

Celebrating Success of SIG-III Members

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Preface

To create more value for ASIS&T members in developing countries, in February and March 2021, SIG-III held two separate roundtable sessions with ASIS&T Africa Chapter and ASIS&T South Asia Chapter via Zoom. These sessions were attended by over 25 members, officers, and advisors of SIG-III, Africa Chapter, and South Asia Chapter. During one of these sessions, Pit Pichappan expressed the need to raise awareness of the accomplishments of members of SIG-III. In response, in April 2021, Devendra Potnis, Chair, SIG-III, reached out to more than 475 members of SIG-III via ASIS&T's iConnect to invite them to share their accomplishments in the year 2020. Members were requested to report their accomplishments in up to 100 words by completing an online survey. SIG-III is proud to present the compilation of member accomplishments below.

“Activities Related to Covid-19: Rorissa, A., Hemalata, I., Assefa, S., Albright, K., & Caidi, N. (2020). LIS Education in a Pandemic Era: Innovative Teaching Methods, Strategies, & Technologies. Association for Information Science & Education Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, October 13-23, 2020. Zhang, Y., Edgar, W., Albright, K. & Li, X. (2021). A Knowledge Management Approach to Covid-19 Application Development. iConference 2021, Virtual Interactive Session, March 28-30, 2021. Albright, K., Chu, C. & Mehra, B. (2020). Infodemic, Information Vaccine and Libraries During the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Naseej Academy (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia), Virtual Webinar, December 18, 2020.”

- **Kendra Albright**, Kent State University, kalbrig7@kent.edu, United States

“Served as Fulbright Scholar in Ethiopia (for the AC 2019-2020). See: <https://research.unt.edu/news/building-digital-libraries-research-opportunities>”

- **Daniel Alemneh**, University of North Texas, Daniel.Alemneh@unt.edu, USA

“- Recipient of the 2020 Watson Davis Award for Service by the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). - Dali, K., & Caidi, N. (Eds.) (2021). Humanizing LIS Education and Practice: Diversity by Design. Routledge: NY.

<https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429356209> - Special Issue on “Forced Migration: Making Sense of a Complex Ecosystem.” in The International Journal of Information, Diversity & Inclusion (IJIDI) (With co-editors, Dr. Juliane Stiller, Dr. Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed, & Dr. Violeta Trkulja). 4(2), April 2020. - Advisor, Africa Chapter”

- **Nadia Caidi**, University of Toronto, nadia.caidi@utoronto.ca, Canada

“My most recent book, "Library Dementia Services: How to Meet the Needs of the Alzheimer's Community" was published by Emerald Publishing in 2020, and I delivered eight invited or juried presentations: • The American Library Association (Annual Conference, Jun. 2020), • ALA's eLearning division (January, 2020), • The Association for Information Science & Technology (“Meet the Author Series,” July 2020), • The Vermont Libraries Association (August 2020), • The LYRASIS consortium (Sept. 2020), • The State Library of South Carolina (Sept. 2020), • The Association for LIS Education (ALISE Annual Conference, Oct. 2020), and • The Central Ohio ASIS&T regional Chapter (Dec., 2020)”

- **Timothy Dickey**, Kent State University, San Jose State University, Columbus Metropolitan Library, tdickey1@kent.edu, USA

“Dumas, C. (2020). Electronic petitioning as online collective action: Exploring the systematic and strategic e-petitioning behavior of an extremist group in We the People. International Conference on Digital Government Research, Seoul, South Korea, June 17 - 20, 2020. June 2020, pp 7–15 <https://doi.org/10.1145/3396956.3398258> Crowston, K., Fleishman, K., Mostafa, J., Lin, X., Shah, C., Karami, A., Jarrahi, M.H., & Dumas, C. (2020). Best Practices for Grant Proposal Development: NSF, NIH, IMLS, IARPA, Amazon, and Google. 83rd Annual Meeting Association for Information Science & Technology, Pittsburgh, PA, October 23-28, 2020. Awarded grants: NGL (Next Generation Internet) (\$15,000) EU Grant, Internal grants Innovation funds \$6178.00”

- **Catherine Dumas**, Simmons University, catherine.dumas2@simmons.edu, United States

“During July and August 2020, I have prepared and succeed in two specialized certifications of Oracle: Autonomous Database and cloud computing. Moreover, I have also taken and got the certification of Huawei’s Cloud computing and Artificial Intelligence. this achievement gave me more confidence to teach the cloud computing class for the first time in my life in October 2020.”

- **Imane Hilal**, Ecole des Sciences de l'Information, imanehilal@gmail.com, Maroc

“I have contributed 8 research papers, 17 column and Two chapters in Books, Apart from this, I conducted 6 webinars and participated in 15 webinars online. Further more, I have been granted a cash on indexing my journal in the Web of Sciences and Scopus Databases. Trained my staff by conducting 7th successful session. This was my achievements”

- **Abid Hussain**, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, abidmardan@gmail.com, Pakistan

“I joined ASIS&T through the InfoShare Award. This has broadened my professional network. ASIS&T networking enabled me to link the global iSchools caucus and African Universities culminating in the first ever Africa iSchool Day, conducted virtually, incorporating leading Professors from Europe, Oceania, USA, and Asia. ASIS&T provided me with a platform to showcase the results of a baseline survey on Digital Humanities (DH) in Africa which I presented as a panelist with my colleague at the 2020 Annual Meeting. I was nominated Web Master/Communications Officer for SIG-III and contributed to ASIS&T outreach via SIG-III website and social media channels. I am now planning to link ASIS&T with our national library consortium.”

- **Humphrey Keah**, Centre for Health Literacy & Quality - Kenya (CHLQ-K), humphreykeah443@gmail.com, Kenya

“Was to published series of articles and half done with my PhD program”

- **Justice Ofua**, Delta State University, owajemejustice@gmail.com, Nigeria

“Completed his Ph.D. from the University of Calcutta; Online Course on Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management (conducted by the ALCTS of ALA); Conferred with a Record of Excellence in Reviewing the DJLIT Journal (of the DRDO, Govt. of India); an Editorial Board Member of the Re3data~COREF Project (No. 422587133, funded by German Research Foundation); become a member of the Research Data Alliance (RDA) since October 2020; Published a few papers, viz. 1) Visualizing the knowledge outburst in global research on COVID-19, (Scientometrics, 126 (5), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-021-03912-3>); Understanding research productivity in the realm of evaluative scientometrics (Annals of Library and Information Studies, 67(1); Etc.”

- **Jiban Pal**, Indian Statistical Institute, jiban@isical.ac.in, India

"I published four journal articles: (1) Potnis & Gala, Best practices for conducting fieldwork with marginalized communities. Information Processing & Management; (2) Potnis, Winberry, & Finn, Best practices for managing innovations in public libraries in the United States. Journal of Librarianship & Information Science; (3) Potnis, Gala, & Deosthali, Investigating "message forwarding behavior" of mobile phone users: Exploring the link between message content, user sentiment, and user intention to forward messages on social media-based instant messaging platforms. First Monday; and (4) Potnis & Gala, Managing the "backend" of LIS research projects: A project management perspective. Library & Information Science Research."

- **Devendra Potnis**, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, dpotnis@utk.edu, United States

"So many professional achievement became possible in the year 2020. 1. Changed professional cadre from Senior Librarian to Lecturer II 2. Course Lecturer, Basic of Computer and Operating System. 3. Participated in Academic Library set up for a newly established University, Niger State, Nigeria (Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State). 4. Member of Conference Organizing Committee 5. Textbook chapter contribution - Sustainability of Library resources through ICT in the era of global insecurity. In A. O. Issa et al (ed). Management of Library and Information Centre in the era of global insecurity. 6. Journal Publication- Fundamentals of electronic library setup in higher institutions of learning for education, learning and research transfor..."

- **Mohammed Musa Saba**, Department of Library and Information Science, Federal Polytechnic P.M.B 65, Bida Niger State, Mohammed.musa@fedpolybida.edu.ng, Nigeria

"1. Completed my Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) in Information Management, and now enrolled in Ph.D. 2. Published a paper as a principal author in a high impact factor journal (IF: 2.576). Available at <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13031220>. 3. Proposed two systems for my organization to address the challenges posed by COVID-19: a. Discovery System (EDS) b. Online Chat Service (LibAnswers) Both systems are in implementation phase now. 4. Served as Chair, SIG-III of the ASIS&T. Our SIG won three award during my tenure: a. SIG of the Year Award b. Publication of the Year Award (SIG III Newsletter) c. Member of the Year Award (Devendra Potnis)"

- **Ashraf Sharif**, Aga Khan University, ashraf.sharif@aku.edu, Pakistan

"University of Education (UE) Central Library Information System (CLIS) is comprised of nine UE campus libraries. I am a head of department of UE libraries and initiated this upgradation project in 2017. Its Central Library has already been upgraded, automated and operational in 2018. While in 2020, one of UE campus named Bank Road Campus (women campus) Library System has been upgraded, This is functional and providing remote access during pandemic."

- **Muzammil Tahira**, University of Education, Chieflibrarian@ue.edu.pk, Pakistan

"My achievements can be viewed from:

http://hmlibrary.ac.in/about/feedforward/contacts/contact_detail"

- **Mayank Trivedi**, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, libmsu1@gmail.com, India

"I have been publishing work from my 2016 thesis. In 2020, I published work on 'Intercultural relations in international agricultural research teams: Perceived issues influencing communication effectiveness' DOI: 10.1080/17475759.2020.1782970. This fed into my 2019 JASIST paper 'Assessing intercultural communication: Testing technology tools for

information sharing in multinational research teams' 10.1002/asi.24159 I also submitted another paper on macro-societal constraints in this communication, and have a final paper planned. Watch this space! In the meantime, I am re-invigorating communication research with local communities and agencies in regional Australia who face amazingly similar challenges as international teams.”

- **Wesley Ward**, Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University, ward@csu.edu.au, Australia

“Completion of one stage in a research project. Julian Warner. Copyright, Data and Creativity in the Digital Age: A Journey through Feist (Routledge Research in Intellectual Property). London and New York: Routledge, 2020. Available from https://www.amazon.co.uk/Copyright-Data-Creativity-Digital-Age-ebook/dp/B08BW9MZKH/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=warner%2C+julian&qid=1611738823&sr=8-2. The book forms part of a larger project developing and substantiating a distinction of human semantic labour from machine syntactic process.”

- **Julian Warner**, Queen's University Belfast, j.warner@qub.ac.uk, United Kingdom