One of the jury members charged with awarding the 2009 SIG-of-the-Year Award offered an appraisal of SIG-III that is both genial and laudatory:

SIG/III has a well-established pattern of service to the international community as well as to the Society. They communicate effectively with their membership through a bi-monthly newsletter, alternating with one to the executive committee. They bring new members into the association through their InfoShare program, and their paper competition is an excellent mechanism for bringing scholars to the conference that would otherwise be unable to attend. Their international reception is one of the highlights of the Annual Meeting, and they make good use of the event as a venue for fundraising for their many awards. As a SIG, they have very high visibility and as a consequence they make all members, not just their own SIG, aware of ASIS&T's potential role in international scholarship.

The SIG could not ask for higher praise. As Chair during the 2008-2009 year, I sought to engage myself in the SIG’s operations wherever possible. Through this desire I was glad to communicate with both the SIG Officers and the body of SIG members as a whole with my bi-monthly messages. I was also glad to work in other capacities, such as beginning the process of turning the SIG’s presence on the ASIS&T Wiki into a repository of procedural documentation for the SIG’s different operations and arranging the tango demonstration at the 2008 Annual Meeting to celebrate the SIG’s 25th anniversary.

But the success of the SIG was not dependent on my efforts alone. Across the board, the SIG officers worked tirelessly on a range of different projects on behalf of the SIG. Hong Xu and Jonathan Levitt co-chaired the International Paper Contest, an endeavour which involved developing an entirely new instrument for evaluating contest submissions as well as coordinating the review of the submissions themselves. Abebe Rorissa and Sarah Emmerson together coordinated the InfoShare Program, and Sarah was enthusiastic about stepping into the role of Newsletter Editor starting at the end of 2009. Baha El-Hadidy continued his good work as the SIG treasurer. And as the Immediate Past Chair and Chair Elect respectively, Yunfei Du and Kate Johnson were great sounding boards anytime I wanted to bounce an idea off of them for possible consideration by the SIG as a whole.

Winning the SIG-of-the-Year Award is a tremendous accomplishment and represents the hard work and dedication of all the SIG officers. It was a joy to work with them as Chair, and I look forward to seeing what future ideas the SIG generates regarding bringing international information issues to the attention of ASIS&T as a whole.
Aaron Bowen
2008-2009 Chair, SIG-III

**SIG-III Annual Meeting Events - 2010**

*Contributed by Kate Johnson*

A proposal, submitted by Kate Johnson and Johannes Britz, has been accepted for a post-conference SIG-III workshop at this year’s ASIST meeting entitled *Intercultural Information Ethics in the Global Information Ecosystem: Opportunities and Challenges*. Many thanks to Tony Hoffman and Michael Zimmer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for putting together the proposal!

In addition, SIG-III has agreed to sponsor a panel proposed by Nancy Roderer from Johns Hopkins University, entitled: *The Education of Information Professionals in China: An Exploration*.

Further details will be offered in the next newsletter regarding SIG-III’s events at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

**Appeal for Donations to the International Reception Silent Auction**

*Contributed by Kate Johnson*

Members have proposed several ideas for fundraising activities at the International Reception. Vika Kravchyna offered to ask a Canadian publisher to donate author-signed books to the silent auction. We hope that other SIG members will be able to donate books as well as other items to add to the International Reception’s theme.

In addition to the silent auction, the International Reception will include a raffle for prizes including the main gift basket prize. We also hope to award prizes to winners of a trivia game based on questions related to our members’ home countries. We encourage our international members to contribute trivia questions for this special contest.

**New Policy for SIG Funding**

*Contributed by Bahaa El-Hadidy*

A new SIG membership policy was announced at the previous year’s SIG Cabinet planning meeting which would change SIG funding. The first SIG will continue to be free for members, but, for $10 extra, members may join as many additional SIGs as desired. All regular SIG funds will be placed in a general SIG account, with an amount proportional to membership temporarily encumbered for each SIG. To use its fund, each SIG would need to submit a request for funds by April 1 for their activities. SIGs would retain control of other additional funds, including any fundraising SIGs do outside of the standard membership allocation. The SIG Cabinet Steering Committee will be providing guidelines for the types of activities likely to receive additional funding. However, it must be noted that these changes have not yet been implemented. Let it be noted that these changes will not affect our InfoShare and Digital Scholarship funds. We must remain cognizant of these upcoming changes in regard to any new activities we intend to do next year and be prepared for these changes when they take effect. SIG-III officers will be provided further details when the final decision is made for implementing the new SIG funding changes.

**InfoShare Award Recipients**

*Contributed by Abebe Rorissa*

ASIS&T is a truly international professional society that actively recruits members from all over the world. As part of this effort, the ASIS&T International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG-III), through its InfoShare Program, has been recruiting and sponsoring professional and student members from a number of developing countries. This year, we received 12 nominations and, after a vote by SIG-III officers, awarded eight (8) of them full membership benefits for one year (6 professional and 2 student memberships). The InfoShare award recipients not only come from six (6) different countries, but they are also diverse in their professional and educational backgrounds. SIG-III is happy to congratulate and welcome the following InfoShare Program awardees to ASIS&T and SIG-III.

**Professional members:**
- Justin Chisenga (Ghana)
- Ayman S. Eldakrouy (Egypt)
- Atanu Garai (India)
- Nosheen Fatima Warraich (Pakistan)
- Abdul Waheed (Pakistan)
- Alaa Al-Din Al-Radh (Jordan)

**Student members:**
- Chenjerai Mabhiza (Namibia)
- Saima Qutab (Pakistan)

**InfoShare Award Recipient Biographies**

**Professionals**

Justin Chisenga, Ghana

Justin Chisenga works as Knowledge and Information Management Officer at the Regional Office for Africa of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Accra, Ghana. His work focuses on promoting participatory approaches in knowledge exchange and information management in sub-Saharan Africa, with
emphasize on the use of digital Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), and providing technical advice on and assistance in the development of regional and national capacity for exchange of knowledge and information between stakeholders in food, agriculture, and rural development.

Justin has a M.Sc. (Information Science) from the School of Information Studies for Africa (SISA), Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, and a PhD (Information Science) from the Rand Afrikaans University, South Africa. In the early years of his career he worked on library automation projects at the Copperbelt University in Zambia, National University of Lesotho, and University of Namibia, and later as lecturer at the University of Namibia and the University of Natal (South Africa) where he taught several courses, among them, Information Systems Analysis and Design, Web-based Information Systems, Automation of Information Centers, Global Information Communication, and Electronic Information Sources and the Internet.

Currently he is President of the Africa Chapter of the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD).

Ayman S. Eldakrouy, Egypt

Ayman S. Eldakrouy is pursuing his MA from Cairo University, Egypt in multilingual information retrieval systems and how to adapt technology to serve Arabic information retrieval on the Web. He started his career at the Mubarak Public Library as a junior librarian in 2003 and later joined BiblioIslam Digital Library, the largest academic Arabic repository on the Internet, as an information specialist and e-marketer, from 2006-2010. He also participated in many projects to digitize and process materials. At the same time he became a consultant at the Counseling and Technology Development Center in Egypt. He became Editorial Secretary for the Arabic Studies in Librarianship and Information Science Journal, 2007 to the present, one of the deep-rooted Arabic journals in its field. He has contributed many research articles and scientific reviews on Arabic literature in venerable journals.

Presently he is working as senior librarian at the Supreme Council for Egyptian Universities. During his 8 years working in librarianship and information science, Ayman had a wide range of experiences in dealing with digital libraries and Arabic language processing in the Arab world through seminars, workshops, lectures, and training.

Atanu Garai, India

Atanu Garai received an undergraduate degree in English language and literature from University of Burdwan (Burdwan, India) in 1998, undergraduate and graduate degrees in library and information science from University of Calcutta (Kolkata, India) in 2000 and 2003, respectively, and a graduate degree in electronic governance from Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Lausanne, Switzerland) in 2009. He has been a member of ACM and IEEE since 2007 and received his ASIS&T membership as an InfoShare awardee in 2010.

Presently Garai is with Srijan Technologies as Sr. Business Analyst in New Delhi, India. Previously he was with Abt Associates Inc. as the Principal Investigator – ICT Opportunities in RMNCHN, assessing the effectiveness of various ICTs in health behavior communication and health management during 2009. From 2006-8, he designed and implemented a business plan for the development of a global digital library and networking service on ethics for Globethics.net Foundation. During 2004-6, he undertook research and communication initiatives for OneWorld International Foundation as Knowledge Coordinator – e-Governance. In 2003-4, Garai served the Kolkata Campus of Wigan and Leigh College (I) Ltd. as Librarian. In 2008, he received the young scientist award to participate in the World Knowledge Dialogue Symposium in Crans-Montana, Switzerland and received the IFLA/ OCLC Early Career Development Program Fellowship from OCLC in Ohio, United States. Atanu Garai co-authored the book Taking ICT to Every Indian Village: Opportunities and Challenges (New Delhi: OneWorld South Asia, 2006). His current research interests include ICT for health behavior communication and e-governance in health and information and knowledge management.

Nosheen Fatima Warraich, Pakistan

Mrs. Nosheen Fatima Warraich is a highly motivated and committed young professional from Pakistan with an excellent academic as well as professional career. She graduated from Lahore College for Women University, Lahore in 1999 and obtained a Master’s from Punjab University in 2001, where she is now pursuing a PhD. She joined the first badge of MPhil leading to a PhD program at PU in 2005 and is now completing her thesis under the supervision of Dr. Kanwal Ameen, a renowned Fulbright Scholar in Pakistan.

Warraich’s career is a beautiful amalgamation of librarianship as well as teaching. She started her career as a university librarian and worked for six years in different academic institutions of Pakistan. Currently she is working as a permanent faculty member in the oldest school of library science in South Asia (Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore-Pakistan) since Nov 2008.

Nosheen Fatima Warraich has a profound theoretical knowledge of the discipline along with its practical experience. As a researcher, her areas of interest include digital libraries, employability of LIS professionals, usability evaluation, marketing of LIS services, and motivation of LIS professionals. She has more than 10 international publications and 3 international conference papers to her credit. Recently her paper was accepted for the CPDWL section at the IFLA Conference to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden from August 10-15, 2010. She is also joint secretary of the Pakistan Library Automation Group and a very active member of several professional associations, including PLA, PULSA, and PUASA.
Abdul Waheed, Pakistan

Abdul Waheed earned his MA (Information & Library Studies) from Manchester University, UK. He did his MA in Library Science, Urdu, Political Science, and LL.B from the University of the Punjab, Lahore. He started his career at the Urdu Science Board Lahore as Research Officer and later joined the Punjab Bar Council as an advocate. Waheed also served at the University of the Punjab as Chief Librarian during 2002-2004. He participated in International Conferences in the UK and IFLA, 2006. He was a recipient of the All Pakistan Universities Best Library Website Award at the 73rd IFLA Conference, 2006, at Seoul, in a competition jointly organized by HEC and Elsevier. Waheed is also a recipient of the 21st Century Award from the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, UK. His biography is included in the Dictionary of International Biography, 35th Edition, 2009. He has contributed many research articles on Urdu literature in local national newspapers and reputed journals. He has also written two books on Statistics and Law.

Presently Abdul Waheed is working as Chief Librarian (with the status of Professor) at Government College University in Lahore. As the head of GCU Library, Waheed has wide experience in dealing with LIS professionals in the country through seminars, workshops, and Information Technology based training programs. He has initiated a project, “Digitization of Theses,” under the aegis HEC-GCU, with the objective of strengthening the research infrastructure in institutes by providing access to full text theses for scholars.

Alaa Al-Din Al-Radhi, Jordan

Alaa Al-Din Al-Radhi has more than 27 years experience in the IT industry, including Technical Advisor to the Iraqi Ministerial of Telecommunications, Engineering Observer for the United Nations’ ITU, Information Systems Manager with CIPE (USA), Engineering Manger with Capri Computers (UAE), as well as owner of an IT solutions business.

Alaa Al-Din Al-Radhi is an enthusiastic researcher, consultant engineer, and PhD applicant at DePaul University, while also assuming the following current global Internet activities:

- Advisory council member of PIR (Public Interest Registry)
- ICANN “Board of Directors” Election Candidate 2009-2011, and fellow
- AKMS (Arab Knowledge and Management Society) “Board of Trustees” member
- ISOC (Internet Society) IGF Ambassador and Global Member
- ITU Arab Regional Office affiliated consultant, speaker, and presenter
- DIPLO Foundation Internet Governance Fellow
- DePaul University Security Group, Alumni and International Contact
- Member of “Internet 2” and

“EUMEDCONNECT 2” SIG (Special Interest Group)

Students

Chenjerai Mabhiza, Namibia

Chenjerai Mabhiza is the current Head of the User Services Department at the University of Namibia Library, Windhoek, Namibia. Chenjerai is currently registered as a part-time Master’s degree student in Information Studies with the University of Namibia. His research topic is titled “An Investigation of the Information needs and seeking behaviors of the veterinary practitioners in Namibia in the context of the Namibia Animal Health Information System (NEAHIS) and its sub-systems.” Chenjerai holds a Bachelor’s degree in Library & Records Management and Sociology from the University of Namibia, obtained in 2000. He also holds a National Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Library and Information Sciences obtained from the Harare Polytechnic in 1992 and 1996, respectively. Chenjerai is a recipient of the Vice Chancellor’s Medal, an award for being the best graduating student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Namibia in 2000. He was also awarded a Certificate of Academic Excellence in 1999 by the same institution.

Chenjerai has 18 years of professional experience in academic and research libraries. He previously held the positions of Faculty of Humanities Librarian, Periodicals Librarian, and Book Orders Librarian at the University of Zimbabwe Library between 1993 and September 2005. He also worked as a government librarian at the Namibian Agriculture, Water, and Information Centre (NAWIC), Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Forestry in Namibia between October 2005 and January 2007. Chenjerai has carried out surveys pertaining to the status of Namibian libraries in relation to their holdings, physical and ICT infrastructure, usage statistics, funding (budgets), staffing, and resources, in general, from 2007 to date. In the company of a colleague, Chenjerai has just completed surveying four former Colleges of Education Libraries previously under the administration of the Ministry of Education, that are now being merged with the University of Namibia Libraries. His other areas of research interests cover the following sub-fields: Electronic Resources Management, Information Literacy Instruction, User Surveys, Collection Evaluation, Compilation of Inventories of Online Information Resources, Agriculture Information Systems, and Creation of Digital Libraries & Institutional Resources. Chenjerai has presented papers at conferences and seminars. He has recently completed a project on the compilation of a “Medical Librarian’s Subject Tool Kit.”

Chenjerai is currently serving on the following University of Namibia Committees: Library Management, Postgraduate Studies, and Senate.

Saima Qutab, Pakistan

Saima Qutab received her MLIS degree from University of
The International School of Choueifat in Punjab, Lahore in 2004 with distinction. She began her career in 2005 at The International School of Choueifat as a school and media librarian. Later on she joined the Directorate General of Mines & Minerals, Government of the Punjab, as a special librarian. She also has taught as a visiting faculty in the Department of LIS, University of Punjab since 2006. At the moment, Saima Qutab is also enrolled as an MPhil scholar at Islamia University of Bahawalpur. She was an OCLC/IFLA early career development fellow in 2009 and holds positions in many local professional associations, including the Pakistan Library Association, PakLAG, Punjab University Library, and Information Science Alumni Association. Her three research papers were published in international journals of repute and recently she presented a paper at the national PLA conference. Her future aims are to fill the research investigation gaps in the Pakistani LIS scenario, where her areas of interest are library management, collaboration, library and ICT applications, preservation, and digital conservation.

International Paper Contest

Contributed by Michael Zimmer

The Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) is pleased to announce its eleventh competition for papers to be submitted for the 2010 Annual Meeting, which will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 22-27, 2010. (http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM10/am10cfp.html)

Building from the overall conference theme, the theme for the 11th International Paper Contest is: "Navigating Streams in a Global Information Ecosystem." Seven paper submissions were received this year from information science scholars in the following developing countries: Benin, Botswana, India, and Pakistan.

Papers could discuss issues, policies and case studies on specific aspects of the theme from a global and/or international perspective. Topics included, but were not limited to, the following core areas:

- Intercultural Information Ethics
- Information Behavior
- Knowledge Organization
- Information Systems, Interactivity and Design
- Information and Knowledge Management
- Information Use
- Information and Society

There will be up to six winners who will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of Michael Zimmer (UW-Milwaukee), Johannes Britz (UW-Milwaukee), Maria Haigh (UW-Milwaukee), Hong Xu (University of Pittsburg), Catherine Johnson (Western Ontario), Anindita Paul (University of Missouri), and Borchuluun Yadamsuren (University of Missouri).

The award for each winner is a two-year individual membership in ASIS&T. In the case of multiple authors, the principal author will be awarded the ASIS&T membership. In addition, depending on SIG-III fundraising for this competition, the first place winner will be rewarded a minimum of $1,000 toward travel, conference registration, and accommodations while attending the ASIS&T Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 22-27, 2010.

Submitted papers will be considered for inclusion in a special issue of the International Information and Library Review, subject to the usual peer refereeing process, for that journal.

The results of the International Paper Contest will be published in the next newsletter.

Web Hosting Change to the SIG-III Blog

Contributed by Aaron Bowen

Because of an effort to restructure their servers, NEASIST is no longer hosting the SIG-III Blog. This has prompted a change in the Blog’s web address – the old NEASIST address is now gone. The new address is http://sigiii.wordpress.com/

Please update your links accordingly. You can also access the blog at its new address through the SIG-III Homepage. From the Homepage at http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/

just click on “SIG-III Blog” on the left side navigation bar.

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Wiki

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

Remember us on your summer travels.
Set aside items from home.

Bring donated items to the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA for entry in the International Reception’s silent auction, sponsored by SIG-III. If unable to attend, send the donated items with a friend or by postal mail.

Further information is forthcoming regarding where and when to drop off silent auction donations at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

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Financial Reports 2007-2010

Contributed by Bahaa El-Hadidy

American Society for Information Science and Technology
Special Interest Group Financial Report
SIG-III
As of May 31, 2010

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REVENUE

Dues
Individuals  96  192  242  310  326
Institutions  158  316  334  366  360
Total Revenue  508  1,576  1,676  1,686

EXPENSES

Annual Meeting-
Copies  16
Hospitality - AM Sig Planning Mtg  65  61  58  62
  AM Intl Reception  300
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Other  47  103
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