DASER-2 Summit Held on Dec. 2-4 in College Park, MD

The themes of the Second Digital Archives for Science & Engineering Resources (DASER-2) Summit include challenges and opportunities in digital libraries, institutional repositories, and open access. DASER-2 was sponsored by ASIST, SIG/STI, and the Potomac Valley Chapter (PVC), in coordination with the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Sci-Tech Division.

DASER-2 examined new issues and challenges related to digital archives and Science-Technology-Medicine (STM) publishing. Jan Velterop from Springer gave a keynote on "Academic Pressure on the Egosystem." The rest presentations covered topics on:

- Impact of Open Access on the future of STM libraries;
- Institutional repository models: what works and what doesn't;
- Publisher-library collaboration strategies, now and in the near future;
- Institutional repository object issues—theses, datasets, learning objects, etc.; and
- User needs and patterns related to digital libraries.

Speakers came from academic institutions, publishers, government agencies, and professional associations. The DASER-2 Summit website (http://www.daser.org/) has links to presentation PowerPoint files. The DASER blog contains more information about the DASER-2 meeting.

A Glimpse at SIG/STI 2005

SIG/STI had organized and sponsored three programs at ASIST 2005:

- Survey of scientists and engineers: ensuring reliable research evidence for good practice;
- Managing and disseminating scientific data and information: a technical discussion; and
- Organizing the concepts of science: science ontologies and the Semantic Web.

The CAS Student Travel Award:

This year's winner is Burcu Tonrikulu from University of Ankara, Turkey. She is a graduate student in the Master of Library and Information Science while working as a full-time librarian at the library. With the support from CAS

and her university, she attended her first ASIST conference and learned a great deal at the conference.

SIG/STI Planning for ASIST 2006

We had a good planning meeting at ASIST 2005 in November. Michael Leach proposed to hold DASER-3 as a pre-conference for the 2006 meeting. Its theme will be "What is the future of science libraries?" Next year is also the time for the Tri-Society program (held once every four years and rotating between the 3 societies: ACS, SLA, and ASIST).

Other program ideas include:

- Institutional repositories and LIS education (contact: Robin)
- Scientific visualization (contact: Pat)
- National-level info-seeking survey (contact: KT)
- Data access (contact: Jian)

If you know who may be a potential speaker for one of these topics, please get in touch with the contact person. Or, if you have other program ideas, please email Jian to keep her updated.

Special points of interest:

Relevant upcoming conferences:

- Trisociety Symposium 2006 is being organized as a pre-conference to ASIST 2006. Volunteers are needed. Please contact KT if you are interested.
- Scientific Data and Knowledge within the Information Society, 23-25 October 2006, Beijing (CODATA)

Recent publications of interest:

- Expanding Access to Research Data: Reconciling Risks and Opportunities, 2005

This newsletter was edited by Jian Qin. There will be three more issues (in March, June, and September) before ASIST 2006. A call for news items will be sent out when next publication time is near.