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**“SIG-III is all set
to get its own
logo!”**

Message from the Chair



Hello everyone. I am excited to see the launch of the 2023 Spring issue of the SIG-III Newsletter. To continue offering value to our member community, 24 highly dedicated SIG-III officers including volunteer members have come together to plan, design, and execute many initiatives. These officers and volunteers from more than 15 countries from across the northern and southern hemispheres truly represent international information issues.

This year, we continue with successful initiatives such as the International Paper Contest (IPC) for Developing Countries, InfoShare, Speaker Series, and the International Cafe Meets. The first event of SIG-III in 2023 began with the International Café Meet on an interesting theme of the story behind the language we speak. This informal meeting was a success with great participation from the attending members. The call for the IPC contest is already out and I welcome everyone to spread the word to gain maximum participation from developing countries. The InfoShare program will be announced very shortly. Read more about these initiatives in this issue.

I am also thrilled to see the launch of the new initiative ‘Research Wing’, a program that was planned in 2022 with input from many officers.

After 40 years, SIG-III is all set to get its own logo. We announced the SIG-III Logo Design Contest in February 2022 and are happy to announce the winners in this issue. Turn the pages to see the name of the lucky winner whose design has been selected as the winner. The selected design will be the visual brand of SIG-III. The winner gets a cash award of \$100.

SIG-III is collaborating with other chapters and SIGs to offer opportunities to develop professional expertise and increase understanding of concepts relevant to the larger community. The various initiatives offered are a blend of formal and informal programs providing opportunities for engagement and catering to all types of our members.

I thank all the officers, volunteers, and advisors for their active participation and contribution toward the functioning of SIG-III. Through our bimonthly officer meetings, we endeavor to bring to the SIG-III community, programs that offer every opportunity to be a part of your own SIG. I invite everyone to participate actively in all these initiatives and thereby strengthen the professional network of which you are a valuable member.

Devendra Potnis

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The first panel discussed Cultural and Linguistic Diversity as manifested in various Information Systems and Infrastructures.

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Re-Imagining International Research: Challenges and Approaches

Krystyna K. Matusiak , Kawanna Bright , Mónica Colón-Aguirre , Debbie Schachter ,
 Anna Maria Tammara , Amy VanScoy 

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2023 Mid-Year



The Second panel focused on the Ethical and Methodological challenges and practical solutions in Conducting International Research and shared their experiences about Methodological issues and Ethical Concerns in LIS International Research.



SIG-III in 2023 Mid-Year Conference

The panel proposal on 'How to Better Engage with ASIS&T Members? Lessons Learned from SIG-III's Activities During the Covid-19 Pandemic' submitted by SIG-III officers Devendra Potnis, Uni. of Tennessee at Knoxville, USA; Bhakti Gala, Central Uni. of Gujarat, India; Vanessa Reyes, Uni. of South Florida, USA; Manika Lamba, Uni. of Delhi, India; Nosheen Fatima Warraich, Uni. of the Punjab, Pakistan ; Leili Seifi, Uni. of Birjand, Iran; Paul Perez, Uni. of the Philippines,



Philippines was accepted for the 2023 Mid-Year Conference. Join us in the panel discussion on **April 10, 2023; 22:45 EDT.**



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Members joined the evening party after the Annual Meeting 2022

Left to Right: Devendra Potnis, Clara Chu, June Abbas, Abebe Rorissa, Lynn Connaway, Brian Detlor, Sandra Hirsh, and Naresh Agrawal

“...meeting a vibrant community with different perspectives on our field.”

Nadia Caidi,
Uni. of Toronto, Canada

“...my best memory was attending one of the International Cafe which Bhakti Gala held. It was full of joy and fun.”

Leili Seifi,
Uni. of Birjand, Iran



40th Anniversary Celebration of SIG-III

Several SIG-III members from all over the world joined to celebrate the 40th Anniversary and shared their experiences, memories and how they have benefited from this distinguished group.



Left to Right: Saira Soroya, Abebe Rorissa, Sandra Hirsh, Nadia Caidi, Naresh Agrawal, and Brian Detlor



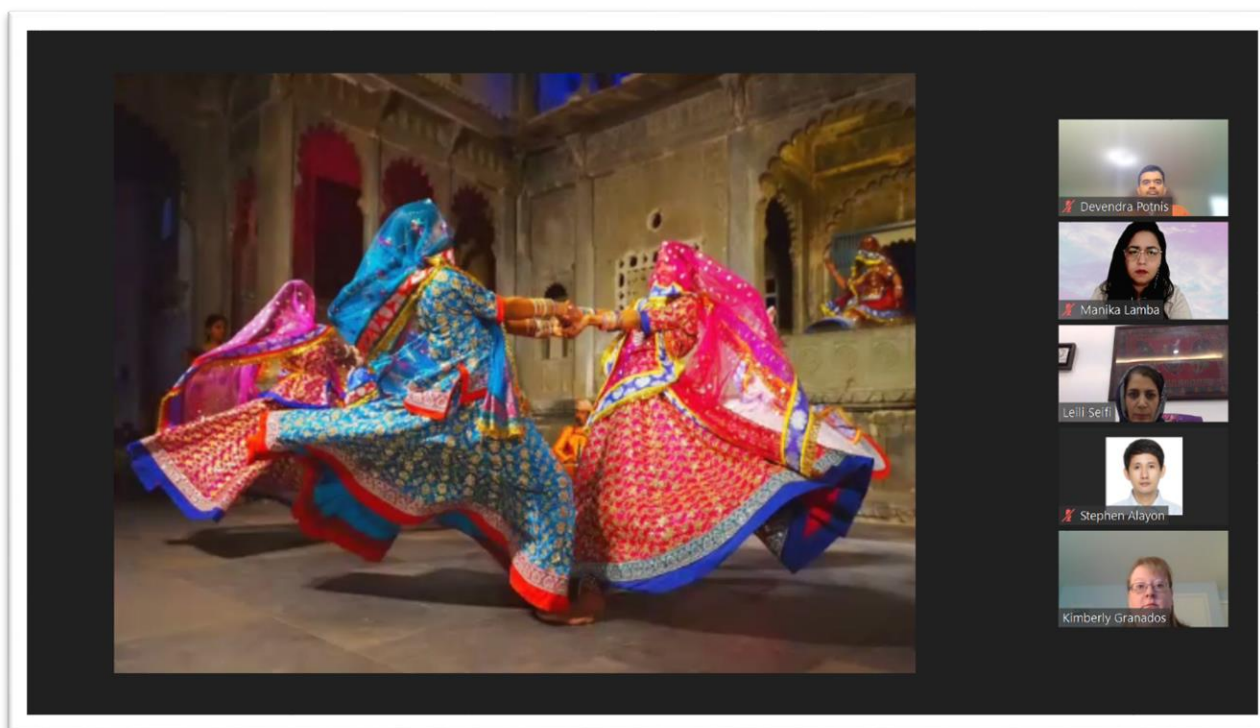
International Cafe Meet



Leili Seifi

The International Café Hour is a relaxed environment where Information Professionals and Scholars can chat about their research, careers, and interests, among many other interesting facts. Organizers of 2023 are Dr. Leili Seifi, University of Birjand, Iran and Dr. Manika Lamba, University of Delhi, India.

5th café meets with the theme of “**THE STORY BEHIND THE LANGUAGES YOU SPEAK**” on January 12, 2023 via Zoom at 9:30 EST was held. More than 20 participants joined this engaging and dynamic meeting. The participants were from Iran, India, USA, Philippines, Pakistan, UK. The presence of the president of ASIST&T Dr. Abebe Rorissa added more value to the meeting.

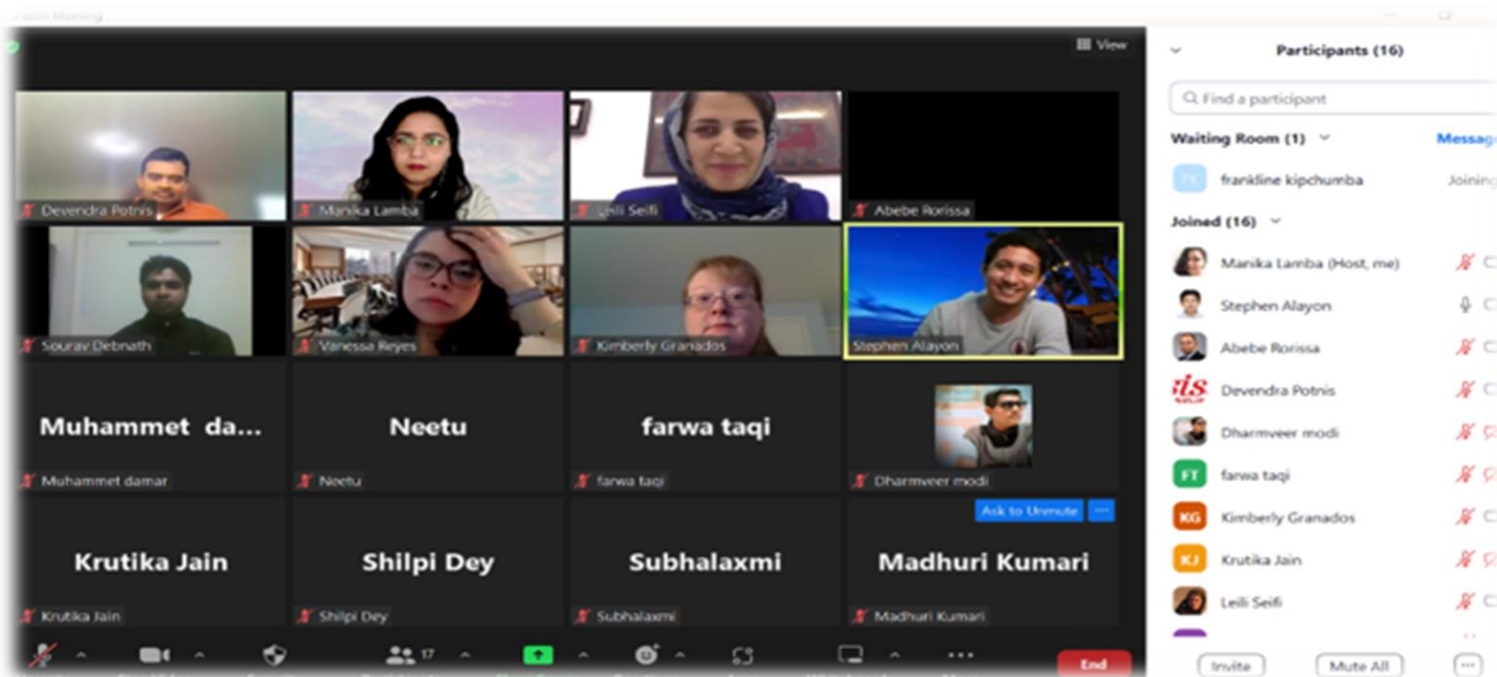



The meet was divided into three sessions including an introduction, engagement about the number of languages, and whiteboard activities.

Feedbacks from participants:

- ✓ It was a great experience.
- ✓ Wonderful! Let's continue offering Cafe Meet sessions with specific themes. Themes that lead to meaningful engagement and learning experiences for attendees are essential to make these sessions popular.
- ✓ Love to join this. The exchange was informal yet educational.
- ✓ The best thing was that I got the opportunity to interact with so many LIS professionals from all around the world, learned a lot from them.
- ✓ This was such a great program, I felt connected and engaged.

- ✓ It was a very nice and fun interactive session. I really like this concept of connecting with people from different parts of the country and sharing experiences.
- ✓ It was fantastic and all encompassing. The way it was conducted will go down a long way in memory. To interact with globally recognized professors in an informal setting like this is of paramount importance to early career researchers. It paves the way for taking things, especially research as a learning process, continuous, joyful journal but not for granted. It is good to hear prominent researchers detailing their experiences interacting with technology. It gives a beginner in research hopes and opportunities to understand that, from small arise the big and there is always a way regardless of difficulties encountered in dealing with emerging technologies.



Participants of 5th Cafe meet interacting over 



Cafe Meet Calls



6th SIG III International Café Meet

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING HOUR AND SHARE WITH US THE STORY BEHIND THE TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS AND USE OF DIFFERENT APPS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
AT
7:00PM IST/ 9:30 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link Available Via iConnect




7th SIG III Café International

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING HOUR
 ON
 TELL-ALL TALES: YOUR MEMORABLE JOB INTERVIEW EXPERIENCES!



VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023
AT
7:00PM IST/ 9:30 AM EST



Zoom Meeting Link Available Via iConnect



We are very excited to be working on the inaugural research wing mentorship program. The signup for the program was launched on January 15th and remained open till early March. We have already received over 30 applications to participate! We are looking forward to matching mentors and mentees and officially launching the research collaborations this spring.

We are calling for applications for mentors and mentees until 1st of March 2023. Please complete the online application through the link given below. Only the SIG-III members can apply as mentors and mentees. If you are not a member, we invite you to obtain membership and join the initiative.

- ❖ Mentors must have a successful track record of publishing research in reputed venues/publications.
- ❖ Mentors and mentees can work together to design and implement a new research project or work in existing projects.
- ❖ They should be willing to work collaboratively for a period of one year starting from July 2023 towards the end of June 2024.
- ❖ A memorandum of understanding will be signed after the mentor/mentee selections are finalized.
- ❖ All communications must be carried out through the i-Connect platform.

Mentors and mentees will be matched by SIG-III Research Wing based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Research interests of mentees and expertise of mentors
- ✓ Availability of mentors
- ✓ Type and level of guidance needed by mentees.
- ✓ Expertise and track record of mentors and mentees.
- ✓ Ensure regional representation and equality.



Collaborative Events

Bhakti Gala

SIG-III is collaborating with the South Asia Chapter to organize a webinar. Dr. Jiangen He, Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA will share his expertise on “Foundations of Data Visualization” on 24 May 2023. Mark your calendars for this informational session!

Chapter’s Business Meeting Summary

2nd SIG Business Meeting – February 1, 2023 @ 7 am IST

Fatih Oguz

We welcome our new members Fatih Oguz as Co-Chair, Sourav Debnath as Newsletter Officer, and volunteer members including Abdul Rohman as Research Wing Volunteer, Bushra Jaswal, Sadaf Rafiq, and Nifemi Segun as InfoShare volunteers, and Manika Lamba as International Cafe Meet volunteer.

There is a funding opportunity for SIGs for a project from ASIS&T. Some of our initiatives are currently underway and we will hear some updates from the chairs. SIG-III members/ officers will be invited to work on the SIG-III Special project fund proposal.

InfoShare Program

Muhammad Tariq

The new officials of InfoShare have resumed the charge and decided that the scale of the activities will be enhanced, and more outreach programs will be initiated to attract the new members. Initially, the InfoShare is announcing Membership Award for 2023. It is also interested to initiate Mentorship Program for information professionals. This program will contain seminars, workshops, and different training programs for the professionals. Connect with InfoShare and learn through sharing. The program Chair, Muhammad Tariq with a team of volunteer members, Bushra Jaswal, Sadaf Rafiq, and Nifemi Segun Adetunji are actively planning to redesign the program.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SIG-III INFOSHARE AWARD 2023

Last date to apply
May 15th, 2023

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW
[HTTPS://WWW.ASIST.ORG/SIG/SIGIII/SIG-III-AWARDS/INFOSHARE/INFOSHARE-NEWS/](https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/sig-iii-awards/infoshare/infoshare-news/)

OR SCAN



CHAIR - INFOSHARE
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Call for International Paper Contest



Zehra Taşkın

The Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) invites research papers from the library and information science (LIS) professionals of developing countries for the 23rd International Paper Contest (IPC) which aims to encourage researchers from developing countries and to share their work globally. The winners of the IPC-2023 will be awarded in the 86th Annual Meeting of the ASIS&T, which will take place in Novotel London West, London, UK from 27-31 October 2023. The theme of the Annual Meeting is: "Making a Difference: Translating Information Research into Practice, Policy, and Action". For more information, visit: <https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/sig-iii-news/international-paper-contest-news/>



Announcements

Fatih Oguz

We are pleased to announce that the SIG-III Logo Design Contest winner is Dr. Saira Hanif Soroyo. We want to thank all of the participants who took the time to submit their designs. The jury selected Dr. Soroyo's entry out of twelve submitted logo designs for its simplistic design and capturing the essence of SIG-III. The new logo features seven dots to capture the global scope of our SIG as these dots represent the seven continents. The selection jury included Bhakti Gala, Fatih Oguz, Leili Seifi, and Nosheen Fatima Warraich.

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