THE SIG VIS NEWS



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The Special Interest Group on Visualization, Images and Sound (SIG VIS) is barely a year old, but already we have 174 members, have sponsored a program at an ASIS meeting, have met to plan for the coming year, and have created a homepage on the WWW. In the next few months we hope to expand our electronic base of communications through the creation of a Listserv for notices and ongoing discussion, and through an electronic newsletter, (you're reading it now) which will be archived on our homepage. All members are encouraged to participate and contribute to these communications. For more information, please contact Abby Goodrum.

FROM THE CHAIR



Greetings. As the incoming chair of SIGVIS I would like to briefly introduce myself to our members. I am an Assistant Professor at the School of Information and Library Studies at the University at Buffalo.I have a B.A. in Geology, an M.L.S., and I have just completed my Ph.D. from Syracuse University with a dissertation entitled "Image Attributes: An Investigation" (an appropriate topic for a SIGVIS chair!). My research interests are in the areas of image indexing and retrieval, human image processing, and visual presentation of information. At the planning meeting at ASIS we discussed proposing a LIBRES special issue on the topic of Research Needs in Image Retrieval. LIBRES has indicated an interest in our doing this, so I would welcome suggestions for potential articles and authors for this endeavor. We also have a number of exciting programs planned for the next year under our Chair-Elect Myke Gluck's capable supervision. I think SIGVIS has the potential to facilitate a number of important and interesting interdisciplinary endeavors, and I am anxious to start exploring some of this potential with our members. I look forward to working with all of you and hearing suggestions from all of you regarding the year's activities.

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VIS ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING



SIG VIS met during the ASIS Annual Conference in Chicago to begin program planning for next year. Present at the meeting were Corinne Jorgenson, Myke Gluck, Tom Kinney, Robert Korfhage, James Turner, Peiling Wang, Mark Rorvig, Janette Bradley, and Abby Goodrum. Discussion centered on potential programs for the coming year. There were a number of suggestions for topics including: Networking, Image Indexing and Retrieval, and Data Visualization. Formats suggested were: a preconference workshop, conference panels, and putting together a special issue of LIBRES. There was also a great deal of interest in working with other SIGs such as HCI, STI, and CR. Several members are now following up on some of these ideas, and Corinne Jorgenson will be sending information to our members regarding LIBRES. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas or programs should contact Corinne Jorgenson or Myke Gluck. The deadline for submission of programs is November 15 for the ASIS Midyear meeting and December 15 for the Annual Meeting.

SIG VIS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB!



The Special Interest Group on Visualization, Images and Sound (SIG VIS) now has a homepage on the World Wide Web. The URL is http://www.unt.edu/~aag0001/index.htm This page will be changing quite a bit in the coming months as new information is added. So keep watching! I appreciate your comments and suggestions, and hope that all of our members will send me useful URLs to link to our page. Special thanks and high marks go to Bart Gierson for assisting in the creation of the homepage. Employers take note: Bart will be graduating in December from UNT's School of Library and Information Science. By the way, would the kind person who sent me the "pigsnort" URL please get in touch with me again? I seem to have missplaced it and haven't been able to locate anything like it.

NEW OFFICERS



The officers for the 1995/1996 year are: Corinne Jorgensen, Chair cjorgens@ubvms.cc.buffalo.edu

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