Welcome
to the winter edition of the ESC newsletter. We will hereby present you the active ESC board members, including four new faces. We also want to keep you informed on upcoming events, conferences and workshops.

In the category „I was at...“ Maria Henkel, Aylin Ilhan, Agnes Mainka and Evelyn Dröge share their experience of different conferences and workshops. Thanks for that contribution!

As in the last year, we are happy to announce our second ESC Movie Meets Science Contest.

Thanks to all who have sent us any 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.

News box

ESC Movie Meets Science Contest Vol. 2
Take part at our second ESC Movie Meets Science Contest. For further information see page 14.

ASIS&T AM 2016
The ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2016 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark. Diane Sonnenwald (who is also our new chapter advisor) will be the conference chair. We are looking forward to the first Annual Meeting held in Europe!
The ESC board members 2014/2015:

Since October 15, we have a new ESC board – and it is larger than ever! Some of the members may be familiar to you while others are not. Time for a presentation of the new board members!

Elena Corradini, University of Zadar

Elena is the new ESC project manager.

“After a one-year experience as an assistant librarian in a research library, since 1997 I have been a public librarian. In 2004 I was awarded a MA/MSc in Information Studies from the University of Northumbria (Newcastle, UK) and the University of Parma (Italy). Elena Since then, I have been busy with research issues regarding youth’s information seeking and using, and now I am focusing particularly on the selection of web information sources. I feel that this is an issue also for adults, not only for youth, and often also for students of any level (PhD students included!). For this reason, my wish for 2015 is clearly to advance rapidly to the end of my student’s career, but also to help maintain a network of contacts to support mentoring, as it was envisaged by former ESC members.”

Sarah Hartmann, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf

Sarah is as social media manager responsible for our Facebook activities.

“Hello everybody, I am Sarah, a Master Student at the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf in Germany. My research interests are in social media and e-government and I give courses in information retrieval, information indexing and career planning as information scientist.

As the social media manager of the ESC I hope I can inform you fast as can about the latest news and I would like to meet more students from the library and information science field to exchange about our research.”
Christine Meschede, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf

Christine fills the newsletter editor position in the chapter.

“I’m Christine, a Bachelor student of Information Science and Language Technology at Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf (Germany).

I am currently working as a research assistant at our department of Information Science. My research interests are mainly informational world cities and knowledge representation.

As the new newsletter editor I like to contribute to the ESC community and keep everyone informed about interesting events activities of other members.”

Ehsan Mohammadi, Wolverhampton University

Ehsan is the new Webinar coordinator.

Ehsan recently completed his Ph.D in information science at the Statistical Cybermetrics Research Group at the University of Wolverhampton. His current research focuses on validating alt(ernative) metrics for research evaluation. His studies have been published in prestigious international peer-reviewed journals and conferences of information science (see http://goo.gl/VcFipf). He also holds a Master’s degree in library and information science. Previously, Ehsan served more than five years as an information specialist in different roles including, educational manager, online information manager, reference librarian, and webmaster.
The ESC board members 2014/2015:

Last but not least: all former board members of 2013/14 are still active in the new board!

Evelyn Dröge, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, replaces Agnes as ESC chair.

Agnes Mainka, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, is now ESC vice chair.

Tamara Heck, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, remains secretary and treasurer.

Tomislav Jakopec, J.J. Strossmayer University Osijek, remains webmaster.

We have lots of plans for 2014/15 and are looking forward for a great new period of the European Student Chapter!

Your ESC board 2014/15
I was at...

**EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION LITERACY 2014**

**I AM:**
Maria Henkel, a master student and research assistant at Heinrich-Heine University’s department of information science in Düsseldorf.

**MY RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE:**
Information literacy instruction in libraries, media and information literacy in early childhood, media education in kindergarten.

**I ATTENDED:**
European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL) 2014 in Dubrovnik, Croatia

**MY PRESENTATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT:**
Media and Information Literacy in Kindergarten – a research project initiated by Dr. Sonja Gust von Loh. As I am convinced that in our information society, media and information literacy education should start early on, I gladly presented our project at ECIL 2014 and discovered, that people had great interest in the topic and our research.

**MY FAVORITE SPEAKER:**
Dr. Michael B. Eisenberg who held the first keynote, Simone Soubusta who caught everyone’s attention with her very entertaining presentation and Dr. Laura Saunders from Simmons College, Boston.

**I REALLY LIKED:**
Having the opportunity to meet many interesting people with similar research interests, to exchange opinions and ideas, get feedback and learn so much more about media and information literacy instruction around the world. I also enjoyed to learn about Dubrovnik, the conference venue, and its rich culture as well as beautiful scenery.

**MY RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAME CONFERENCE IS:**
There is no need to be nervous. Be open minded, talk to people and try to learn a lot. Visiting a conference is not only an occasion to educate yourself but also to enjoy new experiences.

**THE NEXT ECIL – INFORMATION LITERACY IN THE GREEN SOCIETY:**
Do not hesitate when you get the opportunity to visit ECIL 2015 in Tallinn, Estonia. It will be a Green Conference and all about information and media literacy, a smart lifestyle and environmental sustainability (ECIL, 2015). See you there!
I was at...
Student-Workshop for Information Science Research (SWiF) 2014

I AM:
Aylin Ilhan, student of the Heinrich-Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany.

In addition to that I am a graduate assistant at the department of Information Science, also at the Heinrich-Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany.

MY RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE:
My research interests are ubiquitous cities and Social Media (Facebook). I am sure that my research interest will be growing up with the time. You live and learn.

I ATTENDED:
I attended the 5th Student-Workshop for information science research (SWiF 2014) at the Humboldt University Berlin, Germany.

MY PRESENTATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT:
New Songdo City is one of many planned ubiquitous cities in the World. It is located in South Korea, about 30 Miles from Seoul. In the context of the case study New Songdo City our goal was to learn about how urban such a city is and if Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure already exists. Moreover it was important to find out the percipience and acceptance of the residents with regard to the above-named two aspects.

I LEARNED:
I learned more about the diversity of information science. A lot of interesting topics were presented, from which I learned a lot.

I REALLY LIKED:
I really enjoyed the organization of SWiF and the atmosphere between the participants. Although we did not know each other (in general) the atmosphere was not fraught. Quite the contrary the participants want to get to know about the different projects. On the one side we learned a lot of new things and on the other side we had two fine days all together.

MY RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAME CONFERENCE IS:
I recommend to visit the Student-Workshop for information science (SWiF). You learn a lot of new subjects and people. Moreover you get the chance to introduce your project with a following discussion round. It does not matter if your project or work is not finished to the point of time. For example, by the feedback in the discussion round you get the chance to develop together solutions.
I was at...
ASIS&T Annual Meeting

I AM:
Agnes Mainka and I am a PhD Student and Researcher at the Department of Information Science at the Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany.

MY RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE:
Informational World Cities, Social Media and E-Government.

I ATTENDED:
ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2016 in Seattle

MY PRESENTATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT:
I was one of the lucky persons who won the ASIS&T New Leader Award and got a fund to attend the conference. At the meeting we got the chance to share our ideas about new or upcoming projects and met with our mentors from ASIS&T who will help us to achieve our goals in the next two years.

MY FAVORITE SESSION(S):
Social Informatics and Social Media: Theoretical Reflections, Information Behavior and the one day Workshop of SIG MET (Special Interest Group for the measurement of information production and use).

I LEARNED:
Don’t call social media a new phenomenon – it isn’t new. Wikipedia is not emerging it is the biggest encyclopedia of the world and it’s growing. Stop calling something as new when a theory already exists. — Presentation by Mohammed Hossein Jarrahi

I REALLY LIKED:
To meet a lot of people which I already knew from email correspondence but haven’t met personally before.

MY RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAME CONFERENCE IS:
Involve in ASIS&T activities and try to apply for some funds to attend at the meeting. Especially Special Interest Groups like to assist students. You can find a list of the different Groups online. Thus just get involved. The main message was “ASIS&T loves Students”.

Slide presentation by Ziad A. Matni

Source: http://paonthefly.com/seattle-skyline-black-and-white-painting
I was at...
**Semantic Web in Libraries (SWIB14)**

**I AM:**
Evelyn Dröge, PhD student at the Berlin School of Library and Information science

**MY RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE:**
Semantic Web / Linked Data, Ontology matching, RDF application profiles

**I ATTENDED:**
SWIB14: Semantic Web in Libraries
December 1 – 3, 2014 in Bonn, Germany

**MY FAVORITE SESSION(S):**
- Linked Open Data Applications
- Multilingual Data

**MY PRESENTATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT:**
I co-organized a workshop on “RDF Application Profiles in Cultural Heritage”. My presentations included the workshop introduction (about RDF validation and the Dublin Core taskforce on RDF application profiles), a presentation of the DM2E model (= an application profile of the Europeana Data Model) and how data modeled in DM2E can be validated.

**I LEARNED:**
I have learned about many interesting Linked Data case studies like an application profile for the Pina Bausch archive, multilingual access to Europeana, the SKOS publishing platform Skosmos and much much more.

**I REALLY LIKED:**
Eric Miller stating in his keynote that libraries are so invisible on the Web right now; coffee shops have greater visibility.

**MY RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHER STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAME CONFERENCE IS:**
Go to SWIB! A great conference if you are interested in libraries and Semantic Web. You should have some metadata/RDF-background, otherwise it may be hard to follow some presentations.

1 December in Bonn. Photo by Evelyn Dröge.
Don’t miss…
Upcoming Conferences with Specials for (PhD-) students

**Reinventing Information Science in the Networked Society**

**14th International Symposium of Information Science (ISI 2015)**

**May 19 – 21, 2015 at the University of Zadar, Zadar, Croatia**

**Description**

ISI 2015 takes place at a time of ongoing changes in today’s networked society. Recent Internet developments have made it possible to access ever rising amounts of data and efficient analysis tools empower users to identify patterns which extend their human mind. Easy-to-use web services also allow users to be producers of information, a development which is subsumed under the term social web. Furthermore, science makes extensive use of collaboration, information sharing and information distribution which are available through network technologies (big data). These changes have a strong effect on both information science and practice which are to be discussed at ISI 2015.

Several submission types are possible. Specials for students include student presentations and doctoral thesis presentations. The Gerhard Lustig Award will be given to the author of the best Master Thesis in Information Science 2013-2014.

Further information:
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Upcoming Conferences with Specials for (PhD-) students

Information, Technology and the User

ASIS&T European Workshop

2015, Osijek, Croatia

Description

ASIS&T European Workshop is a biannual information science and technology conference with an aim of bringing together European based scholars and practitioners of information science in order to discuss current developments and European perspectives of information science research and practice.

Specific topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

• Data, information, knowledge: same or different concepts?
• The philosophy of information: new (inter)discipline
• Towards general theory of information (GTI): or, do we already have one?
• Objective vs. subjective information
• Human-technology interaction
• Technology, knowledge and society
• Free and open technologies for free and open society: free and open source software, open standards and open access in information institutions
• Digital technologies and the rise of the do it yourself (DIY) culture
• Creative Commons and cultural production
• Cyberspace and digital identities
• Internet as a powerful tool for social changes
• Internet and creative production

Further information will come soon:
http://web.ffos.hr/aew2015
Don’t miss...
Upcoming Conferences with Specials for (PhD-) students

Information Science with Impacts: Research in and for the Community

78th ASIS&T Annual Meeting

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

Description

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
Announcement: Movie Meets Science Contest – Vol. 2

European Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Movie
Vol. II
meets
Science

What would the world look like without sequels?

- Luke Skywalker would never find out that Darth Vader is his father
- Frodo would not have destroyed the ring
- Matrix would just have been a cool movie (okay, this one doesn’t count)
- Witches and sorcerers worldwide would still suffer from Lord Voldemort

We cannot let this happen to our contest!

Movie meets Science will go into the second round!

Once again, you are invited to present your research topic in a short video.

More information follows soon:

bit.ly/MovieMeetsScience

Movie meets Science: the Sequel
MAKE YOUR OWN SCIENTIFIC MOVIE
What are the benefits of being an ASIS&T member and of engaging in ESC?

Are you interested in information science and want to take part in an international community?

The Association for Information Science & Technology offers you the opportunity to connect with information professionals and be up to date with new developments in information science and related applications.

ASIS&T includes 20 Special Interest Groups (SIG) and 21 Chapters as well as 36 Student Chapters which facilitate the exchange of people with similar interests.

With the ASIS&T membership you have free access to webinars, the Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (Bulletin) and the online version of the Journal of the Association for Information Science & Technology (JASIS&T).

The European Student Chapter is the little sibling of the European Chapter and offers you the opportunity to take part in a variety of free webinars as well as competitions and helps you to step into an international connected scientific community. So you can meet other European Students and exchange about your first academic approaches as well as socialize with experts from all over the world on Annual ASIS&T Meetings and conferences. As a member you can join conferences for significantly reduced fees or participate in the New Leaders Award which offers you free conferences for two years as well as travel allowance.

So strengthen your network via special interest groups, organized meetings and webinars and share your experiences with other students throughout the world. Become an ASIS&T member and engage in the European Student Chapter!

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**ASIS&T Membership**

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 ESC by contacting ASIS&T membership officers and inform them about the new chapter of choice. Membership rate for students is 40 $ (special reliefs for groups).
Did you know?...The history of Information Science in 140 characters
Information retrieval and storage started with punched cards. As a pioneer Hans Peter Luhn developed new techniques still relevant today.

Don´t miss our webinars in 2015...
In 2015 we will continue our webinar series about Library and Information Science study places for Bachelor, Master and PhD students. This series has started in 2014 with a presentation of the Humboldt University zu Berlin. If you like to see a presentation of your University just contact agnes.mainka@hhu.de or e.mohammadi@wlv.ac.uk. More information about upcoming webinars are coming soon at our website www.asis.org/Chapters/Student/esc.

Happy holidays and a happy new year!

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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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