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Greetings from the Chair

Contributed by Vika Kravchyna

First of all, I wish to thank all the volunteers who attended the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, as well as those who were with us remotely. It was a great Meeting, and Pittsburgh was a wonderful place to visit! Between sessions, there were exciting places to explore, including the land of Andy Warhol, the Carnegie Science Center, and the Historical Center affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute with its one-of-a-kind Vatican Treasures Traveling Exhibit.

After the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, which included SIG-III's historical, record-breaking fundraising performance at the silent auction and raffle at the International Reception, the 2011 year sounded very promising, predicting changes to the activities of SIG-III. The beginning of the new SIG-III financial year was very active and created a solid foundation for this year's activities. Although there is a tendency for SIG-III to hibernate after the Annual Meeting and InfoShare nomination period, with Spring coming and warmer temperatures on the rise, as well as an academic semester coming to an end, SIG-III officers return to their volunteering duties and responsibilities.

The theme of the 2010 Annual SIG-III International Reception focused on Latin America, in recognition of the Bicentenary of independence for many Latin American countries. The reception was successful thanks in part to

the local Pittsburgh musical group specializing in Columbian music. The fundraising event, consisting of a silent auction and traditional raffle ticket sales and drawing, broke historical records of such events for the last decade, perhaps even in the history of SIG-III. Auction items in great demand were magnifying tools, jewelry (largely contributed by Toni Carbo), picture frames, and small paintings. These and other items are sure to be winners at the 2011 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

As always 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.

At the end of 2010, SIG-III submitted a proposal to keep money for the development of a video recording of a history of SIG-III to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2012. The proposal was approved and a memo was distributed to all ASIS&T members. This memo will be repeated monthly.

It was also suggested to reconnect with all former SIG-III members. Therefore, a list of all SIG-III members was requested from Dick Hill and e-mail distribution will begin in May/June 2011. There is a proposal to ask former members of SIG-III to forward all photos and short remembrances to SIG-III officers for future preparation of the 30th anniversary of SIG-III. In addition, a new group was created in LinkedIn to connect all SIG-III members.

We have created a tentative agenda for the 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, which is included within the SIG-III 2010 Business Meeting Minutes report.

SIG-III 2010 Business Meeting Minutes

Contributed by Vika Kravchyna

The SIG-III Business Meeting was very short and limited due to many other events scheduled that evening. Many officers and attendees had to leave the meeting early, so it was suggested to continue our discussions online.

Attendees: Daniel Alemneh, Tony Carbo, Miguel Ruiz, Victoria Kravchyna, Catherine Johnson, Abebe Rorissa, Alma Rivera Aguilera, Shimelis Assefa, Kendra Albright, Devendra Potnis, Borchuluun Yadamsuren

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Agenda was adopted by the majority.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2009 Meeting: Minutes were approved, seconded, and carried out.

3. Introduction of Meeting Attendees: Many attendees who have known each other for years welcomed several new members to the group.

4. Discussion of Officer Positions: Obsolete officer positions have been removed from the list of officer positions, including Program Chair, Marketing and Outreach Officer, and Global Plaza Coordinator.

5. Election of Officers for 2010-2011 Year: A new list of officers was suggested and approved.

List of SIG-III officers, 2010-2011:

- Chair - Vika Kravchyna (vika.kravchyna@gmail.com)
- Co-Chair - Miguel Ruiz (meruiz@unt.edu)
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- International Paper Contest Jury Member - Alma Rivera (alma.rivera@uia.mx)
- Mentorship Coordinator - Nasser Saleh (Nasser.saleh@queensu.ca)

6. Treasurer's Report: As per November 30, 2010, SIG-III's books are balanced with a surplus of \$500 from SIG's membership as well as a surplus of \$7,000 from SIG-III membership and the SIG-III International Reception silent auction and raffle drawing. It was suggested to write a proposal to the SIG Cabinet to request the surplus be used toward future program development to celebrate the 30th anniversary of SIG-III. This request was sent to K.T. Vaughan prior to the deadline, with a copy included in this Minutes report.

7. SIG Cabinet Meeting Report: Toni Carbo delivered a report on SIG Cabinet prospectives and guidelines for future sessions of ASIS&T.

8. Work plan for the next year: Because time ran out and officers had to leave, it was decided to continue discussions via social media, e-mails, and conference calls. There were suggestions to revitalize the SIG-III Facebook account and create a community memory project.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Addendum to Treasurer's Report regarding future project development to celebrate SIG-III's 30th anniversary in 2012:

There are 3 major projects that we are working on at the moment. We hope that at least one of them is eligible for approval.

1. Redesign of the SIG-III Web site (4 students from the UNT)

There was a suggestion and discussion regarding whether to award students for their labor, hours, ideas, and work on the SIG-III Web site.

Amount asked: \$500

2. Development of 2 multimedia products

There is never enough time during the New Members Brunch to describe the whole gamut of SIG-III's activities, mission, and volunteering. Therefore, an introductory video, including a welcome message, should be created and uploaded to the SIG-III Web site, YouTube, and Facebook, so future members can explore and learn more about the SIG. We need to find a person who will montage the story and upload it to an appropriate host. The script will be written by SIG-III officers.

Amount asked: \$300

3. Community Memoirs Video Contest

Because of the anticipated 75th anniversary of ASIS&T and 30th anniversary of SIG-III in 2012, SIG-III would like to initiate a new Community Memoirs Program. This Program will tell the story of SIG-III from its participants'

viewpoints, involving all members and attendees of the International Reception. The Community Memoirs Program might be a historical overview, a shared experience, and/ or a situational comedy involving SIG-III. The product will be a 5-10 minute video to be uploaded to YouTube with a link to the SIG-III Web site. This storytelling program will create a new archive for the SIG as well as for ASIS&T. The producer of the best video would be awarded \$300 while second and third place winners would receive \$150 each for their videos.

Amount asked: \$600

In addition, we would like to add:

\$100 supplies (posters, copying, etc.)
\$100 SIG Business Meeting expenses

Total: \$1600

We look forward to hearing the decision of the Cabinet!

International Reception at 2010 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

On behalf of SIG-III officers, I would like to thank the ASIS&T members for supporting our fundraising efforts at the ASIS&T 2010 International Reception in Pittsburgh, PA. The generosity of ASIS&T members led to SIG-III's most successful fundraising year ever, raising more than any previous year as well as three times as much raised in 2009 in Vancouver, BC! The growth came by way of bigger and better donations of silent auction items as well as higher bids and better raffle ticket sales. ASIS&T members' active participation in donating and buying both the silent auction items and the raffle tickets are, indeed, greatly appreciated by all of us at SIG-III. We would also like to thank the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for sponsoring the lively Columbian band that created an enjoyable mood for all in attendance, as well as the University of Pittsburgh's SLIS student chapter for putting together the wonderful raffle gift basket.

All proceeds 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. Our InfoShare Program and International Paper Contest are attracting much interest from our colleagues in the developing world. Last year (in 2010), through SIG-III's InfoShare Program, we were able to offer full memberships to eight information professionals as well as two student memberships. And this year (2011), we are thrilled to be able to offer memberships to six outstanding professional candidates and four student candidates. We hope that we will be able to support and encourage even more international colleagues to join our society next year and beyond. ASIS&T is truly

an international professional society, and SIG-III, through its InfoShare Program, will continue to actively promote ASIS&T and recruit members from all over the world.

As usual, SIG-III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction at the 74th Annual ASIS&T (2011) meeting in New Orleans, LA. 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 where ASIS&T members may 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, contact Vika Kravchyna, Chair, at vika.kravchyna@gmail.com, or Miguel Ruiz, Co-Chair, at miguel.ruiz@unt.edu, or other SIG-III Officers.

SIG-III Events at 2011 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh and Vika Kravchyna

The following SIG-III-sponsored panel proposal, organized by Daniel Alemneh, has been submitted for approval prior to this year's ASIS&T Annual Meeting:

Open Access and Scholarly Communication: The Current Landscape, Future Direction, and the Influence on Global Scholarship

Panel Organizer: Daniel Gelaw Alemneh, Digital Libraries Services, University of North Texas

Panelists: Suliman Hawamdeh, Professor and Department Chair, Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of North Texas; Abebe Rorissa, Associate Professor, Department of Information Studies, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY); Daniel Gelaw Alemneh, Digital Libraries Services, University of North Texas Libraries; Austin McLean, Director Scholarly Communication and Dissertation Publishing, ProQuest, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Samantha Hastings, Director and Professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina

Sponsor: SIG-III

Description: The synergies of numerous emerging trends such as the development of open source software, global and explosive growth of social networking, cross discipline collaborations, interinstitutional data sharing, etc. provide new directions for scholarship. The rapid pace of development poses new threats and problems as well. Despite the overwhelming agreement regarding the concept of open access, there are, however, significant differences and debate about a number of issues. This panel brings together diverse stakeholders and explores the current landscape and future direction of scholarly communication and reflects on the overall implications on global scholarship.

Additionally, SIG-III will be co-sponsoring the following panel at the ASIS&T 2011 Annual Meeting:

Digital Content Creation: A Global View on

Curriculum Design

Panel Organizer: Hsin-liang Chen, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University—Indianapolis

Panelists: Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić, Dean and Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Zadar, Croatia; Ron Brown, Assistant Professor; Samantha Hastings, Director and Professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina; Hsin-liang Chen, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University—Indianapolis; Yin-Leng Theng, Associate Professor, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, National Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Sponsors: SIG-III, SIG-ED

Description: As a result of emerging technologies, courses on digital content creation have been offered at library and information science programs in different countries. Each program presents unique considerations based on its own academic environment; campus expectations and demands; professional development; as well as standards of national education reform. The digital content creation courses are often related to the topics of digital humanities, institutional repositories, digital scholarship, digital archives, learning technologies, and information services. The purpose of this panel is to discuss the current development of those courses, share the best practice strategies, and identify issues for future development from an international perspective.

InfoShare Award Recipients

Contributed by Abebe Rorissa

The InfoShare Program is one several programs that the ASIS&T International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG-III) supports. Through funds generated mainly via the SIG-III-hosted International Reception at ASIS&T Annual Meetings, the InfoShare Program recruits and sponsors professional and student members from a number of developing countries. In December 2010, SIG-III solicited two rounds of nominations for the InfoShare membership award. From the 13 nominations received, SIG-III officers voted to award six (6) professional and four (4) student full ASIS&T memberships. All six nominees for professional membership as well as two nominees for student membership accepted the offer to become InfoShare members. The eight 2010-2011 InfoShare members hail from four different countries and encompass a range of 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)
- Atanu Garai (India)
- Muhammad Sajid Mirza (Pakistan)
- E. Ramesh (India)

- Maqsood Shaheen (Pakistan)
- Nosheen Fatima Warraich (Pakistan)

Student members:

- Claudia Bucceroni Guerra (Brazil)
- 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 emphasis 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 the President of the Africa Chapter of the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD).

Atanu Garai, India

Atanu Garai received an undergraduate degree in English literature and language from the University of Burdwan (Burdwan, India) in 1998, undergraduate and graduate degrees in library and information science from the 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. He received an ASIS&T membership as an InfoShare awardee in 2010 & 2011.

Presently he 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. In 2006-8, he designed and implemented the business plan for 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 the OneWorld International Foundation as Knowledge Coordinator – e-Governance. In 2003-4, he served the Kolkata Campus of Wigan and Leigh College (I) Ltd. as Librarian. In 2008, he received a 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. He 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.

Muhammad Sajid Mirza, Pakistan

Muhammad Sajid Mirza is a Senior Librarian & Head of the Technical Services Division at International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan, including 13 years of work experience in both the public and private sector's higher education institutions. Muhammad is a PhD scholar at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, with his dissertation currently at the evaluation stage. As well as having four research papers published in national and international journals, Muhammad has participated in 20 conferences, workshops, and trainings at national and international levels, where he served as Organizing Secretary of one international conference and two national workshops. Other positions, past and present, include: Assistant Secretary, PLA (Federal Branch); Country Contact, Infolit Global (An initiative of IFLA); Ex-Country Representative of SLA Asian Chapter for Pakistan; Executive Member, Punjab University Library & Information Science Alumni Association (PULISSA); and Ex- Secretary Information, Officers Welfare Association, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

E. Ramesh, India

E. Ramesh is currently a Librarian at Malla Reddy College of Engineering and Technology in Secunderabad, India. Previously he was an Assistant Librarian at the Hi-Tech College of Engineering and Technology in Hyderabad, India; an Assistant Librarian at the JNTU College of Engineering in Kakinada, India; as well as both an Assistant Librarian at the CJITS Jangaon and a Librarian at Adarsha Law College in Warangal, India. E. Ramesh holds Master's degrees in Philosophy and Library and Information Science, as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking. He is the Organizing Secretary of the "National Level Workshop on Competency

Skills for Library Professionals," and he is currently pursuing his PhD in Library and Information Science.

Maqsood Shaheen, Pakistan

Maqsood Shaheen has more than 12 years of experience conducting reference and research on a variety of topics for government officials, academia, journalists, researchers, and non-governmental organizations. Presently, he is working as Reference and Research Specialist in the Information, Research, and Communication Unit of the U.S. Embassy, Islamabad. Maqsood is also a Salzburg Seminar fellow as well as an active member of the Pakistan Library Association. As a volunteer to the LIS profession, Maqsood has been serving as the volunteer editor from Pakistan for the E-LIS online repository, responsible for submitting Pakistani LIS literature to the E-LIS database.

Maqsood's association with SIG-III spans the past three years, beginning as the first place winner of SIG-III International Paper Contest in 2008. Since then, Maqsood has served SIG-III as Newsletter Editor and InfoShare Officer. He is currently serving SIG-III as the Chair of the International Paper Contest Committee. Over the last two years, Maqsood has widely disseminated and promoted information about ASIS&T and SIG-III in Pakistan through Listservs and group communications. As a result of his promotional activities about ASIS&T, SIG-III has seen a tremendous increase in the submissions of International Paper Contest entries from Pakistan. For the last two consecutive years, Pakistani LIS professionals have been first and second place winners of the SIG-III paper contest. Due to Maqsood's support, three professionals have been successful in winning the InfoShare membership award.

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 batch 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.

Students

Claudia Bucceroni Guerra, Brazil

Claudia Bucceroni Guerra is a Brazilian doctoral student in Information Science at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), UFRJ, in a joint program with the Instituto Brasileiro de Informação em Ciência e Tecnologia – IBICT (Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology). Her doctoral research focuses on digital photography, including its information and epistemological aspects. Claudia holds a Master's degree in History, where she developed a survey of medieval heresy in France, and a Master's degree in Information Science, where her research focused on visual perception and photography in Ludwig Wittgenstein.

A former Teaching Assistant at the Accounting Sciences Department of the UFRJ, Claudia currently has a research fellowship as an information analyst and archivist at the IBICT. Additionally, she works as a freelance photographer and iconographic researcher for academic publishing and journalism.

Saima Qutab, Pakistan

Saima Qutab received her MLIS degree from University of 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 - 2011

Contributed by Maqsood Shaheen

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 twelfth competition for papers to be submitted for the 2011 Annual Meeting, which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 7-12, 2011. (<http://www.asis.org/asist2011/am11cfp.html>)

Building from the overall conference theme, the theme for this year's paper contest is: "Bridging the Gulf: Communication and Information in Society, Technology, and Work." Papers could discuss issues, policies, and case studies on specific aspects of the theme from a global and/or international perspective. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following core areas:

1. Intercultural Information Ethics: Critical reflection on the ethical challenges related to the global and cross-cultural production, storage, and distribution of information, as well as the ethical dimensions of the global development and implementation of information systems, infrastructures, and policies.

2. Information Behavior: Information needs, information seeking, information gaps and sense-making in various contexts including work, interests, or every-day life activities by individuals or groups.

3. Knowledge Organization: Indexing, index construction, indexing languages, thesaurus construction, terminology, classification of information in any form, tagging (expert, user-based, automatic), filtering, metadata, standards for metadata, and information architecture.

4. Information Systems, Interactivity, and Design: How people use and communicate with information systems; the design, use, and evaluation of interactive information technologies and systems, including interfaces and algorithms; search and retrieval, browsing, visualization, and personalization.

5. Information and Knowledge Management: Information and knowledge creation, transfer and use at the personal, group, organizational, and societal levels. The management of the processes and systems that create, acquire, organize, store, distribute, and use information and/or knowledge. Selected papers will be published in the International Journal of Information Management.

6. Information Use: How people re-purpose existing knowledge from a variety of sources (scientific, humanities, news, family, friends, colleagues), forms (articles, books, video, audio, tweets), locations (work, home, in transit), and mediums (cell-phones, PDAs, digital libraries) to advance knowledge, solve problems, improve information literacy, and learn.

7. Information and Society: Economic, Political, Social Issues: Copyright issues, policies and laws; national and international information policies; privacy and security; economics of information, personal rights vs. freedom of information; surveillance; globalization and the flows of

information; computerization movements; social informatics.

Selection Criteria

There will be up to six winners who will be selected by a panel of judges including: Maqsood Shaheen (IRC, US Embassy Islamabad), Alma Rivera (Universidad Iberoamericana, Ciudad de México), and Fatih Oguz (University of North Carolina at Greensboro).

The judging criteria will be based on:

1. Originality of paper in the developing world and global information ecosystem (originality of the project described, etc.)
2. Relevance to the paper contest theme
3. Quality of argument, presentation, and organization

Eligibility & Information for Authors

Only papers by a principal author who is a citizen of, and resides in, a developing country are eligible. Winners in the 2007-2010 contests are not eligible. The papers should be original, unpublished, and submitted in English. We encourage submissions from librarians, information and network specialists, and educators involved in the creation, representation, maintenance, exchange, discovery, delivery, and use of digital information.

Award

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 Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 7-12, 2011.

Style

The international paper contest committee requires that submissions follow the International Information and Library Review instructions to authors. Detailed information is available under the heading, Guide for Authors at:
http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622845/authorinstructions

Publishing Opportunities

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.

ASIS&T Copyright Policy

ASIS&T will have the non-exclusive right to publish any of the papers submitted on its web site or in print, with ownership and all other rights remaining with the author.

Deadline for submission of full papers

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts, not to exceed 5,000 words, by May 31, 2011, to Maqsood Shaheen at ShaheenMA@gmail.com, preferably as Microsoft Word or PDF attachments.

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Send your message to sigiii-l@asis.org [All
lower case!] Attachments will NOT be processed.

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URL to access your subscription page should be:
<http://mail.asis.org/mailman/options/sigiii-l/msmith@yahoo.com>
Step 2. On the subscription page, type your
password to unsubscribe.

Password assistance:
If you forget your password, click the "Email My
Password to Me" button to have your password e-
mailed to you.

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

**Remember SIG-III on your summer travels.
Set aside items from home.**

Bring donated items to the 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA for entry in the International Reception's silent auction, sponsored by SIG-III. If unable to attend, send donated items with a friend or by postal mail.

SIG-III will provide a box by the registration table in which ASIS&T members may drop off silent auction donation items prior to the International Reception.

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