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News from the Chair

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

I hope you are as excited as I am about the 2013 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada! The fact that it is being held in Canada and that ASIS&T intends to hold future Annual Meetings outside North America should be great news for SIG-III, as it will help us attract more international members as well as those interested in international information issues.

Serving as the Chair of SIG-III for the last year or so has been a pleasure and something I will cherish for a long time. Each

and every officer and member of SIG-III worked hard to make our SIG stronger. For that, I am truly grateful.

Together, we have achieved a lot. Not only were the usual SIG-III activities and programs such as the InfoShare Program and International Paper Contest a smashing success, we also held our first webinar and election of officers for 2013-2014 ahead of the Annual Meeting. The webinar attracted close to 100 live audience members from around the world and received 364 hits with 130 downloads in the first 12 days following September 4, 2013, the webinar date. Many thanks to our presenters: **Toni Carbo, Sam Hastings, and Diane H. Sonnenwald.**

Thanks to **Daniel Alemneh's** great leadership and a number of contributors, following a year-long celebration of our SIG's 30th Anniversary, we have also produced an excellent *ASIS&T SIG-III's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Publication* which just won the **2013 ASIS&T SIG Publication of the Year Award!**

SIG-III has planned a number of events at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The International Reception promises to be a great event. At the Reception, you will meet **Melody Madrid** from the **Philippines**, this year's first place winner of the International Paper Contest, and mix with colleagues from all over the world. The Reception will feature a three-piece jazz band and raffle prizes, thanks to the support and generosity of **Sam Hastings, Diane Rasmussen Pennington, and France Bouthillier** as well as their respective schools and organizations.

Last but not least, we have a new and revised set of bylaws that will govern SIG-III's operations. The bylaws were approved by the ASIS&T Board in September 2013.

I am very happy to pass the baton to our incoming Chair, **Anatoliy Gruzd**, and his excellent group of officers who, I have no doubt, will take SIG-III to new heights.

SIG-III Meetings and Events at the 2013 Annual Meeting

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

- Sunday, November 3rd
 - **10:00–11:30am – SIG Cabinet Meeting.** Toni Carbo is the SIG-III Cabinet Representative.

- **12:00-1:00pm** – [New Members and First Conference Brunch](#). New ASIS&T members and first-time attendees will receive special invitations to the Newcomer’s Brunch. To make the conference experience more enjoyable, guests will get a preview of ASIS&T meetings and be able to make contacts at the start of the meeting. Abebe Rorissa will be in attendance representing SIG-III and also distributing flyers.
- **7:00-9:00pm** – [Welcome Reception/SIG Rush](#). Please come and enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and drinks with your colleagues as ASIS&T welcomes you to its 76th Annual Meeting! Please come to the SIG-III table at this event for fun, opportunities to share ideas, and, of course, get acquainted.
- Monday, November 4th
 - **4:00-5:00pm** – **SIG-III Business Meeting**. The meeting will be in the **Salon 4 Room**. We encourage everyone, including new members and attendees, to join us at our SIG-III business meeting. For further information, please see the agenda of the 2013 SIG-III business meeting.
 - **8:00-10:00pm** – [International Reception](#). At the International Reception, we will be able to meet and congratulate one of this year’s International Paper Contest winners, Melody Madrid from the Philippines, and mix with colleagues from all over the world. The event also features a three-piece jazz band. Dr. Sam Hastings, Director and Professor, School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina, has generously offered to pay for the band. SIG-III will hold its annual InfoShare Silent Auction at this event. We will also have our annual Raffle Ticket Sale at the Reception. Prizes in the Raffle include a gift basket worth nearly \$200, donated by the Canadian Association for Information Science (CAIS), thanks to

its president, Dr. Diane Rasmussen Pennington. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please bring them to Montreal with you.

- Tuesday, November 5th
SIG-III is co-sponsoring two panels this year:
 - **1:30-3:00 pm** – [Electronic Government Around the World: Current Trends and Future Prospects](#)
Panelists: Loni Hagen, Nicolau DePaula, Ersin Dincelli, Nadia Caidi, Abebe Rorissa
 - **3:30-5:00 pm** – [In the Name of Terror?: Information and Policy in the Decade Post 9/11](#)
Panelists: Nadia Caidi, Kristene Unsworth, Christian Leuprecht, Philip Doty

Business Meeting Agenda at the 2013 Annual Meeting

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

AGENDA
SIG-III Annual Business Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013
4:00 – 5:00pm
Room: Salon 4

1. Introduction of meeting attendants
2. Election of officers (*See below*)
3. Approval of the 2012 Business Meeting Minutes
4. Chair’s report
5. Treasurer’s report
6. SIG Cabinet Meeting report
7. International Reception
8. New Business
 - a. Merging the Social Media Administrators’ and Communications Officers’ positions
 - b. ...
9. AOB

SIG-III Bylaws Revision

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

Thanks to very useful comments and feedback from SIG-III officers and members, the new and updated Bylaws of our SIG were reviewed and approved by the ASIS&T Board in September 2013. Two of the Bylaws articles with relevant changes and updates are:

ARTICLE II: NAME AND PURPOSE

The purpose of each Special Interest Group shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) advising the Board of Directors or the Society officers on matters pertaining to the Group's special interest or area;
- (2) organizing technical programs for such interests and areas including programs at conferences of the Society;
- (3) collecting and disseminating information concerning the special interests; and
- (4) at the request of the Board of Directors, either as a Group or through one or more of its officers or members, representing the Society in international, interdisciplinary, and interorganizational activities.

The Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG-III) shall be concerned with the following areas:

- i. Facilitate and enhance better communication and interaction on international information issues among ASIS&T members and their colleagues worldwide.
- ii. Provide a forum for the exploration and discussion of major international information topics and issues that are of interest to professionals from both developing and developed countries.
- iii. Serve as an organization through which all members of ASIS&T, who have a special interest in international information topics and issues, may share their professional activities and studies through meetings, publications, and other forums as well as venues.
- iv. Collect and disseminate information concerning international information issues.
- v. Promote better awareness of the importance of cooperation among ASIS&T membership and information professionals worldwide.

ARTICLE X: OPERATING RULES

A SIG may establish Operating Rules which are not inconsistent with these bylaws or the ASIS&T Charter, Constitution and Bylaws. In the absence of properly-filed Operating Rules, the SIG must abide by specific conditions set forth in these bylaws.

The following shall be additional operating rules for SIG-III:

Section 1. In addition to a Chair and a Chair-Elect, the SIG shall also have a Co-Chair and a Co-Chair-Elect.

Section 2. A Co-Chair is elected to serve for a one-year term and shall assist the Chair in keeping

records of all meetings and activities.

Section 3. The Co-Chair shall also be responsible for coordinating and organizing the SIG's activities and functions such as, but not limited to, the International Reception before and during the ASIS&T Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Co-Chair-Elect is elected to serve for a term of one year and automatically becomes Co-Chair at the end of that term. The Co-Chair-Elect works closely with the Chair-Elect in planning and executing SIG programs, and shall assume the duties of the Co-Chair in the event of the Co-Chair's absence, resignation or death. A special election will be held to fill the Co-Chair-Elect's position unless it is a very short time until the new officers take on their responsibilities.

Section 5. The Co-Chair shall be a member from and residing in a country other than the United States if the Chair is a member from and residing in the United States and vice versa. The same shall apply to the Chair-Elect and Co-Chair-Elect. This is in order to ensure that there are always officers from countries other than the United States to maintain the international nature of the SIG.

Election of SIG-III Officers for 2013-2014

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

Per our newly updated Bylaws, we held elections of SIG-III Officers for 2013-2014 ahead of the Annual Meeting. Congratulations to all officers and thank you to everybody for casting your ballots!

- **Chair:** Anatoliy Gruzd
- **Co-Chair:** Krystyna Matusiak
- **Chair-Elect:** Mei-Mei Wu
- **Co-Chair-Elect:** Shimelis Assefa
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Abebe Rorissa
- **Immediate Past Co-Chair:** Kendra Albright
- **Cabinet Representative:** Toni Carbo
- **Treasurer:** Bahaa El-Hadidy
- **Newsletter Editor:** OPEN
- **InfoShare Officers:** Devendra Potnis and Selenay Aytac
- **International Paper Contest Chair:** Maqsood Shaheen
- **International Paper Contest Jury Members:** Alma Rivera and Fatih Oguz
- **Mentorship Coordinator:** OPEN
- **Communications Officer:** Muhammad Sajid Mirza and Yao Zhang
- **SIG Liaison Officer:** Yao Zhang

- **Webmasters:** Fatih Oguz and Borchuluun Yadamsuren
- **Social Media Administrators:** Anindita Paul and Yao Zhang
- **SIG-III Advisory Board Members:** Michel Menou, Toni Carbo, Nadia Caidi, and Edie Rasmussen

International Reception at the 2013 Annual Meeting

By Kendra Albright, Co-Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

This year's International Reception will be held at 8pm on Monday, November 4, 2013, at which time you will be able to meet and mix with colleagues from all over the world, including this year's International Paper Contest winner.

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 Kendra Albright (albright@sc.edu) 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 fundraising during last year's ASIS&T Annual Meeting, this year we awarded seven (3 professional and 4 student) membership benefits for one year.

Please come enjoy yourself at the International Reception!

Thank you for your support!

Panels and Papers with an International Angle at the 2013 Annual Meeting

By Abebe Rorissa, Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

- Monday, November 4th
 - **8:00-9:30 am** – [Use of Mobile Apps in Information Seeking: An International Viewpoint](#)

Speakers: Hsin-liang Chen, Crystal Fulton, Hannah Gleave, Yin-Leng Theng, Mei-Mei Wu

- **10:30am -12:00pm** – [Understanding Factors Influencing the Effect of Collaboration on Productivity in a Developing Country: Kenya](#)

Speakers: Petronilla Muriithi, David Horner, Lyn Pemberton

- **1:30 -3:00pm** – [Crossing the Boundaries in Information Science: Perspectives on Interdisciplinarity](#)

Speakers: Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić, Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Isto Huvila, Lai Ma, Virginia Ortiz-Repiso Jimenez, Julian Warner

- **3:30 -5:00pm** – [The Involvement of Israeli Adolescents in Illegal Downloading of Music from the Internet](#)

Speakers: Dan Bouhnik, Mor Deshen

- Tuesday, November 5th

- **1:30-3:00 pm** – [Information Behaviour in Transition: A Developing Country Perspective](#)

Speakers: Nicole Gaston, Dan Dorner, David Johnstone

SIG-III Financial Report

By Bahaa El-Hadidy, Treasurer, ASIS&T SIG-III

SIG-III finances look excellent. The beginning balance for the General Fund for last year was \$13,321. Revenues were \$550 (the SIG allocation for the year). Our expenses were \$550, which included \$500 for the Website Redesign, and \$50 for the webinar, with \$0 net income. The ending fund balance is \$13,321. The SIG allocation for this year will be \$661. However, it won't be added until there are expenses to offset it.

The InfoShare Program balance in 2012 was \$2,885.10. The Silent Auction donations added \$1,143 and the balance in October 2012 was \$4,008.10. Expenses for the InfoShare recipients were \$480, and so the current balance is \$3,528.10.

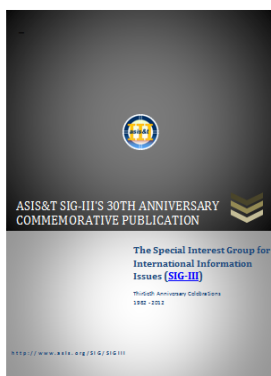
The SIG Digital Scholars Fund started with a balance of \$8,379.68 in October 2012. The fund paid \$2,000 for the International Paper Contest winner, \$260 for her workshop, and a total of \$440 for ASIS&T memberships for the three winners. To date the balance is \$5,679.68.

30 Years of Excellence

By Daniel Alemneh, Immediate Past Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III

Founded in 1982, SIG-III is one of the largest and strongest SIGs in our society. Thanks to the dedicated SIG-III friends and officers, SIG-III has been organizing activities for 30 years that support the mission and vision of ASIS&T.

As part of the 2012 celebrations of the 75th ASIS&T anniversary and 30th anniversary of SIG-III, we put together a special commemorative publication entitled: **ASIS&T SIG-III'S 30th Anniversary Commemorative Publication:** <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/30th-anniversary-publication>.

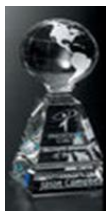


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ASIS&T SIG-III'S 30th Anniversary Commemorative Publication

In this anniversary publication, current and past SIG-III officers attempt to capture some of the SIG-III activities and highlight the challenges as well as the successes that the ASIS&T community has had during the past 30 years.

The main highlight of this commemorative publication is our interview with our co-founders, Toni Carbo and Michel Menou, who are the pioneers and leading figures in the founding of SIG-III. They reflect on 30 years of SIG-III and offer strategies to maintain the legacy of the SIG in light of the current demands of our community. In this regard, the interviews are really an opportunity to visit with the two SIG-III co-founders, capture their reflections, and learn from their experiences, as they make a lasting contribution to SIG-III and ASIS&T history.



On behalf of past, current, and future SIG-III officers and members, we thank you for your vision, guidance, and commitment!



Inscribed Gifts Presented to Toni Carbo and Michel Menou

Among other activities, SIG-III has been organizing the very successful annual International Paper Contest. So far, more than 375 authors from 50+ countries have participated in the International Paper Contest and a number of submitted papers have also been published in the *International Information and Library Review* journal. This, indeed, provides a wonderful opportunity to learn from our colleagues as well as share ideas and experiences.

Published since December 1999, our award winning [SIG-III Newsletter](#) has been another tremendous source of information and one of the primary tools for communication that keep our members and international colleagues informed about various SIG-III and ASIS&T events and activities. A number of articles have been contributed and edited by many dedicated members, friends, and officers.

In recognition of the social media trends, SIG-III has been active in increasing its social media presence. In this publication, the newly created SIG-III Social Media Squad updates us about the growing reliance on social media among scholars and how SIG-III's active online and social media presence further contributes to our engagement with the broader ASIS&T community.

The InfoShare report succinctly describes the InfoShare program, one of SIG-III's flagship programs that introduced ASIS&T to numerous information professionals around the world. It also sponsored over 120 annual ASIS&T memberships of individual information professionals and students from more than 30 developing countries.

Anniversaries are symbolic, but there is a very real feeling about this one that makes us reflect on a variety of issues, including where we have been and, of course, maintaining the legacy of SIG-III, as well as shaping its future. We were very pleased to culminate the yearlong celebration of SIG-III's 30th Anniversary with this special commemorative publication. We were even more pleased to learn that our SIG-III won ASIS&T's SIG Publication of the year award for 2013!

We're looking forward to celebrating SIG-III's continued success for the next 30 years and beyond!

2013 InfoShare Award Recipient's Biography

The following is the biography of the 2013 InfoShare Award recipient, Fatima Atif (nee Zahra), from Pakistan. Unfortunately, her information was not received in time for inclusion in the March 2013 edition of the newsletter. Congratulations, Fatima!

Student

Fatima Atif (nee Zahra)



Fatima Atif (Pakistan)

My name is Fatima Atif. In 2008, I joined the Department of Library and information Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. For my Master's studies, I completed 24 courses and worked on several assignments and presentations related to them. The projects that I completed are as below:

- Developed a *Digital Library* by using Greenstone Digital Library Software, ver. 3.02
- Designed a *Marketing Plan* of Punjab University Lahore's Library OPAC
- Designed an *Information Literacy Course* for the students of Punjab College of Business Administration (PCBA), Lahore.

I joined COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Lahore and worked there as a Library Intern. The tasks which I performed there are as below:

- Served in the Circulation Section
- Completed the classification and cataloguing of multilingual information resources
- Provided copy cataloguing from the LOC Online Catalogue
- Organized serials and prepared subject bibliographies
- Searched online databases and provided electronic information services
- Prepared reports

After the completion of my internship in 2010, I received my Master's degree in Library and Information Science. On October 13-14, 2010, I participated in an International Conference on the *21st Century Vision for Libraries*, arranged by the Pakistan Library Association and the US Embassy in Pakistan, Islamabad. I also participated in several workshops and seminars, which included:

- Workshop on *Writing for Profession: Tips and Tricks for LIS Professional* by Prof. Leonard Kniffel, Editor of *American Libraries* Journal, USA. Dated: October 18, 2010.
- Workshop on *Personal Knowledge Management for Enhancing Professional Productivity*, a talk by Abdus Sattar, Organized by the Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with the Knowledge and Information Management Academy. Dated: January 28, 2011.
- Seminar on *Identify & Rectify the Common Errors of English in Pakistan* by Dr. Ghazala Irfan, Associate Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). Dated: February 21, 2011.
- Seminar on *World Book & Copyright Day 2011*, Organized by the Pakistan Librarians' Welfare Organization (PLWO), the Pakistan Library Association (PLA), and the Punjab and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), Library of Regional Campus, Lahore. Dated: April 23, 2011.

In 2011, I joined the Adabistan-e-Soophia School, Lahore as a Librarian. The duties that I perform there include the following:

- Overall responsibility of Junior School Library
- Conduct library classes for students
- Perform technical services (book accessioning, classification, and cataloguing)
- Perform circulation services
- Maintain the library automation system
- Coordinate with teachers and administration

I hold memberships in several organizations that include the Pakistan Library Association (PLA), the Pakistan Librarians' Welfare Organization (PLWO), and the Punjab University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (PULISAA), to engage in activities related to the field of library and information science.

To connect myself with the field of library and information science through online channels and to be acquainted with their daily activities, I joined the Pakistan Library Automation Group and the Pakistan Library Cooperation Group. I also have an interest in research in the areas of information use and retrieval, ICTs and information literacy, and library management. I wish to write articles to contribute in my field and want to continue these activities in my future.

Being a member and an InfoShare awardee of ASIS&T SIG-III, I will try to present myself at my level best.

2013 International Paper Contest Results

By Maqsood Shaheen, International Paper Contest Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III; Fatih Oguz, International Paper Contest Jury Member, ASIS&T SIG-III; and Alma Rivera, International Paper Contest Jury Member, ASIS&T SIG-III

The Association 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 13th International Paper Contest:

First Place Winner:

Melody M. Madrid. *A Study of Digital Curator Competencies: A Survey of Experts*. (Philippines)

Second Place Winner:

Maryam Mousavizadeh, et al. *Visualizing of the Structure of Subject Trends in Persian Articles Published During 2008-2012 in Information Organization Domain*. (Iran)

Third Place Winner:

Ana Mae Kristine U. Hubilla. *Information Seeking Behavior (ISB) of Technical Secondary Students: A Basis for a Model on Information Search Process*. (Philippines)

The jurors for the 2013 competition included Maqsood Shaheen (Chair), Fatih Oguz (Member), and Alma Rivera

(Member).

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 \$1,000 to attend the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 1-5, 2013.

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.

2013 International Paper Contest Winners' Biographies

First Place Winner



Melody M. Madrid (Philippines)

Melody M. Madrid started working for the National Library of the Philippines in 2002 and is currently the Assistant Chief of the Collection Development Division.

Melody received her first Master's degree from the Philippine Normal University in 2007, where she also obtained her Bachelor of Secondary Education with a major in Library Science and graduated cum laude in 2001.

In 2011, Ms. Madrid also received her second Master's degree from the Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, University of Parma and Tallinn University, where she obtained a joint Master's degree in Library and Information – Digital Library Learning (DILL). DILL is a two-year international Master's program funded by the European Union under the Erasmus Mundus program. Melody is also part of the Project Management Office of the Philippine eLibrary Project, and, for 8 months in 2006, was an awardee of the ACPI Fellowship in Seoul, Korea. Her vision is to increase Filipinos' awareness of quality digital information and the benefits of that information to them.

Second Place Winner



Maryam Mousavizadeh (Iran)

Maryam Mousavizadeh earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Library and Information Science from Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran during eight years of study. She started her working career in 2009 with cataloging in the library of the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (Kanoon), Tehran, Iran for one year. Maryam then worked at the Library and Archive of the Institute for Compilation and Publication of Imam Khomeini's Works between 2008-2013. Presently she is beginning work for the library of the Islamic Research and Information Center (IRIC). Maryam currently teaches the Introducing Library science course for undergraduate students. Her areas of research interest include information organization and library OPACs. Maryam has a number of publications in several journals and was recognized for appreciation in the Best Student's Ceremony at Alzahra University in 1386.

Third Place Winner



Ana Mae Kristine U. Hubilla (Philippines)

Ana Mae Kristine U. Hubilla has been a librarian and a teacher since 2002. She served as a school librarian at the Don Bosco Technical Institute, Makati for the past nine years.

In 2002, Ana Mae Kristine earned her Bachelor of Secondary Education degree, cum laude, with a major in Library Science with a Reading specialization. She received a Master's of Arts degree in Education with a specialization in Library Science in 2008 at the Philippine Normal University. Here, Ana Mae Kristine has continued her studies and has finished her academic units for her Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management. She is

currently preparing for her dissertation.

As an advocate of information literacy, Ana Mae Kristine received a scholarship grant at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, sponsored by the International Federation of Library Association – Action for Development through Libraries Programme (IFLA-ALP). Here, she created an Information Literacy Program for her institution in 2008.

Ana Mae Kristine is also the recipient of several scholarships, such as the Philippine Association of Teacher Librarians (2000-2002) and the Philippine Normal University Full Academic Scholar (2000).

Ana Mae Kristine is at present a member of several librarians' organizations, which include the Philippine Librarians' Association Incorporation (PLAI), the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries (PAARL), and the Philippine Normal University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (PNU-LISAA).

@Sig3i Social Media Updates

By Anatoliy Gruzd, Social Media Administrator, ASIS&T SIG-III and Anindita Paul, Social Media Administrator, ASIS&T SIG-III

This past year we have continued increasing our social media presence on two major platforms: Facebook and Twitter.



With the user base of nearly 200 Facebook members, our group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/asist.sig.iii>) has already established itself as a

welcoming place where SIG-III members and friends share news and discuss various topics related to the SIG's events and members' activities around the globe.

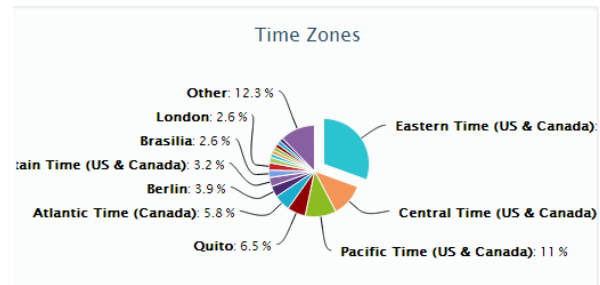


SIG-III Facebook Members



Our Twitter community is relatively new, but it has also observed a steady growth and is now approaching the 200-follower mark. Just like our SIG, our Twitter community is very international. As evident from the following chart, our Twitter friends post messages from different time zones

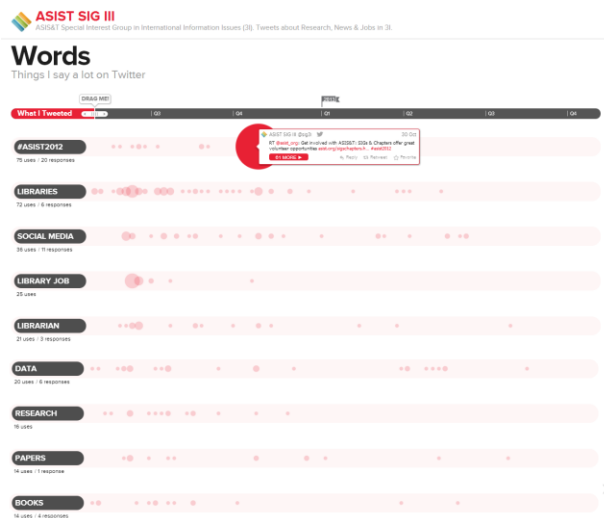
with most tweeting from the Eastern, Central, and Pacific zones.



@sig3i Followers by Time Zone

Finally, to highlight some topics that we have covered on Twitter for the past year, we built an infographic using Vizify (see below). The topics featured in this infographic were especially popular among our Twitter community, including topics such as #ASIST2012, libraries, social media, library job, librarians, data, research, papers, and books. The coverage of these topics clearly demonstrates our goal to provide our Twitter friends with diverse perspectives that would be interesting to both academics and practitioners. Based on this infographic, the most successful social media campaign was around the 2012 ASIS&T Annual Meeting when our social media team provided excellent coverage of the events and talks during the conference.

We look forward to continue increasing our online presence and community to serve you better! So join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/asist.sig.iii>) or follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/sig3i>) and tell us about your exciting stories and activities related to International Information Issues.



Infographic Highlighting SIG-III Twitter Topics

SIG Liaison Officer Update on Outreach Efforts within China

By Yao Zhang, SIG Liaison Officer, ASIS&T SIG-III

As SIG Liaison Officer for SIG-III, I have listed below some suggestions for continuing and improving our presence in China. As most of the library and information professionals are unable to access Facebook or Twitter in Mainland China, I thought of some other approaches that can be used to widely spread the updates from SIG-III.

1. SIG-III can register an account and update news on the Book Society, which is an informal but widely recognized forum among our Chinese colleagues.
2. We established an unofficial listserv among the faculties in LIS schools in China under the help of Dr. Liangzhi Yu from Nankai University. She voluntarily helped us and did a fantastic job.
3. We are also planning to extend the influence of SIG-III through Wechat apps among LIS students at both undergraduate and graduate levels. However, the progress is very slow because of the information security and privacy issue. Two certified lawyers, who are my former schoolmates, are doing the consulting for us for free. Hopefully they will come up with a solution soon.

SIG-III Webinar: Getting Published in Reputable International Journals and Other Publications

By Sarah Emmerson, Newsletter Editor and Mentorship Coordinator, ASIS&T SIG-III

On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, from 11:30am-12:30pm (EDT), SIG-III presented a webinar on the subject of *Getting Published in Reputable International Journals and Other Publications*. Abebe Rorissa, Chair of ASIS&T SIG-III, coordinated and moderated the webinar, which featured the following three speakers:

- **Dr. Toni Carbo**, Past President of ASIS&T; Teaching Professor at the iSchool at Drexel; Professor Emerita and former dean, School of Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
- **Dr. Sam K. Hastings**, Past President of ASIS&T; Director and professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina
- **Dr. Diane H. Sonnenwald**, Immediate Past President of ASIS&T (2012/2013) and Professor of Information and Library Studies, University College Dublin (UCD); Adjunct professor in Computer Science at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

The ASIS&T Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG-III) has conducted over a dozen

annual International Paper Contests where winning papers are published in the *International Information and Library Review*. However, some papers that are worthy of being published in the journal are never published. Authors of those papers are often interested in learning about the policies and procedures for getting their papers submitted, reviewed, accepted, and eventually published in reputable international journals.

In this webinar, three distinguished speakers, who were all current and/or past editors and/or members of editorial boards of a number of major international journals as well as other major publications, addressed the following five broad questions and topics to provide webinar participants with an understanding of the process for evaluation and review of manuscripts:

1. How do you identify prestigious journals and conferences?
2. What fundamental characteristics of manuscripts and their contents would enhance the chance of their being accepted and, eventually, published? In other words, what are the characteristics of an ideal manuscript?
3. What problems and pitfalls should authors avoid in getting their manuscripts ready for submission to scholarly journals and publications? That is, what makes a manuscript likely to be rejected by editors in the first or subsequent rounds of review and evaluation?
4. Mentors and advisors often talk about finding a scholarly journal and/or publication that is a good fit for a manuscript and its contents. What does that mean and how can one tell?
5. What additional advice would you give specifically for scholars and authors from developing countries, including, but not limited to, those for whom English is not their native language?

The webinar was well attended, with 97 participants joining the webinar from all over the world. In addition to those who attended the webinar live, there were 364 hits on the webpage and 130 downloads of the actual video in the 12 days following the webinar (as of September 17, 2013).

Visit <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/webinars/Webinar-SIGIII-9-4-2013.html> to listen to the webinar as well as access the speakers' presentation slides.

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