.
• Developed and implemented part of the Circulation module in CDS/ISIS.
• Classification and Cataloguing of books in GYANODAYA.
• Printing of catalogue cards & book cards and technical procession of books.
• Serial Control.
• Online information retrieval and dissemination of information through Internet, e-mail and CDROM databases.
• Reference and Information Service.
• Current Awareness Service/ Current content service.
• Looking after the administrative and technical matters of the Computer Centre from October 1996 to Nov 2004.
• Taught Indian Economic Service Probationers various econometric and statistical application packages such as EVIEWS, STATA and LIMDEP since 2003.
• Other teaching assignments include Indian Statistical Services Officers, Faculty Upgradation Program and NABARD officers Training Program.
• Providing assistance to researchers in management of large databases in different formats and use of special analytical techniques.
• Trouble shooting of Network related, printer and E-mail problems for the users.
• Preparing handouts of various econometric and statistical packages used for all the users of IEG that include faculty members, research scholars, supporting staff, and trainees.
• IEG website maintenance and publishing on the NET4INDIA.ORG Server up till 2005.

PUBLISHED PAPERS
• “A Case Study of E-governance Initiatives in India”, Forthcoming in International Information and Library Review. The paper is first place winner in the International paper competition organized by American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) 2007, USA.

2: Soumitra Sharma: India Exploring best practices in public-private partnerships (PPP) in e-government through select Asian case-studies

Photo and biography of the author

Soumitra completed his Bachelor of Technology (B Tech) in Chemical Engineering from the Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University. He published papers in several technical areas such as biofuels, waste-water treatment and nanotechnology, during his engineering course. His current areas of expertise include consumer goods, retail, and e-Government. In the latter, Soumitra has worked on projects related to “public-private partnership in e-Government” in recent months. He already has two international publications in the area of e-Government, to his credit. Recently, he was among the few professionals globally, to be extended a personal invitation by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.
University, to attend the executive program “Successful Cross-Boundary Transformation: The Role of Executive Sponsors”, in June 2007.

Soumitra has also served as a reviewer for Water Research (an International Water Association – IWA journal, published by Elsevier) and the Communities and Action: Prato CIRN Conference (to be organized in Italy, October 2007). Further, he has recently published an article on “Knowledge Process Outsourcing” in i4d (Information for Development), an international print magazine covering the Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) sector. Recently, he was invited by the Images Multimedia Group to write an expert column on “private labels in the Indian retail industry”.

His other areas of interest include Numismatics and Adventure Sports.

4: Masoom Raza Amar Nath: India
Use of IT in University Libraries of Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh: A Comparative study

Biography of the author

I am working as a senior lecturer in the Department of library and information science at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. I have completed my Ph.D. on "use of periodicals in the agricultural universities of north India: A survey and bibliometric analysis." I am working with organization for almost a decade. I have completed a project of designing and developing a subject gateway for library professionals (www.Lisgateway.com). I have contributed about 30 articles in the national and international journals.

5: Elsa Barber (Argentina), Silvia Pisano, Sandra Romagnoli, Verónica Parsiale and Gabriela De Pedro y Carolina Gregui
User Interface of Web Opacs in Mercosur Member and Associate Countries

Photo and biography of the first author

DEGREES

• Doctoral Candidate. Philosophy and Letters, specializing in Library and Information Sciences. Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 2001 -

EMPLOYMENT

• Subdirector National Library of Argentina. 2007 -
• Former Director. Department of Library and Information Sciences. Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires. Unanimously elected by the Departmental Board 1994 – 2002 and 2005 -
• Evaluator, Ministry of Culture and Education, CIN, Incentives to Professors and Researchers Program.
• Professor. Knowledge classification; Indexing and Abstracting and Technical Services. Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Tenured) 1989 - Present.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

• Local Coordinator. Workshop "The Challenges of Library and Information

• Chair. EDIBCIC, Asociación de Educación e Investigación en Bibliotecología, Archivología, Ciencia de la Información y Documentación de Iberoamérica y El Caribe. 2000-2001.

• Advisory Board. Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas (Research in Library Science). Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. 1998 to Present.

• Advisory Board. Información, Cultura y Sociedad (Information, Culture, and Society). Institute of Library Science Research, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 1998 to Present.

• Responsible for the Institutional Exchange Program. Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires, the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas at Austin, and Antorchas Foundation. 1997 - 2002.

• Member of the Call to experts in libraries, by the Executive Direction of FOMEC (Fund for the Improvement of Academic Quality). May 1997

PUBLICATIONS


• "Incidental factors in the results of library automation: An investigation on experiences in developed countries" / E. Barber, et al. Información, Cultura y Sociedad. 2000 (3) : 47-60.


• "National bibliographic control in Argentina: Observations about the present situation and perspectives for the


6: Medha Joshi: India
Digital resources for information accessibility at the point of care: an overview of Library Information System at Tata Memorial Hospital

Photo and biography of the author:

I graduated with a B Sc. Degree in Zoology – Chemistry, and later joined the Library & Information Sc profession. My research at Masters Level was on biomedical resources (databases) and annotated bibliography, w.r.t. AIDS. I then completed my Ph.D. in the specialty, where I studied - User search behavior using Medline on CDROM. Since beginning of my career, have been associated with special libraries, starting with library for geomagnetic research for a very short period of three years, and then later with biomedical research institute. I have been practicing biomedical / medical librarian since 1983, for more than 20 years and is currently a Head of Dept of Lib Sc (Digital Library) at Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai, a super specialty premier hospital for cancer in India. My area of specialization is information resources, their organization for better retrieval – traditional and electronic, Information search and retrieval, user studies, and training programme for end users for effective use of resources.

I has been associated with a number of projects, related to library over all development – library building, infrastructure (hard ware and L I S Management software), microfilming of archival documents, and for past few years she has focused on documenting Indian literature on Cancer and is also associated with designing and conducting several training programmes for end users, am also the driving force responsible for the library website.

I have also organized several seminars on topics like – Bibliographic formats, trends in biomedical research, and recently Information resources, Integration and KM, and its related aspects KM, KOS and KRM held recently, to address user needs and assess the professional skills required.

Academically, I have won Prof. D N Marshall felicitation prize at the Masters of Library Sc. Examination for scoring highest, at the University of Mumbai and was also awarded the Smt. V Khandwala prize for the PhD Research by SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

I have been member of Institutional Ethics Committee (IRB) for past one year and life member for the professional associations. I am also the Council member for “Indian Association for Science Library and Information Centre”.

Most of my publications are short research related to practice and user studies and have been presented at National and International conferences in India.
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