

# asisat newsletter

### EUROPEAN CHAPTER

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# Welcome from the **Chapter Chair**

I am honoured to be the Chair of the ASIS&T European Chapter for 2021-22 and excited to be working with other members of the Executive Committee (see page 9-10) to serve you this year. In 2021 we won three of the ASIS&T Chapter awards, and we will be aiming to deliver an award-winning chapter in 2022 as well!

We have already had three events since the ASIS&T annual meeting: in November the Student Chapter held its first event (see the Student Chapter report on p 5), on page 8 you will see the fascinating range of information scientists and information science publications that were recommended by participants in our December 2021 Mix and Mingle, and on page 3, Jesse Dinneen reports on the February 2022 Coffee with the Editors.

I am writing in grim and anxious times, with war in Europe. The skills and understanding of information scientists and librarians take on a new focus. This includes:

- Archiving (for example the Ukrainian Library Association has sent out a call for people to create a digital archive of material relating to the war

https://www.facebook.com/ula.org.ua/posts/5304246102995441 or Saving Ukraine Cultural Heritage Online https://www.sucho.org/);

- Issues to do with misinformation; ethical issues concerning scholarly communication;
- Issues to do with big data and tracking e.g. traffic on Google maps https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60561089.

So much opportunity for information scientists to contribute and take the lead.

I hope that all ASIS&T European Chapter members are keeping well and safe

Sheila Webber

Chair, ASIS&T European Chapter



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### **Happy Spring!**



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Chapter

YouTube: European Chapter ASIS&T

News to share? Event to report? Publication you want us to showcase? then contribute to the newsletter!

Email: asist.europeanchapter@gmail.com Copy date for the May edition: April 25th 2022



## **Events calendar**

Email s.webber@sheffield.ac.uk if you would like events included



## **European Chapter events**

18 March 2022 at 13.00 GMT: Coffee with the author: Susan Oman. 23 March 2022 at 16.00 BST. European Student Chapter: Game Night

1 April 2022 at 15.00 GMT. Joint meeting with SIG USE.

26-27 April 2022. ASIS&T 24 hour conference. Online. Theme: Networking, Sharing, and Learning: Challenges and Opportunities.

https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/asist-24-hour-global-conference/

lune 2022. Information Science Trends

26-29 July 2022. IFLA Conference. European Chapter Meetup at the IFLA Conference! https://2022.ifla.org/ Look out for further details!



**Susan Oman IFLA** 

2022 TOUBLIN 87th World Library and Information 26-29 July 2022, Dublin, Ireland

## Other events (in 2022)

March 14 - 16, RLUK22: Mapping the new open for research libraries. Online. https://rlukconference.com/

March 23, Digitization, Discovery, and Use (NISO Virtual Conference). Online conference. National Information Standards Organization (NISO). http://www.niso.org/events/2022/03/digitization-discovery-and-use

31 March - 2 April. Virtual Worlds Best Practices in **Education Conference.** Online in virtual worlds. https://www.vwbpe.org/

18 April. Deadline for proposals for the 85th Annual **Meeting of the Association for Information Science** and Technology, (Physical event in Pittsburgh, USA, 29 Oct-1 Nov). Theme: Crisis, Transition, Resilience: Re-Imagining an Information-Resilient Society. https://www.asist.org/am22/

22 April. Research Data Management Librarian Academy (RDMLA) Symposium: Data and Communities: Intersections of Truth, Silence, Access, and Identity. Online one-day conference. https://rdmlasymposium.github.io/

27-29 April. Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP) Annual Conference. Online. https://www.aiip.org/conference

18 May. Copyright Conference 2022. Online. https://www.cilip.org.uk/page/CopyrightConf22

23-25 May. BOBCATSSS conference. Online and in Debrecen, Hungary. https://konferencia.unideb.hu/en/BOBCATSSS2022 29 May-1 June. Conceptions of Library and Information Science - CoLIS11. Oslo, Finland.

https://www.oslomet.no/en/about/events/colis11

1-3 June. European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) 2022 Conference.

Rotterdam, Netherlands. https://eahil2022.nl/

13 June. Deadline for proposals: Nordic Workshop on Bibliometrics and Research Policy. Turku, Finland, September 21-23, 2022. https://sites.utu.fi/nwb2022/

22 June. AIIM Forum Europe: Intelligent Information Management. London, UK.

https://www.aiimforumeurope.com/

21-25 August. American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Information 264th Meeting. Chicago, IL, USA. https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings/ abstract-submission/call-for-abstracts.html

19-23 September. 9th Annual Conference of the **International Council on Archives (ICA)** 2022:

"Archives": Bridging the Gap". Rome, Italy. https://www.ica.org/en/ica-roma-2022-conference

26-29 September. Information Seeking in Context (ISIC) 2022. Berlin, Germany. https://pages.cms.hu-berlin.de/ibi/isic-2022/



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### Report on February 2022 "Coffee with the editors"

by Jesse Dinneen





Dr Liu Prof Golub.

This year's first coffee with the authors event

https://www.asist.org/2022/01/17/ec-meet-feb11-2022/ was a special version where the book presented was an edited book (hence 'coffee with the editors'): Information and Knowledge Organisation in Digital Humanities: Global Perspectives tinyurl.com/2p8d6cxc

Prof. Koraljka Golub (Linnaeus University) and Dr Ying-Hsang Liu (Oslo Metropolitan University) introduced the book to attendees with both video and live presentation, including the need for the book and an overview of its goals and contents. A lively Q&A session began with reflection on the challenges and successes of the book, its open-access and international nature, and ended with attendee testimony on the usefulness of the book and the editors' ideas for promising follow-up texts. We sincerely thank the editors and all attendees for making the event a success.

## The European Chapter panel: Community **Resilience Through Diversity**

The ASIS&T European Chapter successfully presented its panel at the ASIS&T Annual Conference. **Dr Crystal Fulton** moderated the session. Five speakers, representing diverse areas, including professional work and academia, different linguistic-cultural backgrounds, and different European countries, offered their viewpoints about diversity and resilience emerging from the pandemic.

**Isto Huvila**, Department of ALM, Uppsala University, Sweden. Communities, diversity, and resilience in Nordic library, archive and museum context

Olívia Manuela Marques Pestana, University of Porto, Portugal. One step back, two steps forward: How the Portuguese IS academic environment coped with the pandemic

**Anna Maria Tammaro**, University of Parma, Italy. What the new normal looks like in Italian libraries

**Ying-Hsang Liu**, Department of Archivistics, Library and Information Science, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway. Stay safe and stay relevant: Danish library initiatives during the COVID-19 lockdown

Sümeyye Akça, Department of Information and Records Management, Marmara University, Göztepe/İstanbul, Turkey. University Libraries in *Turkey: After and during quarantine.* 





Dr Fulton

#### Also ...

Congratulations to **Dr** Crystal Fulton, our Chapter Past Chair who became ASIS&T Chapter Assembly Director at the Annual Conference, and to **Dr Diane Pennington** our European Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, who has been elected as **Deputy Chapter** Assembly Director!

# Featured forthcoming events

# Coffee with the author: Dr Susan Oman 18 March 2022, 13.00 GMT

Event is for ASIS&T members only, on Zoom: look at the post on iConnect (European Chapter forum) or contact s.webber@sheffield.ac.uk for the link

**About the Book**: Understanding Well-being Data: improving social and cultural policy practice and research is a new book, published by Palgrave Macmillan Oct 2021. In it, Dr Oman argues for a shared understanding of the power and potential of well-being data, and the limits of their application in public policy to achieve a more understanding society

**About the Author:** Dr Susan Oman is a Lecturer in Data, Artificial Intelligence and Society, based at the University of Sheffield's Information School.

**About the session:** Dr Oman will present an overview of the book's findings regarding the meaning of well-being to different people and places; the uses, misuses and abuses of well-being data, and the implications for our understanding of society. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.



Bring your own Coffee!

ASIS&T's European Chapter & SIG USE invite you to: meet fellow members & share thoughts about what "USE"means for you!

1st April 2022, 3-4pm BST/4-5pm CEST; 10-11am EST



Event is for ASIS&T members only, on Zoom: look at the post on iConnect (European Chapter forum) or contact s.webber@sheffield.ac.uk for the link

**About the session:** On the Information Needs, Seeking and Use (SIG-USE) website it says "SIG USE members are concerned with people's behavioral and cognitive activities as well as their affective states as they interact with information." https://www.asist.org/sig/siguse/

This covers a wide range of specialisms, contexts, populations and research approaches. In this session we will ask you to share your interests, and give you the opportunity to make connections with other ASIS&T members & go away with new ideas.

**Who should participate:** You don't have to be a current member of SIG USE, but you should have an interest in the field outlined in the quotation above. Members from any ASIS&T Chapter are welcome.

**Session format:** After introductions we will split into small groups to discuss our interest in the field and what inspires us, and then share our ideas all together via a virtual post-it board.

**Leading the session:** *Nathan Davis* (School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, USA), SIG-USE. **Sheila Webber** (Information School, University of Sheffield, UK), ASIS&T European Chapter Chair. **Dr Sophie Rutter** (Information School, University of Sheffield, UK), ASIS&T European Chapter Chair-Elect.



# European Student **Chapter news**

ESC Chair: David Carrie, University College Dublin, Ireland, (e) <u>david.carrie@ucdconnect.ie</u>





#### Hello all!

As the current officers of the European Student Chapter David Carrie (Chair), Miaomiao Chang (Communications Officer) and Erika Silverman (Treasurer/Secretary), we have been working steadily since taking over our roles in November 2021 to encourage more student engagement within ASIS&T.

The ESC meets fortnightly to give updates on the work of each individual officer while also planning further events within ASIS&T for both student members and prospective student members. We welcome any existing ASIST&T Student members to come to any of our regular meetings, you can reach out to David via email (david.carrie@ucdconnect.ie) for a meeting link!

Our first event was the Online International Meet-Up event held via Zoom on 18th November 2021. The registration for this event was quite high although the turnout for the event on the day was lower than expected. With this said, the event itself encouraged new student members to join ASIS&T. As a part of the event, a student membership was awarded to one of the attendees. It was awarded to Giulia Osti, a PhD student in University College Dublin. The experience of running this event has helped the ESC to formulate a plan to develop future events.

The ESC plans to hold further events in 2022, with the next event being an Informal Games Evening on 23rd March 2022 (via Zoom - see below) to encourage more engagement between existing and prospective student members.

As ever, we welcome any engagement or suggestions from existing ASIS&T members and are excited to see what the rest of 2022 brings us!

See you around!

David, Miaomiao and Erika



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**Game Night** 23 March 2022 4pm GMT

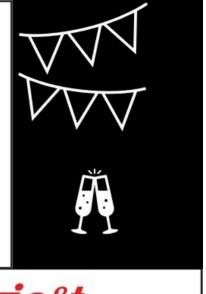
Join the ASIS&T European Student Chapter for a an Games afternoon/ night (depending where you are based!) - get to know other information science students in an informal atmosphere. Please register at

https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Msd-qprzlsGNltJ3ZZZoQ9Ps2HyYTITQTn

# **Our Chapter Awards!**

The European Chapter was proud to be award winning once again in 2021, receiving the ASIS&T Chapter of the year Award, ASIS&T Chapter Event of the year Award and ASIS&T Chapter Publication of the year Award. Many thanks to Crystal Fulton and Aylin Ilhan who put together the report and nominations and to all of last year's European Chapter committee for working hard all year for ASIS&T EC members!







**European Chapter** 

ASIS&T Chapter Event of the Year 2021

> Presented at the 2021 ASIS&T Annual Meeting 29 October - 3 November 2021



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Next newsletter (out at the start of May) includes information about new events - including Information Science Trends in June **2022** - and event & conference reports. If you have anything for the newsletter email asist.europeanchapter@gmail.com

Virtual Worlds **Best Practices** in Education Conference 2021 (photo Sheila Webber,



Report on the 2022 VWBPE conference in May's newsletter.

### **Good news!**

ASIS&T members can now join multiple chapters at no cost! If you would like to join an additional chapter, please log in to InfoHub and click the plus sign next to Lists/Committees at the top right side of the page.



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### Report from the ASIS&T annual meeting



by David Carrie, University College Dublin, OCT 30 - NOV 2, 2021 | SALT LAKE Ireland, recipient of the 2021 ASIS&T **European Chapter Student Award** 



As a new PhD student, I wanted one of my first conference attendances to be one organised by ASIS&T. In October 2021, I was grateful to virtually attend parts of the 84th Annual Meeting of ASIS&T https://www.asist.org/am21/

More specifically, I attended the 17th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium and the 3rd Annual Information Ethics and Policy Workshop: Sociotechnical Perspectives on Equity, Inclusion, and Justice on 29th October, which I had hoped would align with both my own research area surrounding equity and inclusion in information provision, as well as offering me some insights on the more technical side of Information Studies.

Having begun my MLIS studies virtually in 2020, the symposium offered me a much welcomed and needed insight into international perspectives on equity, inclusion and justice that had otherwise not been something I had paid particular attention to.

Further to this, attending the symposium offered me an opportunity to get to know other members of ASIS&T outside of the European Chapter. If any student member of ASIS&T is contemplating attending a conference, my suggestion would be to keep an eye out for upcoming events and see what may pique your interest!



**Submit your** proposal for the 2022 annual meeting!

https://www.asist.org/am22/

The speakers on the panel were as follows and extended abstracts for some of the presentations are at https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/111674

- Tien-I Tsai and Hui-Yun Sung. Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Knowledge Society for Everyone: Development of a National Policy for Public Libraries in Taiwan
- Nga Than, Abhishek Gupta, and Ameen Jauhar. Critical Analysis of "Responsible AI #AlforAll: Approach Document for India"
- Sundaraparipurnan Narayanan. Game based training as a model for skill enhancement in bias mitigation efforts.
- Dania Bilal and Jessica Barfield. Increasing Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Design and Use of Voice Digital Assistants.
- Lindsay Poirier. *Grappling with the Representational Inequities in* NYC 311 Data.
- Lala Hajibayova. *In Search for Cuteness: Interactive Discovery and* Play in Times of Pandemic
- Hengyi Fu and Yao Lyu. How People Experience Facial Recognition in an Organizational Setting: An Organizational Justice Perspective.
- Elliott Hauser. Action in light of information: What robots can teach us about algorithms.

It was organised by **Colin Rhinesmith** https://crhinesmith.com/, Simmons University, USA; Kolina Koltai, University of Washington, USA; Xiaohua Zhu, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA; Madelyn Sanfilippo, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA





# Report on December 2021 "Mix and Mingle"

by Sheila Webber Information School, University of Sheffield, UK

The Chapter had a lively networking session in December 2021. Participants were asked to share a favourite information science publication (article, book, blog, journal, report or other publication) or to propose their dream session or speaker for an information science conference. These are some of the people and publications that were mentioned. If you are not familiar with any of them, you will enjoy exploring the ideas and works.

#### **People**

**Dr Rafael Capurro** - for his work on the philosophy of information and information ethics http://www.capurro.de/home-eng.html

Brenda Dervin, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University, https://tinyurl.com/2p8e32ec and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brenda Dervin

Dr Ixchel Faniel, Senior Research Scientist at OCLC. https://www.oclc.org/research/people/faniel-ixchel.html https://tinyurl.com/yc8hx5bd Her work as scholar and speaker was highlighted - and we were impressed by how she works with a variety of research collaborators on a range of problems.

Professor Karen Fisher, Professor at the Information School, and Adjunct Professor in the Communication Department at the University of Washington. She is also a Consultant (embedded field ethnographer) for UNHCR Jordan. https://ischool.uw.edu/people/faculty/profile/fisher https://tinyurl.com/4nbw55sp

Professor Luciano Floridi, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics of Information at the Oxford Internet Institute.

https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/people/profiles/luciano-floridi/

Professor Thomas Harvainen, Associate Professor of Information Practices at Tampere University, Finland - for his work on computer gaming and the dark side of the internet. https://jiituomas.com/

Another tip! for German language speakers -Professor Hans-Christoph Hobohm's LIS blog - a treasure trove of information and expert opinion https://hobohm.edublogs.org/

#### Books, resources, articles

information"

Gomes, D. et al (Eds.) (2021). The past web: Exploring web archives. Springer. http://tinyurl.com/msudz9w3 (open access book) "Provides practical information about web archives, offers inspiring examples for web archivists and shares recent research results about access methods for exploring preserved

Farradane, J. (1979). The nature of information. Journal of Information Science, 1(1), 13–17. https://tinyurl.com/2vv8jtj7 An article by a pioneer in Information Science in the UK, exploring the meaning of information.

Fisher, K.E & Erdelez, S. (Eds). (2005). Theories of information behavior. Medford, NJ: Information Today, Inc.

Lundh, A. (2010). Studying information needs as question-negotiations in an educational context: a methodological comment. Information Research, 15(4) paper colis722.

http://InformationR.net/ir/15-4/colis722.html "Earlier studies of information needs are often based on the idea of an individually constructed actual need as it is presented in the first level in Taylor's model. With an interest in the two latter levels of the model the analytical focus is shifted to question-negotiations which are seen as the results of situated discursive and collective efforts. This shift entails a methodological shift in the study of information needs."

WARCnet network. (2021). WARCnet papers. https://cc.au.dk/en/warcnet/warcnet-papers (International special collection on articles on COVID)

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### Your committee 2021-2022



Chair: Sheila Webber, Information School, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, s.webber@sheffield.ac.uk

Sheila Webber is a Senior Lecturer in the Information School, University of Sheffield, UK. She coordinates the Library and Information Services Management postgraduate programmes and is Head of the Libraries & Information Society Research Group. Her main interests for research and teaching focus on information literacy and information behaviour. In particular she is interested in the contextual nature of information literacy, and in information behaviour in computer gaming and 3D virtual worlds. She leads the Virtual Worlds Education Roundtable in Second Life. Her information literacy blog http://information-literacy.blogspot.com recently hit 3 million page views.



Chair-elect: Sophie Rutter, Information School, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK s.rutter@sheffield.ac.uk

**Sophie Rutter** is a Lecturer in Information Management at the Information School, University of Sheffield. She is interested in evaluation methodologies including both lab-based and naturalistic studies. Her research focuses on two themes. Firstly, children's information seeking. She is interested in how the environment affects the way children interact with, and use, information. Secondly, communicating and evaluating hand hygiene. She has developed novel lab-based methods for pre-testing hygiene messages, and also worked with school children to co-design hand washing messages. She is currently working on a project that develops and evaluates an Internet of Things hand sanitiser for use in workplace settings



Treasurer: Lisa Börjesson, Department of Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Uppsala University, Sweden lisa.borjesson@abm.uu.se

Lisa Börjesson (MA LIS, PhD) is an information science researcher at the Department of ALM, Uppsala University. Her research concerns research data management and data descriptions, particularly process information for data re-use. She teaches information management and information systems at master's level, as well as supervise master's level and doctoral research.

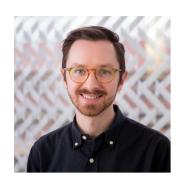


Secretary and Archivist: Márton Németh, School of Informatics, Faculty of Informatics, University of Debrecen, Budapest, Hungary nemethm@gmail.com

Marton Nemeth is currently working as a web librarian (from 2017) at the Department of Web Archiving of the National Széchényi Library, Budapest, Hungary. He is finishing his PhD at the Doctoral School of Informatics, University of Debrecen, about web archiving in general and about the evolution of the Hungarian service project in this field. He has master degrees from Szeged University, Hungary in the fields of History and Library and Information Science (2005). He has also obtained a Master's degree from Aalborg, Denmark in European Studies (2007) and another one from International Master Programme in Digital Library Learning (2013). He worked as a system librarian at the Directorate of Informatics of the National Széchényi Library (2005-2012) and as a digital content manager at Monguz Ltd., Hungary (2014-2017).







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**ESC Faculty Advisor: Diane Rasmussen Pennington, Department of** Computer and Information Sciences, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland <u>diane.pennington@strath.ac.uk</u>

Diane Rasmussen Pennington is the Chair of CILIP's Metadata & Discovery Group, and previously served as the President of the Canadian Association for Information Science. For ASIS&T, she has been a Director-at-Large, Chair of the European Chapter, and Chair of SIG VIS and SIG CR. Diane has published more than 40 works and delivered over 80 presentations in non-textual indexing and retrieval, emotion-based indexing and retrieval, information organisation, linked data, user engagement on social media, and online health information..



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Aylin Imeri is an information science researcher and lecturer (Ph.D.) at the Department of Information Science in the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany. She supervises bachelor and master students, and her research interests are social media, information behavior, and health information behavior, especially from activity tracking technology users.

In the last years, Aylin gained valuable experience and insights through her engagement in Chapter and SIG activities (e.g., Chair, Past-Chair, SIG Deputy Director, SIG Cabinet Director (this year)). Together with Isabelle Dorsch, they established the ASIS&T Special Interest Group Social Media in 2017, initiated by Emile Levine.



Past Chair: Crystal Fulton, School of Information and Communication Studies, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland crystal.fulton@ucd.ie

Crystal Fulton is an Associate Professor at University College Dublin, Ireland, where she studies the social interactions among people, information, and communication in daily life settings. Her research into the information worlds of people engaged in serious leisure (e.g., genealogists, urban explorers, gamblers) examines leisure participation and the connections among hobbies, behaviors around information supporting hobby activities, and impact on individuals, groups, and communities. In particular, her work moves beyond more traditional ideas around information acquisition to extend information theories in her investigations of how information is used, shared or hidden, and created in both digital and non-digital environments. Just as Covid-19 has brought challenges, it has also resulted in some relaxing coffee time in the garden where sunshine, flowers, and kitties provide entertainment.



# Who are your European Country Representatives?

Here is a full list of our Country Representatives. Please feel free to get in touch! Don't see a representative for your country here? We are looking for volunteers to fill these gaps. We look forward to working with you!

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