

Newsletter

October 2021

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR!

Welcome to our autumn newsletter! In this issue, we share numerous Chapter activities, reports on events, and news about people and their work in our Chapter!

The Covid-19 pandemic, though improving, has continued to pose challenges for us all this year. We have continued to meet online and host events online. Zoom meetings and events have actually had the positive effect of supporting our work with our membership, enabling us to link with members across Europe, as well as in other regions.

We have had a very busy Chapter year. We set ourselves the ambitious goal of an event each month and this has kept us - and you! - busy all year long.

Our Chapter has experienced a number of firsts over the last year. We launched our European Community of Fellows, with 10 initial inductees and more to come each year. These Fellows are our ambassadors of research, academia, and the profession as we move forward with our ASIS&T activities in Europe.

We were delighted to initiate the EU Chapter's first award, our Student Engagement Award, this year. The EU Chapter is committed to supporting our student members and this award offers students financial support to attend ASIS&T's Annual Meeting and deepen their understanding of and involvement with the Association. Our European Student Chapter has now revitalised itself and we look forward to seeing students across Europe increasingly becoming involved in events in Europe and ASIS&T generally, and, importantly, applying for this award.

We have celebrated the wonderful range of research in the EU with our new Coffee with the Author! series. Hearing about the work of others and their publication journey enriches and informs our journeys. We hope these events have inspired you to take part as an author or attendee.

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We also hosted an information event about research funding in the EU this year to help our members coordinate their research efforts across countries. We also put a spotlight on research through our annual Information Science Trends conference. We were delighted with the global participation in this event - we thank you all for coming and we cannot wait to welcome you all to our conference again next year!

The year was about more than research though. We held various social events for our members - for example, our ice cream versus gelato networking event. We also held a meeting of chapters around the world to consider shared solutions to challenges all chapters experience. This meeting resulted in an exciting twinning event between our EU Student Chapter and another student chapter. We look forward to hearing more about this in the coming year.

We met twice with our EU Country Representatives to discuss Information Science-related events around the European Union. Additionally, we are working with our Country Representatives to consider events and activities for our Chapter.

Special thanks are due to our Chapter Board members for their contributions this year. We are deeply indebted to Noora Hirvonen, our Treasurer, for her attention not only to our

financial health, but also to the various events we hosted this year. Additionally, our work this year would not have been possible without Diane Pennington, who joined our Board and supported various Board members with everything from the website to social media communication. We look forward to seeing Diane again in the coming year as our faculty advisor for our EU Student Chapter.

And speaking of our EU Student Chapter, this chapter has been reinvigorated this year with new leadership. We welcome our new ESC board and look forward to hearing about their accomplishments. If you are a student in the EU, 2021-2022 is going to be an eventful year!

We wish the incoming EU Chapter Board, with Sheila Webber as Chair, every success for the coming year. The new Board includes two new positions: Chapter Archivist, Marton Nemeth, and Director of Membership, Aylin Imeri. These new positions provide our Chapter with critical support to maintain a chapter memory and to grow our membership to add to our memories. These positions open new, exciting possibilities for the EU Chapter.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy our latest EU and EU Student Newsletter. It has been an honour to serve as your newsletter editor for this year! Happy Autumn!



ASIS&T ANNUAL MEETING 2021, Information: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Justice, and Relevance

This year's annual meeting runs under the slogan *Information: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Justice, and Relevance*.

For 84 years, ASIS&T researchers and practitioners, along with those from related fields, have been pushing advancements in information understanding, technology, and use, making substantial progress and contributions. However, the nirvana hinted at by Vannevar Bush with the sum total of human knowledge at our fingertips is not so blissful. With the advantages, we also see hate speech, rumors, conspiracy theories, cyberbullying, AI systems turned racist, fake news, click fraud,

adversarial IR, privacy concerns -- the list goes on. What happened? As the premier international conference dedicated to the study of information, people, and technology in contemporary society, the ASIS&T Annual Meeting is a forum to assist in addressing these issues as we continue to push forward the positive contributions of information and technology.

For further updates on the dates, pricing and platform, please visit:

<https://www.asist.org/am21/>

HOLD THE DATE!

European Chapter's Panel at ASIS&T's Annual Meeting.

When: Sunday, October 31, 2021, 11am-12.30pm Mountain Time, Zoom (watch iConnect for link).

Check [World Clock](#) for your time zone.

We hope you will celebrate Hallowe'en with us at our panel presentation at ASIS&T's Annual Meeting! Following the conference theme ***Information: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Justice, and Relevance***, our panel, **Community Resilience Through Diversity**, will explore diversity in Information Science in The European context, spanning academic and professional contexts.

Panel Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a pivot in people's practice of their daily life and work, in particular a pivot towards virtual living and working. Sponsored by the ASIS&T European Chapter, this panel discusses the diverse ways in which this has affected different communities within Europe, bearing in mind the varying languages, economic and political situations, and library and information structures within different European countries. Following on from presentations giving diverse perspectives from five European countries, we will ask session participants to reflect on the impact of the pivot on living and working in their own context, their coping mechanisms, and likely impact on the future.

What are the strengths of communities that have supported resilience among our teaching and research activities? How has diversity facilitated resilience? As vaccination progresses, how will we realign our work together for a stronger future? What do we need to do in the short term and in the long term to sustain these goals?

OUR PANEL:



Crystal Fulton and members of the EU Chapter Board will moderate the session. Five speakers, representing diverse areas, including professional work and academia, different linguistic-cultural backgrounds, and different European countries, will offer 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 Tamaro

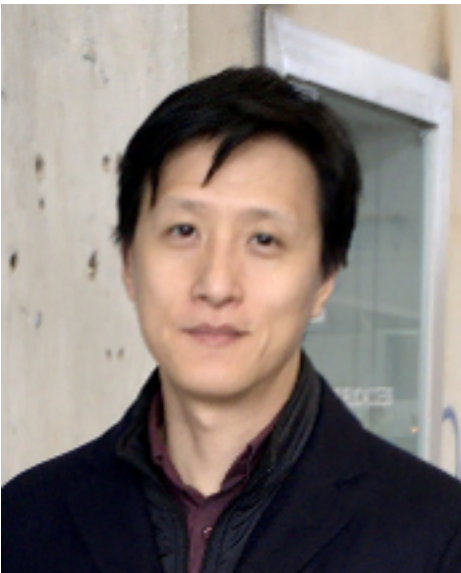
University of Parma, Italy.

What the new normal looks like in Italian libraries.

Sümeyye Akça

Department of Information and Records Management,
Marmara University, Göztepe/İstanbul, Turkey.

*University Libraries in Turkey: After and during
quarantine.*



Ying-Hsang Liu

Department of Archivistcs, Library and Information
Science, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway.

*Stay safe and stay relevant: Danish library
initiatives during the COVID-19 lockdown.*

Panel structure and participant engagement

This panel offers a space to pause and consider the past year and how diversity has supported our community resilience. The first part of the session will consist of presentations from speakers from five countries (covering both Northern and Southern Europe), addressing different aspects of our theme (approximately 50 minutes). The remainder of the session will involve online interaction with participants, to surface their own experience and views.

This panel session will challenge participants to consider

1. What helps them not only survive, but potentially flourish with regard to academic and professional activities despite the extreme changes in our life circumstances brought about by COVID-19;
2. What realignment will mean for our European community.



Add your thoughts to our **Jamboard** now!

Collection of membership stories of resilience:

In advance of the panel session at ASIS&T's Annual Meeting, we will invite ASIS&T members in Europe, including academics and professionals, to post their experiences of coping with the pandemic in their libraries, universities, research, and teaching, noting in particular, creative community solutions and resilience in the face of this worldwide calamity. A Google Jamboard will capture this content for discussion at the panel session, available [here](#).

Key questions for participant discussion will be:

- What has been your experience of the pivot as we re-framed how we do things?
- What have been your coping mechanisms as we re-positioned ourselves to manage through the pandemic?
- What do you believe the future will look like, as we realign our lives post pandemic?



Remember your
costume!

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NEW EUROPEAN CHAPTER AWARDS 2021



Among the most significant achievements of the European Chapter this year stands the development and launch of two honours for our membership:

1. **European Chapter Student Engagement Award**
2. **European Chapter Community of Information Science Fellows**



EUROPEAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY OF INFORMATION SCIENCE FELLOWS

Europe is a region of diverse professional, academic, and research contributions spanning areas within Information Science across countries. ASIS&T's European Chapter recognises the unique and influential work of individuals to the area of Information Science, through its **Community of Information Science Fellows**, including:

- **Professionals in Europe**, whose contributions in libraries, museums, archives, and other information centres are the heart of the work we all support.
- **Academics in Europe**, whose contributions to research and education have furthered the discipline and inspired others to participate in our field.
- **Researchers in Europe**, whose contributions to research help to shape our discipline.

They are our **Champions of Information Science** in the European Chapter, sharing their expertise and leadership to our community. The European Chapter's inaugural 10 Fellows inducted for 2021 are as follows:

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Further information about our European Chapter Community of Information Science Fellows is available on our [website](#). And watch for our Fellows' videos about their work in the field via our [YouTube channel](#).



EUROPEAN CHAPTER STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AWARD

The Student Engagement Award has been established to assist promising students in becoming active contributors within the ASIS&T community through involvement in the European Chapter.

The European Chapter Student Engagement Award is intended to encourage professional activity in ASIS&T, and specifically in the European Student Chapter, by students enrolled in Library & Information Science programs located in Europe.

An award of US\$500 will be provided to assist the winning student in attending the ASIS&T Annual Meeting by defraying conference expenses, e.g., travel or registration expenses. The monetary award will be issued to the winning student in advance of the ASIS&T Annual Meeting. An award certificate will be presented at the Chapter Assembly meeting at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting.

Applicants must:

- Be ASIS&T members and European Student Chapter (ESC) members in good standing at the time of application. If you are not a member, you can **join now**.
- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate program in Library and Information Science in a country included in the European Chapter region.
- Have not previously won the European Chapter Student Engagement Award.
- Current and former European Chapter Board members are not eligible for the award. Applicants will be evaluated based on demonstrated interest in actively contributing to the mission and goals of ASIS&T. Financial need will be considered as part of the applicant's eligibility for the awards.



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Nominations should include the following:

- The nominee's full name, title, institution, institutional address, phone, and email address.
- A 500 word statement explaining how attendance at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting will enable the nominee to a) increase their contribution to ASIS&T generally and to the European Student Chapter specifically; b) contribute to their own personal development.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A cover letter, in which the applicant highlights their suitability for the award.
- 2 letters of support of the nominee.
- Optional: Explanation of financial need, if applicable and should the nominee choose to disclose.

The European Chapter Student Engagement Award is administered by the European Chapter's Awards Jury, which consists of the European Chapter Chair, Incoming Chair, and Past Chair. Selection is based on the applicant's statement, CV, and cover letter as follows:

- 60%. Statement
- 20%. CV
- 20%. Cover letter

The award will be granted to the highest scoring application.

Depending on the quality and diversity of the nominations, the awards may not be granted every year. In that instance, the prize money shall be reserved until the following year.

2021 WINNER!



The winner for 2021 is doctoral student **David Carrie, University College Dublin, Ireland.**

Well done David! We look forward to hearing about your participation in the ASIS&T conference and engagement with the European Student Chapter!

GET READY TO APPLY NEXT YEAR!

We encourage our student members to apply next year! Details are on our [website](#).

We'll remind you to apply!

MEET THE INCOMING EU CHAPTER & EU STUDENT CHAPTER BOARDS, 2021-2022

EU Chapter Board, incoming after ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2021



EU Chapter Chair: Sheila Webber

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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 recently did her 5000th post on her **blog**.



Chair-elect: Sophie Rutter

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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

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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: Márton Németh

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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). This master programme was offered by Oslo and Akershus University College (currently Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway), Tallinn University (Estonia), and University of Parma (Italy), with an internship at the Loughborough University Library (UK). 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).

Webmaster: Jesse Dinneen

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Jesse Dinneen is a Junior Professor in the Berlin School of Library and Information Science at Humboldt University, Germany, where he researches personal information management and philosophical and social issues of the information society. Previously he was a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University, New

Zealand and Tomlinson Doctoral Fellow at McGill University, Canada. Jesse is delighted to be joining the vibrant ASIST European chapter and helping to connect information scholars around Europe.

ESC Faculty Advisor: Diane Rasmussen Pennington

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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.

New positions!

We have added two new positions to our Board for the coming year as follows:



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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.

Aylin says: “I’m excited to get to know the needs of the EC members to understand, for example, why membership has lapsed and to offer a transparent communication between ASIS&T Central and EC members.”



Past Chair: Crystal Fulton

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Past Chair - 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.

THANKS

TO OUR OUTGOING EU CHAPTER BOARD!

We also would like to thank our outgoing officers for their effort, valuable spirit, and contribution to teamwork over the last year(s):

- Tamara Heck (Secretary)
- Noora Hirvonen (Treasurer)
- Carolane Mahony (Social Media & Communications)
- Katrin Scheibe (Webmaster)
- Franziska Zimmer (Social Media & Communications)

We wish you all the best in your next endeavours.

And we wish every success to the incoming Board for 2021-2022!

CHAPTER SUCCESS STORIES

The Secret Success of the EU Chapter Who Won THREE Awards in 2020, March 29, 2021

ASIS&T's Chapter Assembly has published Chapter Success Stories, a series of interviews with chapter members around the world to help chapters increase and support their chapter membership. The transcript of our group interview is now available to read via the **ASIS&T website**.

SPECIAL FEATURE: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

Noora Hirvonen

Noora Hirvonen is an Assistant Professor (tenure track) in *AI literacies* at the Research Unit for History, Culture and Communication Studies (Information Studies) at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Oulu, Finland and holds the Title of Docent in health communication at the Faculty of Medicine at the same university. Noora's research centres on information (literacy) practices, specifically from the perspective of young people's health and wellbeing. Currently, she is particularly focused on examining ways digital technologies shape such practices.

In her spare time, Noora likes to spend time in forests and listen to music, live, preferably. She has also just taken up a pottery course.



Noora's hobbies include skiing



My name is Noora Hirvonen, and I am now surrendering the chapter officer position in the European Chapter, having acted as a Treasurer since 2019. I will continue in the chapter as the Country Representative for Finland. Currently, I am the Treasurer of the special interest group for artificial intelligence (SIG-AI) and I am also part of the organizing committee of the ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2022 (paper co-chair).

I initially got involved in the activities of the European Chapter in 2017 when Isto Huvila had

suggested that I could continue in the country representative role after him. A couple of years later, Aylin Imeri, who was then the Chair of the chapter, contacted me and asked if I would be willing to take the Treasurer position. I was hesitant at first as I had no prior experience in positions in international associations such as this, but I am very happy that I said yes. There was plenty of help available in getting to know the practical stuff involved and this was an easy community to get involved with.



Noora during a ski trip

The best thing in an officer position has been to get to know people around the world and, at the same time, get to know, and influence, ASIS&T activities. Among the most successful things that we have done as a chapter, in my opinion, have been the Information Science Trends research and networking events organized online in 2020 (“Health Information Behavior”) and 2021 (“*Information Science Research*

During COVID-19 and Post-Pandemic Opportunities”), both of which attracted around 100 participants.

I would like to warmly thank all the EC officers I have had the opportunity to work with – Aylin and Crystal especially have both done an excellent job in chairing the chapter during these years.





Noora during ASIS&T trip to Australia

The European Chapter thanks Noora for her service and wishes her every success for the future.

SPECIAL FEATURE: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



Diane Pennington

Diane Pennington is a Senior Lecturer in Information Science and the Course Director for the MSc/PGDip in Information and Library Studies in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland.



When our Chair, Dr Crystal Fulton, asked me to join the European Chapter Board earlier this year because the Board was so busy with Chapter activities that she needed extra help, I paused for a moment before agreeing. Admittedly, after losing the election for ASIS&T President-Elect in 2016, I decided to take a step back. Despite my many past successful efforts in providing service to the Society, and how much ASIS&T has helped me shape my career, I don't deal well with rejection, especially at such a visible level. But I'm back now.

I first became involved in ASIS&T when I was a master's and doctoral student at what is now the iSchool in the College of Information at the University of North Texas. One of my dissertation committee members, Dr Samantha Hastings, was the incoming President when I was a student there, and she encouraged us to become involved, telling us what an amazing organisation it was for an information scientist's

'professional home.' I attended my first Annual Meeting in 2002, in Philadelphia. 19 years later, I still remember it so well, from the late-night wine drinking with my UNT colleagues to watching my dissertation co-chair Dr Brian O'Connor present the brilliant paper at 8:00am (with a hangover) that eventually became a basis for my own dissertation.

Inspired by that first conference, I quickly took on leadership roles, from chairing the UNT student chapter to chairing SIG VIS for several years, leading the SIG to win SIG Publication of the Year based on an ASIS&T Bulletin special issue about image tagging. I also sat on the Bulletin's Advisory Board for a long time. When I first left Texas and moved to North Carolina after graduation, I helped found the Carolinas chapter. I chaired SIG CR, and won the SIG Member of the Year Award that year. I held endless roles on jury panels, reviewed for many Annual Meetings, and a range of our committees over many years.

My years of enthusiastic service turned a corner for me when it led to my nomination for Director-at-large, and somehow I won! I had a range of responsibilities during my three years as a Board of Directors member, including chairing ASIS&T's Webinar Task Force and Online Education Task Force. This led to my chairing the ASIS&T Web Presence Task Force, which worked with contractors to re-design the website and the branding from 2014-2015; much of this, including the logo, is still used in our visual identity.

Following this, I served as ASIS&T's Social Media Manager until new staff were hired to handle communications at HQ, and my services were no longer needed. Before that happened, however, HQ paid for my travel to attend the then ASIS&T-supported Information Architecture Summits in Minneapolis (2015) and Atlanta (2016). Now living in Scotland, I chaired the European Chapter, including when ASIS&T held its first European-based Annual Meeting in Copenhagen. This was especially exciting for me because I was able to visit my Danish family members during the trip!

All good things must come to an end, sadly. The IPTF ended, I lost said Presidential election, and it was too expensive and time-consuming to travel from Scotland to other continents for Annual Meetings, so I discontinued my membership. After all, I could still access JASIST and Annual Meeting Proceedings through the university library, right? Well, yes, but... I was an invited keynote at IST 2020 and started to feel homesick when I attended...

When Crystal asked me to help out with our IST 2021 conference and Chapter communications, I just couldn't say no. Anyone who knows me knows I have a hard time saying no, but as I re-engaged with the chapter and brought in some of my PhD students, I started to feel at home again. The saddening isolation I've suffered over the past 20 months (I love to experience the world through travel and real-world adventures; staying at home 24/7 hasn't been good for me) was somewhat eased the day when we had a Zoom gathering with other chapters and I saw new and known faces... people who have been collaborators, fellow wine drinkers, long meeting co-survivors... and I knew I was home again... all from right here where I'm writing this, in the spare room at home where the entirety of my professional life has taken place since March 2020.

My time on the EC Board as Director of External Relations comes to an end at the end of this month, but I'll still be involved, serving as the Faculty Advisor to the newly revitalised European Student Chapter. Two of my current PhD students, Molly Chang and Erika Silverman, are taking up posts on the Student Chapter Board, and I'm excited about finding a broader context in which to mentor them into the ASIS&T community. And, from there, we'll see where the wild ride of my active involvement in the Society leads me. Maybe I'll actually (not just virtually) see you all at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh!



Looking forward to working with you, Diane, in 2021-2022!

EU Student Chapter Board, incoming after ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2021

ESC Chair: David Carrie

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David Carrie is a PhD student in the School of Library and Information Studies in University College Dublin. Their research interest lies in the information behaviour of individuals and how it shapes their sense of identity, particularly their gender

identity. In their spare time, their pastimes are baking (their sourdough starter is almost nineteen months old), playing RPGs on the Nintendo Switch, sewing clothes, and long, rambling walks in the country.

Hello everyone!

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received in ASIS&T so far; it has certainly bolstered me in getting to know others in the field and I am grateful for it.

As for myself and the other members of the European Student Chapter, we are excited to get to grips with the work of ASIS&T and promote ourselves to students around Europe.

I have recently returned to academia having spent some time working in the public sector in Ireland, and as such, it has been a learning curve for me regarding interacting with and establishing myself in professional associations, such as ASIS&T. I would like to use this experience to my benefit in reaching out to other students who may yet feel comfortable interacting with ASIS&T and highlight the benefits of joining ASIS&T as well as the many opportunities membership can offer.

I look forward to seeing much more of you all over the next year, we will keep you all abreast of our plans.

Best wishes,

David



ESC Secretary/Treasurer: Erika Silverman

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Erika Silverman was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, but is currently based in Glasgow, Scotland. She completed her undergraduate degree in Film and Television Studies with English Literature at the University of Glasgow. She then went on to carry out a Master's in Animation at the Glasgow School of Art and in Archiving at the University of Glasgow. She is now at Strathclyde University looking to combine multidisciplinary approaches for her research for her PhD in bias in information seeking on aggregate porn websites, as overseen by Diane Pennington and Ian Ruthven.

In her spare time, she also likes to craft and organise art shows, which regularly relate back to her PhD themes and research findings. She works primarily with textiles and archival resources. For fun, she watches way too much TV, especially anything from the 90s and early 2000s.

**ESC Communications Officer:
Miaomiao 'Molly' Chang**

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I am **Miaomiao Chang**, but people here call me Molly. I come from China. I hold my MS in Information Science from the School of Information Management at the Central China Normal University.

Now I am a PhD student at the Department of Computer and Information Sciences of the University of Strathclyde. My research interests are social media, statistics, sentiment analysis, topic mining and user interest mining. My research focuses on recommender systems based on social media, especially on Twitter.

Currently, I am a member of ASIS&T's European Chapter, and collaboratively working on it with David and Erika. I hope we can do something new, creative and meaningful within the bigger European community, especially for our student chapter.

Calling All Students! ESC Activities!

The European Student Chapter is excited to promote ASIS&T to students around Europe over the course of the next year. The European Student Chapter has a number of events and competitions planned for the next year:

- **Online International Meet-Up for Students** on November 19th , 2021 at 3pm Dublin time. This event is planned to be held via Zoom, to encourage members and non-members alike to network in an informal way, with a view to promoting ASIS&T to non-members and to encourage networking between existing members. A brief introduction will be given in terms of the events and competitions planned in the coming year. A draw will be held among attendees for an annual student membership to ASIS&T.
- **Research Question Development Event** in Q1 2022 (TBC). This event is planned to help students hone their research question in an online event. Our aim is to host this via Zoom and have a panel of experts speak with participants about their research question, advising them on how they might develop it further. Participants will also be given information on how to present their research topic in a poster format, taking part in collaborative work and mutual communication with other experienced participants, and being encouraged to enter the poster in the European Chapter's annual Student Poster competition. A draw will be held among attendees for an annual student membership to ASIS&T.
- **Visual Representation of Research Competition** in Q2 2022 (TBC). This competition will encourage students, both members and non-members, to create a visual representation of their research for a prize of attendance at an event of their choice and an annual student membership to ASIS&T. This will encourage students to start thinking of creative and innovative ways to present their research and increase their impact.
- **European Student Chapter Logo Redesign Competition** in Q3 2022 (TBC). This competition will be to redesign the European Student Chapter logo, the winner will receive a prize of attendance at an event of their choice and an annual student membership to ASIS&T.

The European Student Chapter looks forward to working with you all over the coming year!

Join us! More details please see our [website](#).

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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Introducing Our New Country Representative for Israel



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HOLD THE DATE!

Upcoming EU & EU Student Chapter Events



Watch our iConnect & our social media channels for further details and updates!



84th Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology.

Oct 30 - Nov 2, 2021. Theme: *Information: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Justice, & Relevance*



EU Chapter Panel at ASIS&T Annual Meeting: *Community Resilience Through Diversity*,

October 31st, 2021, 11am-12.30pm Mountain time, Zoom (watch iConnect/Conference Announcements for link).

ESC Online International Meet Up for Students, November 19th, 2021, 3pm Dublin time, Zoom.

Looking ahead to 2022!

ESC Research Question Development, tbc

ESC Visual Representation of Research Competition, tbc

ESC Logo Redesign Competition, tbc

EU Chapter Events 2021

Coffee with the Author! ☕

The European Chapter introduced another new feature this year: ***Coffee with the Author!*** In celebration of our European colleagues who have published new books in the recent past, our chapter hosted a coffee hour with authors to discuss their publishing journeys.

Sit back now and enjoy a cuppa again!



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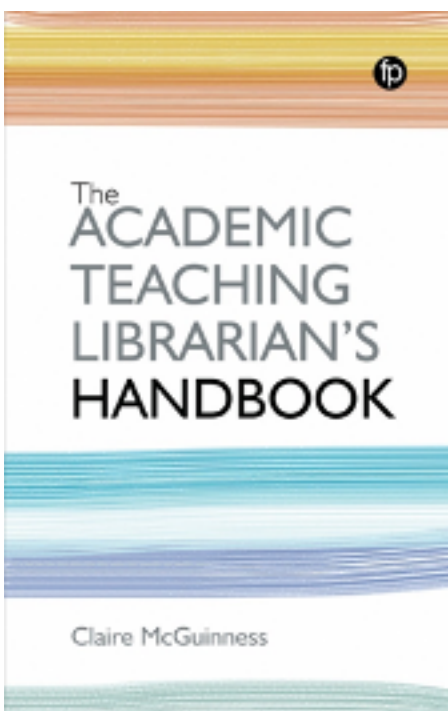
Dr. Claire McGuinness

University College Dublin,
Ireland,
Friday, April 30th, 2021



About the Author:

Claire McGuinness is Assistant Professor and current Deputy Head of School at the School of Information and Communication Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland. She has a long-term interest in researching and teaching information and digital literacy and has published extensively in these areas and others including academic librarianship, reflective practice and teaching skills for librarians. She has designed and taught multiple information and digital literacy modules over the past two decades, and currently leads several courses on the MLIS and BSc Social Sciences programmes at UCD. The *Academic Teaching Librarian's Handbook* is her third book, following *Becoming Confident Teachers: A Guide for Academic Librarians* in 2011, and *Digital Detectives*, co-authored with Crystal Fulton in 2016.



The Academic Teaching Librarian's Handbook is a comprehensive resource for academic library professionals and LIS students looking to pursue a teaching role in their work and to develop this aspect of their professional lives in a holistic way throughout their careers. The book is built around the core ideas of reflective self-development and informed awareness of one's personal professional landscape and encourages readers to reflect on their professional identity, self-image, self-efficacy and progress as they consider each of the different aspects of the teaching role.



Dr. Paraic Kerrigan

University College Dublin,
Ireland,
Friday, May 14th, 2021

About the Author:

Páraic Kerrigan is an Assistant Professor at the School of Information and Communication Studies at University College Dublin. His research pertains to the dynamics of diversity in media industries, specifically centred around Ireland's LGBT community.

LGBTQ Visibility, Media and Sexuality in Ireland

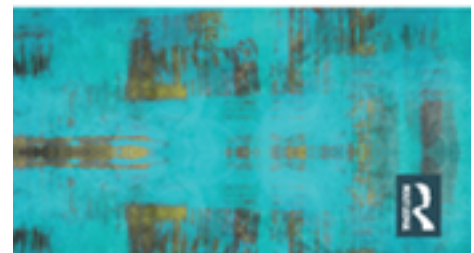
traces the turbulent history of queer visibility in the Irish media to explore the processes by which a regionally based media system shaped queer identities within a highly conservative and religious population. The book details the emergence of an LGBTQ rights movement in Ireland and charts how this burgeoning movement utilised the media for the liberatory potential of advancing LGBTQ rights. However, mainstream media institutions also exploited queer identities for economic purposes, which, coupled with the eruption of the AIDS pandemic in the 1980s, disrupted the mainstreaming goals of queer visibility.

Drawing on industrial, societal and production culture determinants, the author identifies the shifting contours of queer visibility in the Irish media, uncovering the longstanding relationship between LGBTQ organising and the Irish media.



LGBTQ VISIBILITY, MEDIA AND SEXUALITY IN IRELAND

Paraic Kerrigan



Professor Tom Wilson

Sheffield, United Kingdom,
Friday, August 27th, 2021



About the Author:

Professor Tom Wilson has made significant contributions to information research, particularly in the areas of information management and information behaviour. In 2000 he was the recipient of the ASIS&T SIG USE Award for "outstanding contributions to information behavior", and he has received ASIS&T's Award of Merit (2017), recognising sustained contributions to the field of information science, and the Jason Farradane Award (2020). Professor Wilson is also the recipient of honorary doctorates from the Universities of Gothenburg and Murcia. He is Professor Emeritus in the University of Sheffield Information School (where he was Head of Department from 1982 to 1997). Since retiring, Professor Wilson has been Visiting Professor at Leeds University Business School, Professor Catedratico Convidado at the University of Porto, and Senior Professor at the University of Borås, Sweden.

Exploring information behaviour an introduction

The "preliminary" version of

Exploring Information Behaviour: An Introduction

is available on the [Information Research journal website](#) as a free EPUB or PDF file. Readers will gain an understanding of Information Behaviour (IB), including key models and theories, and methods adopted in IB research. In particular the book draws on the author's own influential research and theoretical frameworks.

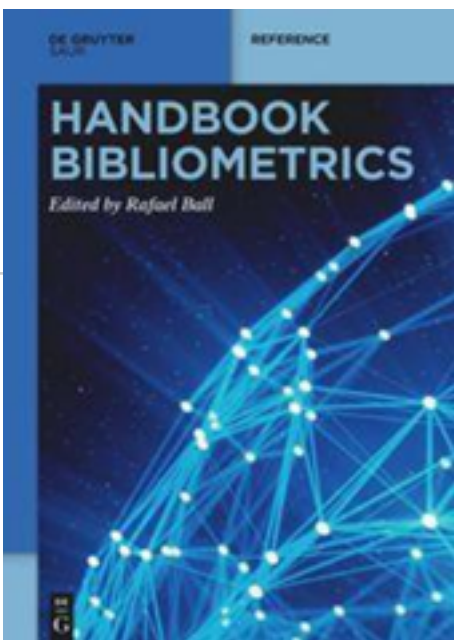
Rafael Ball

Director, ETH Library,
Zurich, Switzerland,
Friday, October 15th, 2021



About the Author:

Rafael Ball has been Director of ETH Library Zurich, Switzerland, since March 1, 2015. He holds doctorates in biology and science history and studied biology, Slavonic studies and philosophy at the Universities of Mainz, Warsaw and Moscow. He completed a two-year postgraduate qualification as a scientific librarian in 1996 and was head of Central Library in the Research Center Jülich, Germany from 1996 to 2008. Ball was Director of the University Library of Regensburg from 2008 to 2015. He has written and edited numerous publications and is a dedicated speaker and a lecturer at various universities. His main work and research interests are the library of the future, science communication, and the role of the printed book in the digital age.



The Handbook of Bibliometrics:

Bibliometrics and altmetrics are increasingly becoming the focus of interest in the context of research evaluation. The *Handbook of Bibliometrics* provides a comprehensive introduction to quantifying scientific output in addition to a historical derivation, individual indicators, institutions, application perspectives and data bases. Furthermore, application scenarios, training and qualification on bibliometrics and their implications are considered. Find the book [here](#).

New! Recent Publications by Our Membership

If you have a new book published, let us know!

Most recently from our membership:

Information Science Fundamentals

by Professor Nicolae Dragulanescu, EU Country Representative for Romania.



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Professor Dragulanescu works at the Faculty of Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technology, Polytechnics University of Bucharest, Romania. The textbook is in Romanian, and coming soon in English.

EU Chapter's Annual Summer Conference: Information Science Trends

June 9-11, 2021

This year's IST conference was free for ASIS&T members and offered at a very small charge to non-members (with a promise that they could use the registration for a discount should they subsequently join ASIS&T). The event was the third event within the series of *Information Science Trends*. Based on the continuing situation with COVID-19, we decided to hold this event virtually again via Zoom.

The online forum suited participants and we were delighted to welcome **108 registrants** from **countries around the world in addition to the EU region, for example, Australia, Bangladesh,**

Canada, Iran, Israel, Kenya, Maldives, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Uruguay, Zimbabwe, various parts of the **United States**, and more. Participants were enthusiastic about the conference and applauded the event during discussion periods. We look forward to seeing these participants and more for next year's annual conference.

A **keynote speaker** featured in the programme for each day of the conference as follows:

Elizabeth Farries, Assistant Professor UCD Digital Policy Programme, Information and Communication Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Keynote title: **Smarter Policy for Smart Technology: Pandemic Tracking Apps.**



Sophie Rutter, Information School, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom.

Keynote title: **Communicating and Evaluating Health Messages During a Pandemic.**

Karen E. Fisher, Professor, iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

Keynote title: **Research in the Time of Corona: Choosing Agendas as World Divides Deepen**



Over the three days of IST, we heard papers from presenters around the world and engaged in a discussion session about our research post-pandemic. With the online environment and long afternoons for the event, breaks are critical - we used those break times to give participants breaks from the screen, as well as opportunities for networking discussion for those who preferred to stay connected and relaxing musical interludes via Alexa.

IST was also an event of “firsts” in 2021. For the first time, the conference featured a **pre-conference doctoral networking event** on June 9th. This event offered doctoral students the opportunity to meet and get to know each other before the conference.

For the first time, we also ran a **student poster competition** at IST. Two doctoral students were awarded Best Student Poster, and their prize was a free student membership to ASIS&T and the EU Chapter.

In spite of COVID-19, we also found a way this year to offer **SWAG** to our conference registrants. We **redeveloped our chapter logo** and had it added to small SWAG items which we posted to conference registrants.

And this year, we provided certificates for our speakers and our student poster winners.



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Information Science Trends: Doctoral Poster Awards

The European Chapter's Information Science Trends (IST) conference had its first Student Poster Competition this year. We congratulate the following two students who co-won for **Best Poster**:



Miaomiao Chang

University of Strathclyde

Poster: *Twitter Users' Sentiments Toward Mask Wearing*

I find it really exciting and meaningful to be a doctoral student who attended an ASIS&T event for the first time and won a membership to ASIS&T for my research poster. Winning the award increases my confidence and courage in sharing my work with others from different countries in the LIS field. I am excited about the future to fully take advantage of my ASIS&T membership in order to develop and strengthen relationships in relation to my studies and academic research

David Carrie

University College Dublin

Poster: *Situating Gender Identity Within the Existing ELIS Framework*

As a doctoral student who is beginning my studies in September 2021, winning a membership to ASIS&T through my doctoral poster presentation has helped bolster my confidence in my work and has also given me an opportunity to develop a sense of community with others in the LIS field. Presenting my doctoral topic to the members of ASIS&T as part of the Information Science Trends conference was the first step in developing an openness in terms of discourse and collaboration. I look forward to making use of my ASIS&T membership to further develop these



Relive the Best Moments of Information Science Trends 2021!

Miss IST already? Revisit our conference through Zenado!

The full conference programme is available [here](#).

As always, a conference Proceedings, with extended abstracts for presentations curated online via the Zenado platform, was published in conjunction with IST. Within Zenodo, the chapter has a community called *Information Science Trends - ASIS&T European Chapter Series*. Conference presenters uploaded their accepted, extended abstracts to this forum. Zenado enables curation of conference presentations for open access viewing by our members.

Information Science Trends - ASIS&T European Chapter Series may be viewed [here](#).

EU Chapter Ice Cream or Gelato? Mixer Event, July 16, 2021

This was an informal gathering with members to chillax and celebrate summer. A range of iced goods were produced, including some homemade ice cream. We did not really solve

the question of whether ice cream or gelato is better, but we enjoyed meeting people from different locations. Same time next year folks?



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Global Community of Chapters! Inaugural Meeting, August 13th, 2021



Joining us for this informal event were members of chapters from distant parts of the world, including Australia and the United States. There was good conversation, lots of laughter, and friendship. What a great opportunity to learn about one another!

A new, exciting twinning initiative between our ESC and student chapters in the United States was agreed. We look forward to hearing about what these twinned groups do in the next year!



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Meeting with Country Representatives, October 1st, 2021

As ever, EU Country Representatives play a major role in helping the EU Chapter disseminate information across the region. Throughout the year, the EU Chapter advises Country Representatives of upcoming events and they share information with members. And our Country Representatives offer a critical point of contact for encouraging new membership and interaction with the EU Chapter. Contact information and photographs of our Country Representatives are provided on our chapter [website](#).

The EU Chapter Board met with Country Representatives for the second time this year via Zoom. The meeting provided another opportunity for the EU Chapter Board and

Country Representatives to discuss the needs of our membership in different parts of the EU and country-specific work toward increasing ASIS&T membership across the EU region, as well as planning for future events to be co-hosted with the EU Chapter.

We noted a significant opportunity in the next year for our membership. The upcoming **International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) conference will be held in Dublin** in the summer of 2022. As is tradition, ASIS&T members who attend this conference will be invited to gather to enjoy a meal. Watch for news from your Country Representatives about this! We hope to see you all there!



Samuel Beckett Bridge near Dublin Conference Centre, Image from Wikimedia

EU Events Supported by the EU Chapter: Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA): April 19-22, 2021, Dubrovnik,

by **Sanjica Faletar Tanacković**, **LIDA Chair & ASIS&T EU Chapter Country Representative for Croatia**

The biennial international conference, *Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA)*, was held online this year. The conference has been co-organised since 2000 by Rutgers University (USA), the University of Zadar (Croatia), and the University of Osijek (Croatia) to address the changing and challenging environment for libraries and information systems and services in the digital world. This year's theme, *Reshaping Identity in The Digital Age: People, Libraries, Data, Technology & Ethics*, was discussed by over 150 international authors who presented their papers, panels, and posters. Researchers, educators, students, practitioners, and developers from all over the world gathered online for personal exchanges, discussions, and learning. Authors addressed theoretical examinations of the theme, presented their research, and critically examined best practices from the field.

Keynote speaker Nicholas Belkin, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from the Department of Library & Information Science, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University opened LIDA with his talk, *From LIDA to LAIU: Libraries in an Age of Information Ubiquity*. Belkin claims that the new information milieu, called the Age of Information Ubiquity, sets entirely new challenges to the basis of library and information services, which may well

require radical changes in how we think of the very concepts of internal knowledge and external information.

The second keynote speaker, Milijana Mičunović from the University of Osijek (Croatia), discussed how we navigate the uncharted technological landscape of increasing automation, algorithmization, uberization, and other phenomena that change our individual and collective lives, economic and social systems, life conditions, and work circumstances, drawing on social and critical theory, philosophical anthropology, and philosophical posthumanism.

The third keynote speaker, Diane Rasmussen Pennington, University of Strathclyde (Scotland), delivered an intriguing talk entitled *Socially distanced selves, irate insurrectionists, and one linked library: Are librarians the cure for the infodemic?*

Crystal Fulton, current Chair of ASIS&T's European Chapter, from University College Dublin (Ireland) presented the activities of the European Chapter, described membership benefits, and invited participants to get involved.

Traditionally, LIDA features a special session showcasing undergraduate and graduate students' research. Several students won awards, which were free student memberships to ASIS&T, sponsored by The European Chapter.



Outstanding Student Paper Award:

Ivona Grgić and Cvijetin Vidaković, recent graduates from University of Osijek (Croatia) for their paper entitled *Online information behavior of older adults: Facilitating information access.*

Best Student Poster Awards:

**1st Prize - Ines Horvat,
University of Osijek, Croatia**



**Co-2nd prize - Drahomira Cupar,
Ljiljana Poliak & Zrinka Džoić,
University of Zadar, Croatia**
Pictured: Zrinka Džoić, University of
Zadar, Croatia

At this years' conference, 20 years of LIDA were celebrated. On this occasion an informal session with original conference co-directors, Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić (Croatia) and Tefko Saracevic (USA) and they received a Certificate of Appreciation.

LIDA was held under the auspices of Croatian Library Association and Croatian Information and Documentation Society.

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić,
LIDA co-founder
Certificate of Appreciation



Do You Know?

The EU Chapter is extremely grateful for the generosity of our Anonymous Donor, whose donation supported 10 student membership prizes in the past year. Our Anonymous Donor

has graciously provided support again for the chapter, and we plan to use this money to support our membership.

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EU Chapter's Revamped Logo!

You may have noticed our logo was slightly modified this year. Thanks go to our Board

member, **Diane Pennington**, for organising our new look!

Membership Drive for EU and EU Student Chapters

Our Chapters need **YOU!** If you want to join ASIS&T and need help, get in touch! And if you would like to help organise events for our EU Chapter or our EU Student Chapter, we would love to hear from you! We have a new Membership Officer, **Aylin Imeri (Ilhan)** so watch this space for new, exciting initiatives for members, whether you are new to our chapters or long time members.

Many thanks go to our Country Representatives who have helped disseminate information about events and opportunities to ASIS&T members in their communities and who helped spread

information about ASIS&T to non-members in their regions.

We also sent some post-Information Science Trends cheer to attendees located throughout the world. In spite of the pandemic, we wanted to reach out and welcome our chapter members, as well as other ASIS&T members and non-members we hope will join the Association. We hope you all enjoyed your conference SWAG! Thank you for attending the ASIS&T European Chapter's Information Science Trends!

And remember! Your participation makes our events possible. We hope you will enjoy the enclosed mementos from the EC. There is enough for two, so please share ASIS&T with a friend!



Information Science Trends SWAG sent to all attendees post conference, 2021

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Have a great time
and see you all in
the next edition!



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