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This issue of the SIG VIS News marks the beginning of our third year as a special interest group within ASIS. During this time, VIS has grown from a handful of folks who signed a petition to support "SIG PIG," (Pictures, Images, & Graphics), to nearly 200 members. Not only has VIS grown bigger, but in the last three years VIS has sponsored outstanding sessions at every ASIS meeting, and we won the SIG Publication of the Year Award! This year we're bigger and better than ever! The slate of officers has been expanded, the VIS web page has been redesigned and enhanced, and the editorship of the SIG VIS NEWS will now be shared by four guest editors. There are plans in the works for a SIG VIS Listserv as well. Our continued success can only be maintained with the support of our membership. Take a minute to think of ways that you can contribute to this organization, and then contact one of the officers listed in this newsletter to volunteer.

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ASIS ANNUAL MEETING 1997

Digital Collections: Implications for Users, Funders, Developers, and Maintainers

The theme of the 1997 Annual Meeting provided an excellent opportunity for SIG VIS to contribute sessions relating to both theory and practice. Brief descriptions of each session can be found at the ASIS web site or through the links provided. A full report of the SIG VIS session, "Classification and Indexing for Image Collections: Theory and Practice" can also be found in the December 1997/January 1998 edition of the Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science.

Semiotic Approaches to Information Science

<http://www.asis.org/annual-97/sessions.htm#semiotic>

Organizing and Representing Knowledge Graphically Using Classificatory Structures

<http://www.asis.org/annual-97/sessions.htm#organizing>

Classification and Indexing for Image Collections: Theory and Practice;

<http://www.asis.org/annual-97/sessions.htm#classification>

Bulletin Technical Report

<http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Dec-97/Dornfeld.htm>

WEB SITE REVIEW

The NCSA Audio Development Group Web page at <http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/VEG/audio/index.html> presents several interesting approaches to the navigation of cyberspaces using sound. Several projects are detailed including: Audio Navigation of Information Space which was demonstrated at Siggraph 95, Navigating a Chaotic System in which complex navigational tasks are supported via visual and auditory feedback, and Topological Exploration and Analysis of Simplicial Complexes Using Audio Signals. Papers available at this site include: Open your ears to the sounds of chaos, ; Data driven sound: The next step, and Model-based interactive sound for an immersive virtual environment. Small examples of the audio navigation systems or output are available throughout the site, as well as an area for future testing of an interactive tool for synthesizing sounds. Unfortunately, the NCSA Sound Server Tutorial and Reference links were available to NCSA machines only. Although these pages were last updated March 28, 1997, most of the work reported was presented in 1994 or 1995.

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