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ASIST 2004 Annual Meeting

Welcome to the Annual Meeting. It is time to celebrate and make plans for the next year! Please come to the following events and meetings during the annual meeting:

1. SIG III Planning Meetings
When: Monday, November 15, after the International
             Reception (8pm-)
Where: See conference program for location

When: Tuesday, November 16, after the Third Global
             Information Village (1:30-3pm)
Where: See conference program for location
If you can't come to the planning meeting, please feel free to send your suggestions and proposals to
             Nathalie (leroyn@un.org) and
             Duncan (domole@worldbank.org)

2. SIG Rush/Annual Reception
When: Sunday, November 14 at 6:30 pm
Where: See conference program
Please visit the SIG III table. You will meet colleagues
             and international guests and get news and
             information on how to get involved!

3. SIG III International Reception
When: Monday, November 15 at 8 pm
Where: See conference program
Volunteers are needed as early as 7:15 pm and during
             the event. Volunteers are also needed to help
             collect items for people unable to attend, and
             to do anything else that needs to be done to
             ensure a lively and successful auction and

raffle sale. Come and have fun! (see a detailed note below)

4. Sponsored Sessions

SIG III will sponsor or co-sponsor the following sessions at the Annual Meeting:

Sunday, November 14, 2004
3:30-5 pm
        Important Technical Issues for Digital Libraries
        with Multiple Collections, Different Languages,
        and Diverse Audiences (SIG III, DL)

Monday, November 15, 2004
1:30-3 pm
        National Security Policies: Implications for
        Information Flow and Scholarly Exchange (SIG
        III, IFP)
3:30-5 pm
        Building Digital Libraries Through
        Collaboration Within and Between Nations
        (SIG DL, III)

Tuesday, November 16, 2004
1:30-3 pm
        Third Global Information Village (SIG III)
        (SIG III business meeting will follow).

Wednesday, November 17, 2004
10:30-12 noon
        The State of Libraries and Information Services
        in Developing Countries (SIG III)

5. International Reception & Silent Auction

This year's International Reception will be held on Monday, November 15th, 2004, at 8 pm. Elsevier Publishers has generously offered to contribute $400 to this year's International Reception. This donation, in connection with the journal Information Processing and Management, is the second gift from Elsevier Publishers this year, followed by their $3000 contribution to this year's International Paper Contest. Mr. Chris Pringle of Elsevier plans to attend the reception, and there will also be a table available at the reception for ASIST members to browse Elsevier's publications. SIG III would like to thank Elsevier for their continuing support and assistance, as they have done in the past several years.

Additionally, SIG III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction and Raffle at the event. All proceeds will go to the SIG III InfoShare Fund. The InfoShare program supports ASIST memberships for information professionals in developing countries.

We hope to raise plenty of money for memberships again this year, but first, we need items to auction off. You may help by donating items or by asking friends and colleagues to donate. Even if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting this year, you may send items with a colleague who is attending. For each donated item, please include a description, suggested base price, and the name of the donor. Volunteers will also be needed at the event to arrange the items on tables and fill in the paper forms to accompany each item. If you are not able to volunteer, you can still show your support by purchasing raffle tickets and items at the auction.

Yin Zhang will be the contact person for the Silent Auction and Raffle this year. Please let her know in advance how many items you will be donating or bringing so she can arrange for the correct number of tables at the event. Her contact information is:

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Election Ballot for 2004-2005 SIG III Officers

Every SIG III member is asked to vote for the SIG III Executive Board. This is an uncontested election unless you write in an alternate candidate who receives more votes than the nominated candidate.

Please send an e-mail back to SIG III Chair, Nathalie Leroy at leroyn@un.org, with your approval of the slate, or write-in candidates. Please also indicate if you would like to volunteer to help SIG III in the coming year and your suggestions for new initiatives. Thank you!

The Candidates:

Chair: Yin Zhang (already approved in 2003)

Chair-Elect: Nadia Caidi

Past Chair: Nathalie Leroy

Assistant Chair (Outside the US): Merlyna Lim (Indonesia) (already approved in 2003)

Communications Officer: _____

Treasurer: Bahaa El Hadidy

InfoShare Officer: Sue O'Neill Johnson

SIG Cabinet Representative: Toni Carbo
Alternate: Sue O'Neill Johnson

Annual Meeting Program Chair: Duncan Omole

Global Plaza: _____
Mentors: Naida Caidi and Michel Menou
> Global Plaza has been trying to seek alternative formats and contents. Members who would like to take responsibility for the event, or to try something else, are most welcome. Nadia and Michel will be happy to mentor as appropriate.

International Paper Contest Committee
- Duncan Omole, Liwen Vaughan, and Linda Bringan
- *Mentors*: Yunfei Du, Nathalie Leroy, and Sue O'Neill Johnson

Advisors:
Sue O'Neill Johnson, Michel Menou, and Norman Horrocks

I approve this slate of officers. (Your name) _____.
I nominate _____ for the position of _____.

Please send an e-mail back to SIG III Chair, Nathalie Leroy at leroyn@un.org.

International Paper Contest Completed

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG III) is pleased to announce the top winners of its fifth International Paper Contest. We are delighted to be able to offer eight awards this year. The winners are:

1. Shivanthi Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka)
The Role of Financiers as Intermediaries in Bridging the Information Gap of Micro-entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka

2. G. Thamaraiselvi (India)
Managing and Enhancing Digital Information and Communication Technologies for Bridging the Digital Divides in India: Challenges, Issues and Opportunities

3. K.T. Anuradha (India)
Design and Development of Institutional Repositories: A Case Study

4. S. Majumdar (India)
Preservation and Conservation of Literary Heritage: A Case Study of India

5. (tie) Ayoku A. Ojedokun (Botswana)
The Evolving Sophistication of Internet Abuses in Africa

5. (tie) Nafiz Zaman Shuva (Bangladesh)
Implementing Information and Communication Technology in Public Libraries of Bangladesh

7. (tie) V.S. Cholin (India)
Study on Application of Information Technology for Effective Access to Resources in Indian University Libraries

7. (tie) Ariunaa Bariushanov (Mongolia)
Current Situation on Mongolian Information Technology and Demand of Library Automation

The theme of this year's paper contest was "Managing and Enhancing Information: Cultures and Conflicts - The Developing World Perspective." The eight winning papers were selected from 25 papers received for this year's competition. Each winner will be awarded a two-year individual membership in ASIST.

Thanks to continued generous support from Elsevier Publishers, the first place winner will be rewarded a minimum of $1,000 toward travel, conference registration, and accommodations while attending the ASIST Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, November 13-18, 2004. These winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's International Information and Library Review, which is edited by Toni Carbo.

Congratulations to the winners! The Contest Committee worked really hard to select the winning papers in a short time frame. The Committee this year was composed of Yunfei Du, International Paper Contest co-Chair; Sue O'Neill Johnson, co-chair and Immediate Past Chair of SIG III; and Nathalie Leroy, co-chair and SIG III Chair. This year's judges were:

- Suzie Allard, University of Tennessee
- Nadia Caidi, University of Toronto
- Nathalie Leroy, United Nations
- Duncan Omole, The World Bank

Their effort makes it possible to maintain this international network of digital scholars and experts on digital libraries and information technology in developing countries.

More information about the paper competition is available from the SIG III website under Paper Contest.

International Paper Contest Winner at the Annual Meeting

Through the Digital Scholars Fund, SIG III has offered a travel grant to Ms. Shivanthi C. Weerasinghe, the top winner of this year's International Paper Contest, to attend this year's annual conference.

During the conference, Shivanthi will present her winning paper, titled *The role of financiers as intermediaries in bridging the information gap of micro entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka,* and present her views at the Third Global Information Village event.

Getting a visa is no easy matter, and ASIST Headquarters has done a great deal of work sending letters of invitation which were used to obtain Shivanthi's visa. We hope you will greet her with enthusiasm and friendliness, and help her get the most out of the Conference.

Support for travel and hotel expenses has been provided from the SIG III Digital Scholars Fund, and the SIG III treasury. This year Elsevier Publishers' $3000 contribution has been made to the SIG III Digital Scholars Fund. Their generous support for the past three years has been the major factor in making memberships and travel grants possible.

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(yinzhang@slis.kent.edu), if you have any
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