The SIG STI Newsletter

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ASIS&T Annual Meeting

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The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) will be held at the Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 14-18, 2016. For additional information about the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, including registration information, highlights of the meeting, social events, and logistics, see https://www.asist.org/events/ann

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DCMI 2016 Annual Meeting

The International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications will be held at the Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers on October 13-16, 2016. For more information about the DCMI 2016 Annual Meeting, see <u>https://www.asist.org/events/dcm</u> i-2016/

Annual STI Business Meeting

Plan to attend the Annual SIG-STI Business Meeting that will be held during the 2016 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. Details about the Annual SIG-STI Business Meeting will be announced on the SIG-STI discussion list soon.

STI Sponsored Workshop

The SIG-STI sponsored workshop, Building Capabilities for Sustainable Research Data Management Practices, will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 during the 2016 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. Organized by Jian Qin and Kevin Crowston, of the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, and by Liz Lyon, of the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, the workshop will introduce participants to tools and methodologies that can be used to manage and assess processes for research data management.

The workshop offers participants an opportunity to focus on the Capability Maturity Model (CMM) for Research Data Management and on the Community Capability Model Framework (CCMF) for data-intensive science. These methodologies have been developed, tested, and adopted by members of the community to provide guidance and tools for documenting process areas for research data management and to conduct assessments of an organization's level of capability maturity for managing research data.

Additional information about the workshop, and other seminars and workshops that will be held during the 2016 ASIS&T Annual Meeting, including registration information, is available at the following URL. See <u>https://www.asist.org/events/ann</u> <u>ual-meeting/annual-meeting-</u> 2016/seminars-and-workshops/

Current Activities

Revising SIG-STI Mission & Vision

Proposed revisions to the SIG-STI Mission statement and Vision statement are being drafted. Please review these draft statements, below, and share any suggestions for improvement with the SIG-STI Chair, Kristin Bogdan, kristin.bogdan@usask.ca prior to the 2016 SIG-STI Annual Business Meeting.

Draft Revisions for SIG-STI Mission:

The Scientific and Technical Information Special Interest Group (SIG STI) focuses on the applications of information science theories and methodologies to the applied, life, physical, and social sciences. This includes the curation, dissemination, and preservation of scientific information in all forms; the organization of scholarly work throughout the research lifecycle; and tracing the evolution of scientific thought. SIG STI promotes the importance of accessible scientific data and information for policy-makers, scholars, and the general public.

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Enabling use of scientific information for all.

Future Events

Save the Date for RDAP Summit

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Research Data Access and Preservation (RDAP) Summit, which will be held in Seattle, Washington, at the Seattle Renaissance on April 19-20, 2017. See https://www.asis.org/rdap/

Publications of Interest

The article, Social scientists' Satisfaction with Data Reuse, has recently been published in the Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology (JASIST). Written by Ixchel M. Faniel, of OCLC Research, with Adam Kriesberg and Elizabeth Yakel, both of the School of Information at the University of Michigan, their JASIST article builds on the current research literature on data reuse and reports on the development of a model and the results of a survey that was conducted as part of a study of users' satisfaction with data reuse. See

http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/asi.23480

Three special issues of the Journal of Map & Geography Libraries (JMGL) have been devoted to the theme of management, curation, and preservation of geospatial data. The articles in these issues describe a variety of approaches that have been taken by libraries, government agencies, and data centers to improve research, development, and practices for the stewardship of geospatial data along with capabilities for enabling their discovery, exploration, access, and use. The three special issues are accessible online at the following URLs. JMGL 11(2): http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ wmgl20/11/2 JMGL 11(3): http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ wmgl20/11/3 JMGL 12(1): http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ wmgl20/12/1

Nominate SIG STI Officers

Nominations are currently being requested for four SIG STI officers who will provide leadership for next year. These leadership positions include the Chair Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, Communication Officer, and the Webmaster. Responsibilities for each position are described on the SIG STI Wordpress site. See http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGSTI/w ordpress/ Please send nominations, including self-nominations, to Kristin Bogdan at kristin.bogdan@usask.ca by September 1, 2016 and provide the name, professional title, organization, and email address of the candidate along with the title of the SIG STI office for which the candidate is being nominated.

SIG STI Communications

The SIG STI website is online at: http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGSTI/w ordpress/

Please send suggestions for content or for improving the design to <u>sig.sti.asist@gmail.com</u>.

Follow SIG STI on Twitter at <u>https://twitter.com/sigsti</u>

Send email announcements to the SIG STI list at sigsti-l@asis.org

Current SIG STI Officers

Chair: Kristin Bogdan Chair-Elect: Holly Miller Treasurer: Michael Luesebrink Secretary: Deborah Charbonneau Comm. / Web.: Robert R. Downs SIG Cab. Rep.: Kristin Bogdan Past-Chair: Michael Luesebrink

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