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News from the Chair

Contributed by Vika Kravchyna

Another year of ASIS&T SIG-III activities is ending. In this issue we summarize our achievements and progress, while expecting hectic pre-conference activities that are both enjoyable and stressful.

Our 2010-2011 to-do-list is not completely accomplished due to various reasons. Because some of the officers were changing jobs and positions, working full time outside academia, and completing job deadlines, it is natural to put aside volunteer positions requiring a personal time investment. Nevertheless, I am proud of the dedicated SIG-III officers' accomplishments. Receiving the 2011 SIG Publication of the Year Award is the first step as we "rise from the ashes" to regain our confidence for the future of SIG-III. Our Facebook and LinkedIn accounts are active and modified to utilize these social media Web sites to promote our SIG and its worldwide activities.

With the upcoming celebration of the 30th anniversary of SIG-III, there is already a compiled list of activities that need to be implemented and coordinated. Therefore, it is important to recruit new members and officers who will be

just as dedicated as current officers Sarah Emmerson, Daniel Alemneh, Maqsood Shaheen, and Abebe Rorissa, and, of course, our valuable founders, Toni Carbo and Michel Menou. Very enthusiastic old and new members of the SIG will be asked to step forward to lend a volunteering, helping hand. In addition, we will be signing up as many volunteers as possible during the upcoming 2011 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

We are looking forward to great stories from, and reviews by, SIG-III members about their activities at the 2011 Annual Meeting!

Vika Kravchyna is the 2010-2011 Chair of SIG-III

SIG-III Meetings and Events at 2011 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

Schedule of SIG-III meetings and events at the 2011 Annual Meeting:

Sunday, October 9th

- **10:00am – SIG Cabinet Meeting.** Toni Carbo is the SIG-III Cabinet Representative.
- **12:00-1:00pm – New Members / 1st Time Attendees Brunch.** New ASIS&T members and first-time attendees will receive special invitations to the Newcomer's Brunch. As part of the brunch, to make the conference experience more enjoyable, guests will receive a preview of the ASIS&T Annual Meeting and make contacts with other members. Sarah Emmerson will be in attendance representing SIG-III and distributing flyers and copies of the most recent SIG-III newsletter.
- **6:30-8:30pm – Welcome Reception.** Please come and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks with your colleagues as ASIS&T welcomes you to its 74th Annual Meeting. Be sure to visit the SIG-III table at this event to learn more about our programs for the coming year.

Monday, October 10th

- **5:00-6:00pm – SIG-III Business Meeting.** The meeting will be held in Room B (Galvez). We encourage everyone to join us at our SIG-III Business Meeting. Please see a separate section below for further information about the agenda of the 2011 SIG-III Business Meeting.
- **8:00-10:00pm – International Reception.** The

International Reception activities will include a silent auction and a raffle for prizes including the main gift basket prize. We also hope to award prizes to winners of a trivia game based on questions related to our SIG-III history and members' home countries. Also it will be an opportunity to meet the winner of the International Paper Contest and past winners who are at the conference.

Tuesday, October 11th

SIG-III is sponsoring one panel this year:

- **8:30am-10:30pm – [Open Access and Scholarly Communication: The Current Landscape, Future Direction, and the Influence on Global Scholarship](#)**

Sponsor: SIG-III

Organizer: Daniel Gelaw Alemneh

Panelists: Daniel Gelaw Alemneh, Samantha Hastings, Suliman Hawamdeh, Austin McLean, and Abebe Rorissa.

Panel Description: The synergies of numerous emerging trends such as the development of open source software, global and explosive growth of social networking, interinstitutional data sharing, cross discipline collaborations, etc. provide new directions for scholarship. The rapid pace of development poses new threats and challenges to scholarly communication as well. Open access is increasingly viewed as a popular alternative to traditional distribution methods. Despite the overwhelming agreement regarding the concept of open access, there are however, significant differences and debate about a number of issues. This panel brings together diverse stakeholders, explores the current landscape and future direction of scholarly communication, and reflects on the overall implications on global scholarship.

Daniel Alemneh is the 2010-2011 Chair Elect of SIG-III

Business Meeting Agenda at 2011 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

AGENDA

SIG-III Business Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011
Room B (Galvez), 5-6 pm

1. Introduction of meeting attendants
2. Election of officers
 - a. Evaluation of positions
 - b. SIG-III 30th Anniversary Program Committee
3. Approval of minutes from 2010 Business Meeting

4. Treasurer's report
 - a. Monies dedicated to SIG-III activities
 - b. Monies allocated for special (30th anniversary) programs
5. SIG Cabinet Representative's report
6. Chair's report
7. International Reception
8. New business
 - a. Web site and social media management
 - b. SIG-III Bylaws
9. AOB

Daniel Alemneh is the 2010-2011 Chair Elect of SIG-III

Election Ballot for 2011-2012 SIG-III Officers

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

- **Chair:** Daniel Alemneh
- **Co-Chair:** Shimelis Assefa
- **Chair Elect:** Abebe Rorissa
- **Co-Chair Elect:** Kendra Albright
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Victoria Kravchyna
- **Treasurer:** Bahaa El-Hadidy
- **Webmaster:** OPEN
- **Communications Officer:** Diane Grevalsky-Angiletta
- **Newsletter Editor:** Sarah Emmerson
- **Social Media Administrator:** OPEN, Anindita Paul
- **Mentorship Coordinator:** Sarah Emmerson
- **Marketing and Outreach Officer:** OPEN
- **InfoShare Officers:** Abebe Rorissa, Fatih Oguz, and Devendra Potnis
- **International Paper Contest Chair:** Maqsood Shaheen
- **International Paper Contest Jury Members:** Alma Rivera and Fatih Oguz
- **SIG Cabinet Representative:** Toni Carbo
- **Alternate SIG Cabinet Representative:** Chair/Chair-Elect
- **SIG-III Advisory Board:** Michel Menou, Toni Carbo, Nadia Caidi, and Julian Warner
- **SIG-III 30th Anniversary Program Committee:** OPEN, Toni Carbo, Michel Menou, Irene Lopatovska, Anatoly Gruzd, and all SIG-III officers

This ballot is subject to revision and ratification by SIG-III members at the SIG-III Business Meeting. Because we need to assemble a strong SIG-III leadership team for the special 75th/30th anniversary year in 2012, we will need to canvass our friends and colleagues to find dedicated, responsible people to fill these open positions for the upcoming year.

Also, considering the various activities in the coming

anniversary year, many officers suggest that we ask all candidates for senior offices to make a commitment to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting in Baltimore. It is obvious that sometimes there are very legitimate reasons and scheduling conflicts, but, with the dates for the 2012 Annual Meeting set, those running for office should be able to commit to being in Baltimore, MD in October 2012.

Daniel Alemneh is the 2010-2011 Chair Elect of SIG-III

International Reception at 2011 Annual Meeting

Contributed by Daniel Alemneh

This year's International Reception will be held at 8pm on Monday, October 10, 2011, at which time you will be able to meet and mix with colleagues from all over the world, including the previous years' International Paper Contest winners. Unfortunately, the first place winner of the 2011 SIG-III International Paper Contest, Eustache Mègnighèto (from the Republic of Benin, Africa) is unable to attend this year's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hopefully he will be able to join us next year in Baltimore, but, in the meantime, his paper entitled "Structure of the Reachability Social Network of Beninese Library and Information Professionals" has been selected for publication in the *International Information and Library Review* (ILR).

ASIS&T is a truly international professional society and SIG-III, through its InfoShare Program, actively recruits members from all over the world. SIG-III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction at the International Reception. If you have items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please bring your items to the conference with you. There will be a box by the registration table where you can drop off Silent Auction donation items.

We will also have our annual raffle ticket sales at the International Reception. The prize in the raffle is a gift basket of local products and goodies. If you have something small and new that you could contribute for the basket, please contact Daniel and bring it to the conference as well. All proceeds from the InfoShare Silent Auction and raffle ticket sales will go to the SIG-III InfoShare Fund, which offers ASIS&T memberships to information professionals in developing countries for whom the cost of membership would otherwise be a financial burden. Thanks to the successful fund raising during last year's ASIS&T Annual Meeting, this year we awarded ten (6 professional and 4 student) membership benefits for one year.

Please come enjoy yourself at the International Reception!

Thank you for your support!

Daniel Alemneh is the 2010-2011 Chair Elect of SIG-III

InfoShare Silent Auction Donations Needed

Contributed by Abebe Rorissa and Devendra Potnis

It is time to start thinking about what you wish to contribute to the Silent Auction this year. Each year at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, the International Information Issues SIG holds an International Reception and Silent Auction. Donations from ASIS&T members are bid on by other members to raise money to sponsor memberships for colleagues in countries for whom the membership fee presents a financial hardship.

Donations in the past have included items from the personal households/libraries of members (jewelry, books, etc.), offerings of services (weekend at vacation home, etc.) and items created by members specifically for the Silent Auction (paintings, knitted items, wine from member vineyards, etc.).

So be creative or clear out your attic. No item is too small or too trivial. The bulk of funds are raised on items auctioned for less than \$5!! When in doubt, bring it along!

Thanks for thinking of the InfoShare Award.

Abebe Rorissa and Devendra Potnis are the 2010-2011 InfoShare Officers of SIG-III

International Paper Contest Results

Contributed by Maqsood Shaheen

The American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) is pleased to announce the following winners of its 12th International Paper Contest:

First Place Winner

Eustache Mègnighèto. Structure of the Reachability Social Network of Beninese Library and Information Professionals. (Republic of Benin)

Second Place Winner

Muzammil Tahira. What Next? New Databases, Metrics, Services or New Epistemology for Research Evaluation. (Pakistan)

Third Place Winner

Swati Bhattacharyya. Exploring the Notion of Contextual Use: A Case Study of the Use of Electronic Resources in an Indian Research Organization. (India)

The jurors for the 2011 competition included Maqsood

Shaheen (Chair), Alma Rivera (Co-Chair), Faith Oguz (Co-Chair), and members of the SIG-III Board.

The principal authors of each of the three winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIS&T. In addition, the first place winner will be awarded a minimum of \$1,500 to attend the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 9-12, 2011.

Those winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*.

We thank the jury members for their hard work and our donors for their compassion, which makes it possible to develop and sustain this international network of scholars in developing countries.

Maqsood Shaheen is the 2010-2011 International Paper Contest Chair of SIG-III

International Paper Contest First Place Winner's Biography

Contributed by Eustache Mègnigbèto



I was born in 1971 in Abomey, Republic of Benin, Africa. In 2004, I earned a Master in Library and Information Science from the Université Cheikh Anta Diop (Dakar, Senegal) following my undergraduate degree in 1993 from the Université Nationale du Bénin. I served as a librarian at the Central Library of Université Nationale du Bénin (now, Université d'Abomey-Calavi) for two years before entering the European Union Representation into the Republic of Benin as a Documentation and Archives Officer in 1999. At one time, I also worked in the consultancy firm of Bureau d'Études et de Recherches en Science de l'Information (BERSI). My professional goal is to be accepted to a PhD programme in Library and Information Science in the near future.

I have been working in the library field for about twenty years, and am a member of several professional

associations. At the national level, in 1992, I joined the Association pour le Développement des Activités Documentaires au Bénin, the Benin Information Professionals' Association ([ADADB](#)). At the international level, I have been a member of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics ([ISSI](#)) since 2009 and a member of the Association Internationale Francophone des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes ([AIFBD](#)) since 2008. In 1999, I won the ASIS&T SIG-III InfoShare Programme Award, joining the Association in 2000.

My research activities have resulted in approximately thirty publications: seven articles in scientific journals; one book chapter; five communications to international scientific events, including IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2010, AIFBD 1st and 2nd Congresses - 2008 and 2011, Bucharest International Symposium - 2009 and 2010; one conference report, three research reports, and seven unpublished papers. Four of my papers are currently submitted for publication and are under review, while five others are being written. My publications are related to infometrics, library automation, information policy, information literacy, information and communication technologies, library management, library training programmes, and digital libraries.

I took part in four SIG-III International Paper Contests in 2005, 2008, 2010, and 2011. In 2005, my paper, Internet-based resources citation by undergraduate students: A case study of Library and Information Science students in Benin. *International Information & Library Review*, volume 38, n° 2, was published, and again, in 2010, Information policy: Content and challenges for an effective knowledge society. *International Information & Library Review*, volume 42, n° 3, was selected for publication. Unfortunately, my 2008 entry was neither selected nor published. Fortunately, this year, in 2011, I am pleased to have won the SIG-III International Paper Contest.

My home page: <http://eustachem.freehostia.com>

Eustache Mègnigbèto is the 2011 SIG-III International Paper Contest first place winner

International Paper Contest Paper to be Published in IILR

Contributed by Toni Carbo

As editor of the *International Information and Library Review* (IILR), I am pleased to report that we have selected the paper by Eustache Mègnigbèto entitled "Structure of the social network of Beninese library and information professionals" for publication in the December 2011 issue of IILR. The study uses social network analysis techniques and methods to determine the structure of the professional social network among information professionals who are members of the Benin Library Association in the Republic of Benin, Africa. Through a survey of those members of the Benin Library Association subscribing to the Yahoo Group

discussion list, the study examined 54 responses from the 168 subscribers. The findings indicated that a very small number of individuals are central to the network, and at this point the network is quite small and centralized. The author notes that with the greater use of social media and other Web 2.0 tools, today's network might well be larger and more decentralized.

Toni Carbo is the 2010-2011 SIG Cabinet Representative of SIG-III

SIG-III Financial Report

Contributed by Bahaa El-Hadidy

The SIG General Fund has a total of \$8,321 available for SIG-III projects. The InfoShare Program has an end-of-year balance of \$1,849. The Digital Scholarship Fund totals \$9,780.

Bahaa El-Hadidy is the 2010-2011 Treasurer of SIG-III

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Website

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Blog

The official SIG-III blog is located at
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Facebook Group

The official SIG-III Facebook group is located at
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LinkedIn Group

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Wiki

The official SIG-III Wiki is located at
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Attention ASIS&T Members: Donations Needed for the InfoShare Silent Auction

**Remember to pack your Silent Auction
items for the Annual Meeting!**

Event: InfoShare Silent Auction

Location: International Reception

Date: Monday, October 10, 2011

Time: 8-10pm

Bring donated items to the 2011 Annual Meeting for entry in the InfoShare Silent Auction at the International Reception, sponsored by SIG-III.

SIG-III will leave a box by the registration table in which ASIS&T members may drop off Silent Auction donation items.

If unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please send donated Silent Auction items with a friend or by postal mail.

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