

Histories of ASIST Chapters and SIGs

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One of the projects of the ASIST 75th Anniversary Task Force addresses the histories of ASIST Chapters (regional and Student) and ASIST SIGs (Special Interest Groups). In support of our anniversary year celebrations, Task Force Members sought to compile information known about ASIST's component groups both present and past. These include Chapters, Student Chapters, and SIGs. The authors are pleased to present this list of current ASIST Chapter and SIG histories, which is posted at the webpage: <http://www.asist.org/asist2012/historyofASIST.html> ; as of October 2012. The information presented here also reflects research conducted by Task Force Member Kathryn La Barre during her historical investigation with the ASIST Archives at the University of Michigan. Additionally, the authors and Task Force members recruited authors to present new work at the 2012 Pre-Conference, and further historical research related to ASIST's history will be continued through the activities of SIG HFIS.

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A special issue of the *ASIS Bulletin* - Volume 14, Issue 5 (June/July 1988) - was published to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASIS in 1987. The issue includes articles on Chapters, SIGs, and ASIS history. This issue was digitized in advance of the 2012 Pre-Conference and made available online at the webpage: <http://asist.org/asist2012/historyofASIST.html> .

ASIST regional Chapters:

The current reference source for information on regional chapters of ASIST is the Chapters' webpage at: <http://asist.org/Chapters/chapters-regional.html> , which includes links to individual Chapters' websites.

Arizona



"A Steering Committee was formed in Fall 1996, consisting of librarians from the University of Arizona Science-Engineering Library (Ann Eagan, Joanne Martinez), Systems (Mohamed Taleb), and the Health Sciences Center Library (Polin P. Lei) and a faculty member from the School of Information Resources and Library Science (Sandra G. Hirsh). In preparation for requesting recognition as a new regional chapter of ASIS, the Steering Committee sponsored several events in 1997 ... As interest in an Arizona ASIS Chapter grew, the Steering Committee decided to aim for formal recognition of the Arizona

Chapter at the next meeting of the ASIS Board of Directors -- the 1997 ASIS Midyear Meeting to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Steering Committee moved quickly to distribute petitions to request existing Arizona ASIS members to approve the idea of the new chapter and to draft necessary documents (e.g., the bylaws, descriptions of officer positions). On May 2, 1997, members approved the bylaws and elected officers for the new chapter, including Chair, Ann Eagan ... The new Arizona ASIS Chapter was officially approved and recognized by the ASIS Board of Directors on June, 1997 in Scottsdale, Arizona." --<http://www.asis.org/Chapters/azasis/history.html>



Carolinas

The Carolinas Chapter enables members of ASIST located within North and South Carolina to participate in and carry forward the programs and purposes of ASIST. The Carolinas Chapter was chartered in 1973, according to Slater, 1988.



Central Ohio

A Southern Ohio Chapter was chartered in 1962, and this chapter later became the Ohio River Valley Chapter (not active in 2012).

The Central Ohio Chapter was chartered in 1961 (Slater, 1988), was re-established in 1976 (ASIS Archives: McNitt, 1988), and remains active in 2012. See also Northern Ohio.



Europe

A Northern Europe Chapter was chartered in 1974, ASIS' first official chapter outside of North America (Slater, 1988). There was a program in 1980.

A European Chapter was chartered in 1993, when it absorbed the Northern Europe Chapter (sources: McNitt, 1988, and European Chapter webpage, http://www.asis.org/Chapters/europe/?page_id=2). As part of the 75th Anniversary, European Chapter chairs Isto Huvila (2011) and Fidelia Ibekwe (2012) are planning a one-day workshop in conjunction with the LIDA conference on June 22, 2012 in Zadar, Croatia.



Indiana Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology

Indiana

The Indiana Chapter was chartered in 1961 (Redmond, 1985; Slater, 1988). There was a program in 1980. The Chapter Membership Officer (Steve Hardin) is an associate librarian at Indiana State University. The Indiana University student chapter was founded in 1966; its first chair was Charles Davis in either 1967 or 1968. Many early members were affiliated with the Eli Lilly company.



Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Chapter of ADI was chartered in 1961, chaired by Robert Hayes. The Chapter Archives are held at the University of Southern California, and a finding aid is available at the chapter webpage, <http://lacasist.org/chapter-archives>. The Chapter marked its 25th anniversary in 1987 with a program in Marina Del Rey coordinated by Joe Ann Clifton. The Chapter marked its 50th anniversary in 2011 with a program at Loyola Marymount University's William H. Hannon Library and a history website forum at <http://history.lacasist.org/>. An oral history with Dr. Robert Hayes is available at the webpage, <http://history.lacasist.org/content/oral-history-interview-robert-m-hayes>; see also Buchanan (2011), recipient of the 2010 ASIST History Fund Research Paper Award.



Metropolitan New York

The Metropolitan New York Chapter was chartered in 1961 (Slater, 1988).

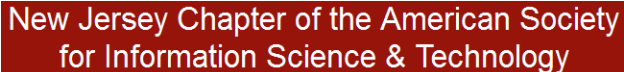


NEASIS&T

New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology

New England

The New England Chapter was chartered in 1961 (Slater, 1988). The Chapter hosted the ASIS Annual Meeting in 1975, at which SIG CON was founded, and the Chapter hosted the 50th Anniversary ASIS Annual Meeting in 1987 (Slater, 1988).



New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology

New Jersey

A Central New Jersey Chapter was chartered in 1975, and this chapter in May 1983 became the New Jersey Chapter, and remains active in 2012. The Chapter Archives are held at Rutgers University, and a finding aid is available at the chapter webpage, <http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/nj-asis/archive.html>. The Chapter marked its 30th anniversary in 2006 with a program at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick. A "Historical Note" was published on that occasion and is available through DLIST at <http://hdl.handle.net/10150/105074>. Ellen Pozzi and Marija Dalbello also presented their oral history research and NJ-ASIST's history at the 2005 ASIST Annual Meeting, see article at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/meet.14504201272/abstract>.



Northern Ohio

A Northern Ohio Chapter was chartered in 1963 (Slater, 1988), and remains active in 2012. See also Central Ohio.

Pacific Northwest

The Pacific Northwest Chapter was chartered in 1971 (Slater, 1988).



Potomac Valley

The Potomac Valley Chapter was the first ASIST Chapter, chartered in 1958. Its establishment ushered in a decade of growth for the ADI in the 1960s.

Taipei

The Taipei Chapter was chartered in 1982 (Slater, 1988).

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Chapter was established in 1974 (Redmond, 1985; Slater, 1988).

The first Chapter Assembly Director, Gerard Platau, was elected in 1968 (Slater, 1988). The first bylaws for Chapters were approved in 1976 (ASIS&T, "Chapter Officer's Manual," 1997, <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/chofficermanual.pdf>). The Society established the Chapter of the Year award in 1975, and the Student Chapter of the Year award in 1986.

The above list includes only Chapters with an active status in 2012. Other Chapters not listed here are listed in the Appendix of the article:

Buchanan, Sarah A. (2011). Regional information science: Education and disciplinary precept in the Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST, 1961–2011. *JASIST*, 62: 2277–2289. [doi:10.1002/asi.21603](https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.21603)

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Buchanan, S. (2011, Nov.). "Regional Information Science: Education and Disciplinary Precept in the Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T, 1961-2011." *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 62.11: 2277-2289. [doi:10.1002/asi.21603](https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.21603)

McNitt, Marilyn. (1988). Finding aid for the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) Records, 1939–1990. Special Collections Library, University of Michigan. Retrieved from <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=sclad&idno=umich-scl-asis>

Redmond, Angela Dierking. (1985). American Society for Information Science – History. In A. Kent & H. Lancour et al. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, First Edition* (Vol. 38, pp. 11–30). New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc.

For additional history see also:

Dierking, Angela Lynn. (1975). *A History of the American Society for Information Science*. (Master's Thesis, Texas Woman's University, 1975). Retrieved from <http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/detail?accno=ED116713>

Updates on Chapters were also published as part of ASIS' 50th Anniversary in 1987:

Slater, Frank. (1988). Chapters: Meeting colleagues close to home. *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science: ASIS 50th Anniversary Issue*, 14(5), 46–49, <http://asist.org/Bulletin/index.html>

ASIST Student Chapters:

Current Student Chapter websites may provide historical information; 42 current Student Chapters are listed at the ASIST webpage, <http://www.asist.org/Chapters/chapters-student.html>

For a listing of both current and past ASIST Student Chapter founding dates, see Table 1 in: Buchanan, Sarah A. (2011). ASIS&T history fund research: Documenting education in the Los Angeles Chapter. *Proceedings of the ASIST Annual Meeting*, 48. Retrieved from http://www.asist.org/asist2011/proceedings/submissions/364_FINAL_SUBMISSION.pdf

That table is reproduced here:

Society Student Chapters by date of establishment.		
[Source: ASIS Archives and Redmond, 1985]		
Student Chapter Name	Established	Active in early 2011
Columbia University	1964	
Drexel University	1964	√
Rutgers University	1964	√
Case Western Reserve University	1966	
University of Pittsburgh	1966	√
Indiana University	1967	√
National Capitol Area (Washington, D.C.)	1967	
University of Dayton	1968	
Nashville University Center	1970	
Pratt Institute (of Technology)	1970	√
St. John's University	1971	√
State University of New York at Albany	1973	√
University of Denver	1973	√
University of Michigan	1973	√
Kent State University	1974	
University of Cincinnati	1974	
East Texas State University	1975	
Louisiana State University	1975	√
Simmons College	1975	√
University of Oklahoma	1975	
C. W. Post University	1976	
California State University, Fullerton	1976	
Central New York	1976	
Queens College	1976	
Central New York / Syracuse University	1976	
University of Alberta	1976	
University of Arizona	1976	
University of California, Los Angeles	1976	√
University of Southwestern Louisiana	1976	

University of Texas at Austin	1976	√
University of Wisconsin - Madison	1976	√
Emory University	1977	
Long Island University	1977	√
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1977	√
University of Louisville	1977	
University of Missouri	1977	
University of Oregon	1977	
University of South Carolina	1977	√
Western Michigan University	1978	
University of Hawaii	1979	√
University of Minnesota	1979	
Wayne State University	1979	√
Northern Texas	1981	√ (now University of North Texas)
Texas Woman's University	1981	
University of Southern California	1981	
San José State University	1982	√ (now San Francisco Bay Area)
University of Mississippi	1982	
University of Tennessee	1982	√ (now at Knoxville)
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	1982	√
Atlanta	1983	
New Jersey	1983	
Taipei Area	1984	√ (now Taipei University)
University of Chicago	1984	
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1987	√
University of Washington	1991	√
North Carolina Central University	1993	√
University of Iowa	ca. 1993	√
Florida State University	1998	√
University of Arkansas, Little Rock	2002	
State University of New York at Buffalo	ca. 2003	√
State University of New York at Oswego	2004	√
University of Toronto	2004	√
Ohio Virtual	2004	√
Catholic University of America	2005	√
European	2005	√
University of Kentucky	2005	√
University of British Columbia	2006	√
University of Maryland	2006	√

Note that the above table does not note date(s) of dissolution.

ASIST SIGs:

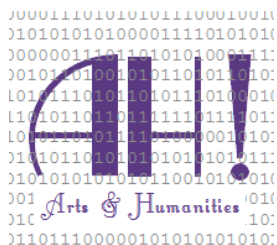
Below is given the date of charter (or if not verified, date of establishment) and the first known chair for 21 current SIGs (2012). Active SIGs are listed in the Annual Meeting programs, which are available at ASIST HQ / SIG Cabinet and/or the ASIS Archives (University of Michigan). Through further research with the ASIST Archives, more detailed information on dates of establishment and activities can be incorporated.

In addition to the SIGs described below, there are several more "SIGs that aren't there anymore." As an example of further ongoing research related to past SIGs, Chuck Curran is currently preparing a document with photos of older technologies and a bibliography of sources. Additionally, we anticipate good discussions at the 2012 Pre-Conference around the session by Betsy Van der Veer Martens and June Abbas titled "Remixing ADI/ASIS&T Conference History: Some Panels SIG-DL Wishes We Could Have Convened (And Some That We Did!), 1937–2012," and at the 2012 Annual Meeting session by Daniel Alemneh, Toni Carbo, Nadia Caidi, Anatoliy Gruzd and Abebe Rorissa titled "The Origins of SIG-III and Its 30 Years' Journey: Visions and Reflections."

For this work, we have limited our descriptions to the 21 current SIGs. The current reference source for information on SIGs of ASIST is the SIGs' webpage at: <http://asist.org/SIG/sigs.html>, which includes links to individual SIGs' websites.

The first meeting of the SIG Cabinet under the newly revised bylaws of ADI was held Wednesday, October 5, 1966, in Santa Monica, CA with breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. (La Barre research on ASIS Archives, 2012). A summary report on this SIG Cabinet Meeting of ADI is available (ASIS Archives, Box 58), as is a subsequent report of the breakfast meeting held Wednesday, October 25, 1967, with Howard W. Dillon, Cabinet speaker.

Bylaws for SIGs were approved by the Board of Directors in 1982 ("ASIS&T SIG Bylaws," 1982, http://www.asis.org/SIG/asist_sig_bylaws.html). The Society established the SIG of the Year award in 1975.



Arts & Humanities (AH)

SIG AH was established in 1968 when the society adopted its new name, American Society for Information Science (ASIS). The ASIS Archives include correspondence for SIG AH including a memorandum of April 17, 1968. At that year's ASIS Meeting, Prof. John Spaulding [inst. unknown] served as SIG Chair pro tem. In Jan. 1968, SIG AH had 46 members and \$92.00 in dues allocations. The Archives list an AH program at the 1972 Convention; Karen Markey served as chair in 1981-82. Known officers for SIG AH are listed at the SIG webpage, <http://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGAH/officers.html>. The SIG has organized and presented sessions regularly at ASIST Annual Meetings, including those listed at <http://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGAH/activities.htm>

Bioinformatics (BIO) (virtual)

SIG Biological and Chemical Information Systems (SIG BC) was established by 1967, possibly earlier (ASIS Archives). Dr. F. Kennett Broome, SIG BC chair pro tem, is listed in attendance at the SIG Cabinet breakfast meeting of Oct. 25, 1967. The SIG was renamed to Bioinformatics (SIG BIO), and became a virtual SIG, in [1985-2000].

Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts (BWP) (virtual)

SIG BWP, a virtual SIG, was established in July 2005, organized by then ASIST President-Elect Michael Leach (SIG listserv archives at <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/sig-bwp/>, and SIG blog at http://asist.typepad.com/sig_bwp/).



Classification Research (CR)

SIG CR was established in 1966 (ASIS Archives). The ASIS Archives (Box 65) includes a letter of March 3, 1966 relating that Phyllis Richmond accepted the SIG's charter and was appointed as Chair pro tem, with Pauline Cochrane as Vice Chair. Ray Schwartz served as chair in 1994-95 (per SIG webpage at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGCR/index.shtml>). SIG CR has published proceedings of its Classification Research Workshop since the first workshop in 1990, and these are available from <http://journals.lib.washington.edu/index.php/acro/issue/archive>

sig/con

CON (SIG CON)

SIG CON is an award-winning Special Interest Group of the Society! It has a great website maintained by Candy Schwartz at <http://web.simmons.edu/~schwartz/con/sig-con.html>. SIG CON was born at the 1975 ASIS Meeting in Boston with a notice, published in the conference newsletter *The Crier*. In October 1995, the SIG marked "20 years of SIG CON" in a spoof issue title of JASIS 16(0) Guest Edited by Candy Schwartz. SIG CON, "the lighter side of ASIS&T," appears regularly as a social event at ASIST Annual Meetings.

As part of the journal's 50th Anniversary special issue, see also the following: Schwartz, Candy. (1999). The role of SIG/CON in the advancement of information science. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science*, 50(11), 1037-1039. [doi:10.1002/\(SICI\)1097-4571\(1999\)50:11<1037::AID-ASI11>3.0.CO;2-L](https://doi.org/10.1002/(SICI)1097-4571(1999)50:11<1037::AID-ASI11>3.0.CO;2-L)

Critical Issues (CRIT) (virtual)

SIG CRIT, a virtual SIG, was established in December 2002, organized by Ron Day.



Digital Libraries (DL)

SIG DL was established in 2000 and Allison R. Kocczynski served as chair in 2000-01. "In the spring of 2000, motivated by Jim Cretsos, Suzie Allard and Allison Koczynski founded this SIG. Through the direct guidance and support provided by Jim, both Suzie and Allison were able to establish a set of by-laws, prepare a technical program for the 2000 Annual Meeting in Chicago, establish a listserv, create a Website, and recruit a full slate of officers." -- from SIG DL's first Annual Report, 2000-01, available at <http://www.asist.org/SIG/sigdl/about.html>

Education for Information Science (ED)

SIG ED was established in 1966 under ADI, when it was originally SIG ES (Education for Information Science). Herbert M. Ohlman served as founding Chairman of SIG ES from 1966-1977. In 1967, Mr. Ohlman also chaired ASIS' SIG on Information Retention; please see his entry in Robert Williams' "Pioneers of Information Science in North America" index at <http://faculty.libsci.sc.edu/bob/ISP/ohlman.htm>. Jody Fagan served as chair in 2002-03 (per SIG webpage at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGED/>). SIG/ED has administered the Doctoral Forum at each ASIS&T Annual Meeting and the annual Student Paper Contest, since ca. 2000.

SIG HLTH

Health Informatics (HLTH)

This SIG was established as SIG MR [unknown full name] ca. 1970, and as evidenced by a May 25, 1979 letter in the ASIS Archives (Box 69), its change in name was approved to SIG Medical Information Systems (MED) in 1979. The SIG renamed to Medical Informatics (SIG MED) ca. 1995, and Nancy Blase served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGMED>). The SIG renamed both its acronym and its full name to Health Informatics (SIG HLTH) in November 2009 (per SIG listserve archives at <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/sigmed-l/2009-November/000250.html>).

History & Foundations of Information Science (HFIS)



SIG Foundations of Information Science (FIS) was established in 1972 as evidenced by an approval of May 18, 1972 (application made May 12) appointing Laurence Heilprin as chair pro tem of SIG FIS (ASIS Archives, Box 66, see also <http://www.personal.kent.edu/~tfroehli/sighfis/hist.html#hist>). The SIG expanded both its acronym and its full name to History & Foundations of Information Science (SIG HFIS) in 1995 (Buckland and Hahn, 1998), approved by the ASIS Board that May. Thomas Froehlich served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGHFIS>). The History of Information Science and Technology Fund was approved by the ASIS Board of Directors, June 21 2000, and its first awards were presented in 2009. The proceedings of the Conference on the History and Heritage of Science Information Systems, held October 23-25, 1998 in Pittsburgh, PA, prior to the ASIS Annual Meeting, were published in October 1999. The proceedings of the Second Conference on the History and Heritage of Scientific Information Systems, held November 15-17, 2002 prior to the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, were published in 2004. SIG HFIS members organized the 75th Anniversary Pre-Conference on the History of ASIST and Information Science and Technology Worldwide, held on October 27, 2012 in Baltimore, MD.

Human Computer Interaction (HCI) (virtual)

SIG User On-Line Interaction (UOI) was established ca. 1973 (ASIS Archives). The SIG was renamed to Human Computer Interaction (SIG HCI) ca. 1989 (ASIS Archives). Erica Lilly served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGHCI>). The SIG became a virtual SIG at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

Information Architecture (IA) (virtual)

SIG IA was established after the March 2000 ASIS&T Summit on Information Architecture. The SIG listserve archives are available at <http://www.info-arch.org/lists/sigia-l/>. The SIG became a virtual SIG at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Special issues of the *ASIST Bulletin* have been dedicated to information architecture, including Aug./Sept. 2010 at <http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Aug-10/index.html>, and Aug./Sept. 2011.



Information Needs, Seeking and Use (USE)

SIG USE was chartered at the spring 1999 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting in Pasadena, CA, and Barbara Wildemuth served as chair in 1999-2000. SIG USE held its 1st Annual Research Symposium at ASIST 2001 in Washington, D.C.; 11 years of proceedings are available from the SIG webpage, <http://siguse.wordpress.com/past-symposiums/>. The SIG organized a 10th Anniversary special issue of the *ASIST Bulletin* in Feb./Mar. 2010, <http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Feb-10/index.html>. As part of the 75th Anniversary, the SIG launched in March 2012 the "ASIS&T SIG USE History Project" at <http://siguse.wikidot.com/>, which collects documents, images, and other historic materials for SIG USE.



Information Policy (IFP)

SIG IFP was established ca. 1995. Shelly Warwick served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGIP>). The SIG launched its website in 2006, which is currently available at <http://www4.uwm.edu/sois/projects/>



International Information Issues

International Information Issues (III)

SIG III was established in 1982. During the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in 1981, a petition was circulated and signed by approximately 70 ASIS members in support of establishing the SIG; an announcement of its approval appears in the *ASIS News* of Jan. 1982, and the ASIS Archives (Box 68) includes an activity report for 1982. The founding officers ad interim were: Michel J. Menou (chair), Ward Shaw (chair-elect), and Toni Carbo Bearman, Ching Chih Chen and Judith Werdel (steering committee members). Bahaa El-Hadidy served as chair in 1999-2000, per SIG webpage, <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/newsletter.htm>. SIG III has organized the International Paper Contest since 2000, attracting papers from over 50 countries. SIG III has also organized the InfoShare Program and the International Reception at ASIST Annual Meetings.



special interest group: knowledge management

Knowledge Management (KM)

SIG KM was formed in November 1999. The SIG's past activities are detailed at the SIG webpage, <http://www.asis.org/SIG/sigkm/activities.html>. A special issue of the *ASIST Bulletin* focused on knowledge management in Dec. 2011, <http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Dec-11/index.html>

Library Technologies (LT) (virtual)

The SIG was established as SIG AL [unknown full name] in 1966, and as evidenced by a February 4, 1966 letter (ASIS Archives, Box 68), Howard Dillon accepted the position of Chair pro tem. At a meeting of the ADI Council held in New York on February 24-25 [1966] a number of important actions were taken relating to the three special interest groups which have qualified for charter under the new ADI constitution and bylaws. By 1972 the SIG was renamed as SIG Library Automation and Networks (LAN) (ASIS Archives). Laura Cousineau served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGLAN>). The SIG renamed to Library Technologies (SIG LT) at the November 2002 Annual Meeting (per SIG listserv archives at <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/siglan-l/2002-December/000028.html>). The SIG distributed its first newsletter in February 2005, at <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/siglan-l/2005-February/000126.html>. The SIG became a virtual SIG at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. The SIG webpage is at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGLT/index.html>

Management (MGT)

SIG Management of Information Activities (SIG MGT) was established in 1975 as evidenced by its petition for SIG status of October 1975 (ASIS Archives, Box 69). SIG MGT published its first newsletter in 1977. The SIG shortened its name to Management (SIG MGT) by 1983 (Redmond, 1988). Bob Travica served as chair in 1998-99 (per SIG webpage at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGMGT/officers.html>).

Metrics (MET)

SIG MT was established as a virtual SIG in June 1999 (per SIG listserv archives at <http://web.utk.edu/~gwhitney/sigmetrics.html>). The SIG transferred from a virtual to a full SIG at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, and Jonathan Levitt served as chair in 2010-11. The SIG held a Symposium on Informetric and Scientometric Research on October 12, 2011 following the ASIST Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Scientific & Technical Information Science (STI)

SIG STI was established in 1971, as evidenced by a letter by Charles Meadow, chair pro tem of the SIG, in which he wrote of this proposed interest group of information science and public issues, "To bring to ASIS an awareness of the potential impact on the profession and on society as a whole of new technological developments in computers, communications, and image recording" (November 22, 1971) (ASIS Archives, Box 70). The ASIS Archives also includes SIG STI materials from 1993-1994. Albert Tabah served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGSTI>).

Social Informatics (SI)

SIG Technology, Information, and Society (TIS) was established ca. 1971 (ASIS Archives). Inez Sperr Brisfjord served as chair in 1999-2000 (per listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGTIS>); Kristen Eschenfelder served as chair in 2004-05; the SIG held a half-day workshop during the ASIST Annual Meeting in Providence, RI on November 14, 2004: http://www.asist.org/Conferences/AM04/social_informatics.html. The SIG renamed both its acronym and its full name to Social Informatics (SIG SI) at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC (<http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/sigtis-l/2006-January/000120.html>). SIG SI held its 8th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium, "Social Informatics: Past, Present and Future," on October 27, 2012 as a half-day workshop during the 75th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, organized by Howard Rosenbaum & Pnina Fichman of Indiana University.



Visualization, Images & Sound (VIS)

SIG VIS was founded by Joseph Busch and Corinne Jörgensen in 1994. From SIG VIS' newsletter 1(1) of 1995 appears the following: "As you know SIG VIS (name suggested by Linda Hill) was formed at the ASIS '94 annual meeting. The first new SIG in many years for ASIS," as well as an introduction from Myke Gluck, Director (ASIS Archives, Box 70). Corinne Jörgensen served as chair in 1999-2000 (per SIG listing at <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGVIS>). SIG VIS has presented a workshop at the 2010 and 2011 Annual Meetings.

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McNitt, Marilyn. (1988). Finding aid for the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) Records, 1939–1990. Special Collections Library, University of Michigan. Retrieved from <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=sclead&idno=umich-scl-asis>

The above list includes only SIGs with an active status in 2012. A listing of all SIGs active in 1983 is available on p. 90 of:

Redmond, Angela Dierking. (1988). American Society for Information Science – History. In A. Kent, J. G. Williams, & R. Kent (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of microcomputers: Access methods to assembly language and assemblers* (Vol. 1, pp. 74–94). New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc.

See also the ASIS Archives finding aid:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=sclead&idno=umich-scl-asis>

as well as:

Williams, Robert V. (2012, June/July). The Changed and Changing ADI/ASIS/ASIS&T After 75 Years. *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 38.5, 32-38.

[doi:10.1002/bult.2012.1720380511](https://doi.org/10.1002/bult.2012.1720380511)

and:

La Barre, Kathryn. (2012, Oct./Nov.). Spelunking in the Archives: Or How I Learned to Love the Art of the Unexpected. *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 39.1, 32-34.