Welcome to the summer edition of the ESC newsletter. In this edition we will present you the ESC community. If you are also interested to engage, we really welcome you. We also want to keep you informed on upcoming events, conferences and workshops.

In the category „I was at...“ respectively „We were at...“ Maria Henkel, Aylin Ilhan and Bella Dorsch report on their experiences during the ISI 2015, which we informed about in the last newsletter. In addition, Sarah Hartmann shares her impressions of the iConference 2015. Thank you all for your contribution!

Thanks to all who have sent us any other kind of content for this ESC newsletter. If you’d like to see a report of a conference that you have visited or announce an event in the next newsletter issue, please feel free to contact us at agnes.mainka@hhu.de or at christine.meschede@hhu.de.

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Student Mentoring Programme
38th European Conference on Information Retrieval
20 – 23 March, 2016; Padua, Italy
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...membership

Join the ESC

Join ASIS&T-ESC by joining ASIS&T at the website [http://www.asist.org/Join/join.html](http://www.asist.org/Join/join.html). If you are a student or PhD student living in Europe and fill in a European address you will automatically become a member of the ASIS&T-ESC. Others can join the European Student Chapter by contacting ASIS&T membership officer of the new chapter of choice. Membership rate for students is 40 $.

Join the Board – ESC elections in September 2015

It’s time to engage! The ESC needs a new board for the upcoming term from October 2015 till September 2016. As ESC board member, you are responsible for the chapter’s activities, like editing the newsletter, organizing webinars and small events, managing the social media pages (for example on Facebook), promoting ASIS&T events and communicate with the European chapter officers.

Being a board member means work, but if many people share this work, it is easy to do and it is fun to work with colleagues from all over Europe. Besides this, you gain deep insights into the activities of ASIS&T and hands-on experience in managing community activities, you are able to bring in your own ideas and you can decide about the association’s future steps.

An ESC board member should be ASIS&T member in good standing for the upcoming term. Members can be students (Bachelor, Master or PhD) or postdocs.

To become a board member, you should nominate yourself and write an e-mail to the current secretary until Sep 10th 2015, proposing your ideas and the position you want to engage in. If you are not sure what to do, don’t bother. We will find something for you :-).
The ESC community...
...benefits

The European Student Chapter (ESC) is the “little sibling” of the ASIS&T European Chapter (EC) and both chapters closely collaborate with each other.

The benefits of membership in the student chapter include the following:

- A student paper contest where the winner attends the annual ASIS&T meeting which is usually held in North America.
- Networking with European students of information science and related disciplines via our own mailing list.
- Networking with European students of information science and related disciplines at organized meetings.
- Building an infrastructure for student exchange/internships within Europe.
- Strengthened connections and networking opportunities with ASIS&T students throughout the world.
- Possible student exchange/internships throughout the world.

Additional benefits include:

- Publishing student essays on an affiliate ASIS&T website.
- Networking via special interest groups (SIGs).
- Free access to the electronic version of Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIS&T).
- Job-finding assistance using the high-quality ASIS&T Jobline.
- Special rates for ASIS&T members in conferences and meetings.
- Member-only discounts on key publications like ARIST, Annual Review of Information Science and Technology, and many others.
- Special rates for ASIS&T members in online degree programs.
The ESC community... 
...on a map

We like to see our community growing. Join and become part of it!
We were at...
The 14\textsuperscript{th} International Symposium of Information Science in Zadar, Croatia

WE ARE:
Hello everyone! Our names are Aylin, Bella and Maria and we are master students at Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf Germany. Together with our colleagues at the department of information science we attended the 14\textsuperscript{th} International Symposium of Information Science (ISI) in Zadar, Croatia.

OUR PRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE:

AYLIN:
Ubiquitous Cities and Social Media represent my research interests.

At the conference I presented methods to analyze the information need of residents in a ubiquitous city. Important to say: It is a case study by Wolfgang G. Stock, Rena Möhlmann and me. We have chosen and researched the ubiquitous city New Songdo City in South Korea.

BELLA:
Among others I am very interested in research about informetrics and social media. During the conference, I presented my interactive poster about a scientometric approach based upon personal publication lists. One could estimate how many publications of the information science in Graz are covered in academic databases and social media services.

Besides I presented with Axel Honka our research about a new informetric indicator. It was a great experience to present both, a poster and a lecture.
Bella presenting in the great hall at Zadar University

MARIA:
My research interests include information literacy instruction in libraries and universities as well as early childhood. At the conference I presented a case study by Dr. Christian Schlögl, Lisa Beutelspacher and me. My presentation “Evaluating an information literacy assessment instrument” was a lot of fun!

WE REALLY LIKED:

AYLIN:
I really liked the poster session. During the poster session you get the chance to discuss different opinions about the poster with a lot of different people. You also get the chance to have a face-to-face talk with the person responsible and could asked general or specific questions. Moreover you could also explain your opinion and to the theme. I liked it.

BELLA:
Especially exciting to me were the lectures on informetrics and altmetrics on the last day of the conference. They gave me new insights into the research field. Furthermore I regarded the possibilities for socializing.

This made it easier to contact scientists you never met before. For example the beautiful come together on Tuesday evening or the big evening event on Wednesday.

MARIA:
There were many presentations (and posters) that I enjoyed – but the best aspect of the ISI conference for me is, that many different research topics are presented. I had the chance to learn about research from many different fields of information science.

OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES:
To visit a conference is amazing. There are a lot of researchers with so different and very interesting topics. You hear and learn things about themes where you maybe never think about before. This is really nice. Moreover you get the chance to socialize with other researchers and students. For you it is a big chance to present your work and to get feedback or new ideas. Practice makes perfect!
I was at...
iConference 2015
Newport Beach, California, USA

I AM: Sarah Hartmann, a master student and research assistant at department of Information Science at the Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany.

MY RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE: Informational Cities, Social Media, E-Government and Public Libraries

I ATTENDED: iConference 2015 in Newport Beach

MY FAVORITE SESSION(S): Was the Social Media Expo for which 5 student groups had been selected to present their research project at the iConference. This year’s theme was government open data and social media. Before the conference officially started, there was one day of workshops. I really enjoyed the workshop on ICT sustainability.

I REALLY LIKED: To meet many interesting people with similar interests. We had lively discussions, not only about research. I also liked to learn more about the diversity of information science. A lot of very different but interesting topics were presented and of course Newport Beach offers a very beautiful conference setting.

MY PRESENTATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT: A presentation about “mobile applications based upon open urban government data” which I hold together with my colleague Agnes Mainka. We analyzed 471 m-apps of 24 metropolitan regions all over the world to find out more about these services. So we studied which topics they address (e.g. mobility, points of interest, education, health, public safety, and information awareness), which eco-systems are used (e.g. Android, iOS), who the developers are (e.g. government, other stakeholders), as well as how successful they are (download numbers).

MY RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAME CONFERENCE IS: If you have the opportunity to attend additional workshop, do it! We attended a really interactive and inspiring one. You also should use social events and breaks to talk to people and make new contacts. Be open minded and interested and you will learn a lot. Finally, enjoy it! For me, it was a pleasure to attend the iConference 2015 and next year it will take place in Philadelphia.
ASIS&T is the Association for Information Science and Technology and no more the American Association. We are a global community and in 2016 the Annual Meeting will be held in Europe for the first time. We are glad that Copenhagen was chosen as the first European city for this event.

We as European Student Chapter would like to contribute with a student session. Therefore we welcome all of your ideas to contribute to the best student session ever! We could for example start a competition, or change the presentation form from 15 minutes each speaker to a Pecha Kucha session (20 slides each 20 seconds per speaker), or present our research in a short movie. If you like this idea or have even better ones you are highly welcome to share your thoughts, ideas and time with us and contribute to this event.

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Best Student Paper Award Call for Submissions

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2015
The Special Interest Group for Information Ethics and Policy (SIG-IEP) (formally SIG-IFP) is proud to announce its first Best Student Paper Award. The winner will receive a Best Student Paper award and a $200.00 cash prize.

Who is Eligible?
Authors must be either Master or pre-candidacy PhD students. Only single author submissions are accepted. All submitted work must be previously unpublished. Authors do NOT need to be members of ASIS&T or SIG-IEP. The paper must be original work and purely the work of the student. A paper that has developed from work in a class, during an internship experience, or as part of a thesis project is eligible.

Requirements and Selection Criteria
The paper may address any topic dealing with an aspect of information ethics and/or information policy. The papers will show an appropriate level of writing style and should include a clear argument and/or analysis of the issue. Paper submissions must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Word .doc or .docx format
- Approximately 5,000 words, 12 pt. font and follow a standard citation style (APA preferred). Tables, graphs, images, etc. can appear within the body of the paper and need not be submitted as separate files
- Author names should not appear anywhere in the main text
- A separate cover page with title, author names, institutional affiliations, and an abstract of 250 words or less

The Best Student Paper will be selected based on the following criteria: clarity of issue, originality of argument and/or analysis, and quality of student writing.

Submission and Deadline
Authors are invited to submit papers, based on the requirements and selection criteria above, by emailing the final paper and cover page to Kris Unsworth at unsworth {at} drexel.edu. Subject line: IEP Best Student Paper Award before 11:59 pm EST, June 30, 2015.

The Best Student Paper award will be made under blind review by panel of judges. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Unsworth at unsworth {at} drexel.edu. We are looking forward to your submissions.

https://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGIEP/
ECIR 2016: Call for the ECIR student mentoring programme

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The ECIR 2016 conference is to be held in Padua, Italy, 20-23 March 2016. For more information about the ECIR ´16 conference, please visit the conference website: ecir2016.dei.unipd.it

If you are a student who plans to submit a paper to ECIR ´16, you may consider the ECIR student mentoring programme. The ECIR student mentoring programme offers help, guidance, and feedback on the writing of your draft paper by assigning a mentor to you, who help you in preparing and maturing the paper for submission.

How to sign up for the ECIR student mentoring programme:
1) You send an email to Jaana Kekäläinen (jaana.kekalainen@uta.fi). In the email you describe the topic of your paper and possibly the problems you might have concerning the paper. Signing up takes place in the period of July 6 - August 7, 2015.
2) Then we match you with a relevant and competent scholar, basically based on your description of your topic of the paper.
3) We email you the name and email address of the assigned mentor (August 21, 2015).
4) You contact by email the mentor with your draft paper (attached the email), including an outline of what in particular you need help with, that is, what you wish the mentor to focus on in the reading of your draft paper.
5) Having read the draft paper the mentor emails the feedback to you. This may develop into an email correspondence.

Some notes:
Please note, when submitting the draft paper to the assigned mentor, the paper should be a completed draft that allows the mentor to provide you with constructive feedback.
Do also note that participation in the ECIR student mentoring programme does not guarantee acceptance of research papers at the ECIR 2016 conference.
Finally, it should be noted that all mentors help out on a voluntary basis and should be acknowledge and respected for this willingness to contribute their spare time.

Dates:
Mentors can be signed up for from: July 6 – August 7, 2015.
Mentors will be assigned: August 21, 2015.
Deadline for submission of full paper to ECIR 2016 is: October 9, 2015.

We look forward to receive an email from you!

Jaana Kekäläinen (University of Tampere, Finland) & Paolo Rosso (Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain)
Don’t miss...
Upcoming Conferences with Specials for (PhD-) students

Information Science with Impact:
Research in and for the Community

78th ASIS&T Annual Meeting

November 6-10, 2015 - Hyatt Regency - St. Louis, MO USA

The next Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis. A focus will be on information science research. The impact of the research of academics as well as practitioner researchers on different groups will be discussed. In detail, the impact on individuals, society, organizations, systems & technology and information contexts is of interest.

Types of submissions include papers, panels, posters, workshops and tutorials.

Further information:
http://www.asis.org/asist2015/am15cfp.html
Watch on YouTube

Where to study?
Information Science and Library Science across Europe

There are lots of places across Europe for students to study Information Science and/or Library Science. This webinar is part of the series “Information Science and Library Science across Europe”, where representatives from schools and universities present themselves as study and research hubs and give an overview of their activities. Students can get directly in touch with professors and researchers and ask questions about research activities and lectures. This time, we invited Ernesto Priego from the City University in London (UK) and Sergej Sizov from the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (D). In a former webinar we invited Evelyn Dröge to present the Humboldt University zur Berlin.

If you missed the webinar – no worries, it’s online 😊
Visit our channel bit.ly/asist_esc_youtube
Write something

If you have a report, event hint, news or other interesting things which you would like to share in the next newsletter, please send an email to agnes.mainka@hhu.de or christine.meschede@hhu.de

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