

# The SIG-STI Newsletter

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## New SIG-STI Website

The new SIG-STI website was recently released and is online at: <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGSTI/wordpress/>  
Please send suggestions for content or design improvements to [sig.sti.asist@gmail.com](mailto:sig.sti.asist@gmail.com).

## SIG-STI Logo Contest

A SIG-STI logo design contest will be announced very soon. The contest will solicit designs for a SIG-STI logo and will award a prize for the winning logo. Details of the contest will be announced by email soon and more information about the contest will be available on the SIG-STI website.

## SIG-STI Nominations

Nominations are currently being requested for four SIG-STI officers who will provide leadership for next year. These include the Chair Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, Communication Officer, and Webmaster. Responsibilities for each position are described on the new SIG-STI Wordpress site. See <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGSTI/wordpress/>  
Please send nominations, including self-nominations, to Moriana Garcia at [sig.sti.asist@gmail.com](mailto:sig.sti.asist@gmail.com) by September 1, 2013 and provide the name, professional title, organization, and email address of the candidate along with the title of the SIG-STI office for which the candidate is being nominated.

## Our Members at Work

### SIG-STI Members Present

Renata Curty, Jian Qin, and Youngseek Kim gave a presentation at the Research Data Access and Preservation Summit, RDAP 2013, which was held on April 4-5, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. Their presentation was titled, "What Have Scientists Planned for Data Sharing and Reuse? A Content Analysis of NSF Grantees' Data Management Plan". The slides are available online at: [http://www.slideshare.net/asist\\_org/rdap13-curty-what-have-scientists-planned-for-data-sharing-and-reuse-a-content-analysis-of-nsf-awardees-data-management-plans](http://www.slideshare.net/asist_org/rdap13-curty-what-have-scientists-planned-for-data-sharing-and-reuse-a-content-analysis-of-nsf-awardees-data-management-plans)

### Managing Geospatial Data

The Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center enables discovery of various resources to improve the stewardship of geospatial data and related information. Resources include online and downloadable tools, articles, slides, reports, standards, tutorials, and websites. Visit <http://geopreservation.org/>

### SIG-STI Members Awarded

Jian Qin (PI) and Kevin Crowston (co-PI) received a grant from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to develop a Capability Maturity Model (CMM) for Research Data Management (RDM) training and performance

assessment. The broad goals of this project are to document, foster and promulgate best practices in research data management, practices that support research transparency and the replication of scientific results. The project team hopes through this project to cultivate a new generation of researchers and data managers who are both the best practice beneficiaries and contributors. As more organizations invest in RDM, it has become increasingly important for administrators, researchers, and managers to be able to evaluate the RDM process for sustainability, efficiency, and effectiveness, which requires a baseline for comparison. The project will run for a year and produce a CMM for RDM guideline document in a wiki format to encourage community participation in updating and evolving the document.

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