

SIG ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT
and SIG-OF-THE-YEAR CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST

Please use this form and checklist to file your SIG Activities Report and to apply for SIG-of-the-Year. SIGs wishing to be considered for SIG of the Year and/or requesting funds rollover must submit this form by August 15th; all other SIGs must submit by September 15th.

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SIG NAME (and acronym): Arts & Humanities (AH)

REPORT SUBMITTED BY (name): Sarah Buchanan (office) Chair

ACTIVITY PERIOD: August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012

CURRENT OFFICERS:

Chair (required): Sarah Buchanan (sarahab@utexas.edu)

Other Officers: Mary Ann Harlan (Chair Elect), Liz Yeh (Information Officer)

Do you wish to be considered for SIG of the Year? Yes No

1. Did your SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting? Yes No

2. Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last ASIS&T annual meeting?

Name Sarah Buchanan Office Chair

The Chair received SIG AH's packet at SIG Cabinet on Oct. 9, 2011.

3. Please list the names of new leaders in your SIG who may be interested in getting involved in other areas of ASIS&T:

All current officers and members are recommended to serve.

4. Describe any efforts your SIG made especially designed to recruit new members or retain members (e.g., welcome letters, calls or visits, etc.).

SIG AH recruited new members at SIG Rush 2011 at the New Orleans conference. This year, Chair Sarah Buchanan collaborated with SIG VIS Chair Joan Beaudoin in co-editing a special issue of the *ASIST Bulletin* dedicated to areas of common interest between our two SIGs. The April/May 2012 issue, available at <http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Apr-12/>, was published online in late March and includes contributions from within and outside of SIG AH discussing current developments in the digital humanities and information visualization fields. In recruiting authors for this issue, we talked with many individuals throughout the fall and spring about their interests in response to our call for papers sent in Nov. 2011 to listserves including ASIS-L, SIGAH, SIGVIS, H-NET, VRA (and MCN-L), ARLIS-L (and Pratt SILS), SAA's MDOR (metadata & digital objects), Visualmat, and Sound. The CFP was also tweeted and blogged (<http://humanitieslibrarianshipandtechnology.blogspot.com/2011/11/cfp-from-asis-dh-and-information.html>). In addition to publicizing the CFP, these communications also promoted and recruited potential members to SIG AH. The SIG also continued its communications through our listserve.

5. What programs, including those presented at ASIST Annual, did your SIG sponsor or cosponsor during the activity period? (e.g, continuing education programs, regional meetings, promotional activities for your SIG or ASIS&T, career guidance, ongoing services, etc.). Please list the name of the program, speakers involved, date and location, estimated attendance, revenue and expenses, a brief description of each program, and other participating organizations or ASIS&T units, if applicable.

SIG AH had perhaps its most vibrant presence in recent memory at ASIST 2011 in New Orleans, participating in many events and alerting ASIST members to SIG AH's scope and opportunities.

1. Our logo was made available as a “tag” for attendees to wear during the conference as part of the conference’s “Tag You’re It!” SIG initiative. (designer: Sarah Buchanan, coordinator: Linnea Johnson, Membership Committee, New Orleans Marriott)
2. With other SIG leaders, I spoke at the New Members / First Conference Attendees Brunch (10/9, noon,) about SIG AH and invited attendees to ask me questions. (La Galerie 1-2, New Orleans Marriott)
3. At the Leadership Development Program, past chair Joseph Busch represented and talked about SIG AH at the roundtable. (coordinator Andrea Copeland, Membership Committee, Balcony I-J, New Orleans Marriott)
4. SIG AH members also met with attendees at the Welcome Reception and SIG Rush event on Sunday 10/9. (La Galerie 4-6, New Orleans Marriott)
5. Although there were no arts / digital humanities sessions presented at ASIST 2011, we did hold a productive SIG AH planning session on Mon. 10/9 where we discussed plans for future activities. (8 attendees, Jackson Room, New Orleans Marriott)
6. Members also discussed common interests at the President’s Reception / Poster Session (La Galerie 1-3) and International Reception (Salon E). Attendance at all these events numbered several hundred.

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This year, several ASIST Webinars were presented related to SIG AH’s scope: Envisioning Science and Technology (Nov. 15), Metadata Interoperability (Mar. 15, by Past SIG AH Chair Joseph Busch), Preparing to Incorporate Visualizations into a Metrics Research Project (Mar. 29), and The Quest for Emotional Engagement: Information Visualization (June 7).

6. Describe the publications your SIG produced during the activity period (e.g., newsletters, technical publications, pathfinders, joint publications, etc.). Briefly describe those publications here, indicate the publication frequency and intended audience, and enclose a copy of each publication (or provide the URL) with this report.

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7. Describe your SIG’s participation in other noteworthy activities during the period (e.g., participation in a public effort, such as, legislative hearing, standards committee, representation at meetings of other organizations, etc.).

Our Chair served as a member of the ASIST 75th Anniversary Task Force and participated in the Task Force’s meeting at ASIST 2011 in New Orleans. As part of this effort, she encouraged all SIG members past and present to write / compile their group’s histories and publish them, either on their own websites or as a presentation at the “History of ASIST and Information Science and Technology Worldwide” Pre-Conference on Sat. Oct. 27, 2012 in Baltimore. See <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/sig-l/2012-January/000280.html> for her message to SIGs (and <http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/chapters-l/2012-January/000273.html> ,

<http://mail.asis.org/pipermail/students-1/2012-January/000285.html> for her message to Chapters and Student Chapters, respectively, also part of her focus area). A thorough report on the Task Force's activities was submitted to ASIST President Diane Sonnenwald for the ASIST Board by Task Force co-Chair Toni Carbo, on July 18, 2012. Our SIG has common interests with the History Pre-Conference and looks forward to supporting the event in Baltimore. Our Chair participated in SIG Cabinet on Oct. 9, 2011 at the ASIST Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

8. Please include any other comments you would like to make about your SIG's activities during the period.

Thank you for your continuing support of SIG AH.

We understand the 2012-13 dedicated budget (Oct. 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2013) is determined by the 2012 Annual Meeting and includes events in Baltimore. The SIG's 2013 yearly budget requests are due by Dec. 1, 2012.