First, I want to acknowledge the death of Lois Lunin, the Bulletin’s creator and first editor. Lois continued as a member of the Bulletin Advisory Board for many years after I became editor and was an unquenchable source of energy and new, creative ideas. I was deeply grateful to her. Her great work for ASIS&T, however, apart from her personal research and her engagement with the welfare of the Association as a whole, was her editorship of the “Perspectives” series for JASIST. With “Perspectives,” Lois was able to provide highly readable special issues on developments in the field that were scholarly, but neither review articles in the usual sense nor original research. Her goal was to provide in-depth understanding for practitioners and students, as well researchers who were not specialists in the areas of focus. And what an amazing list of such areas Lois was able to generate bi-annually over 27 years! Beginning with “Perspectives on Secondary Information Services” published in 1982, it ended in 2009 with “Perspectives on Design: Information Technologies and Creative Practices,” an achievement reflecting her imagination both as scientist and as artist. In addition to an obituary by her colleague and friend S.K. Hastings, we are reprinting Lunin’s Bulletin tribute to ASIS&T on its 50th anniversary.

Our special section is on the difficult but very important topic of the economics of knowledge organization systems (KOS). Our five authors approach the discussion in a variety of ways, from making KOS more efficient (Richard Szostak) to devising the means to measure “metadata capital,” the value of metadata as it is reused through some of the many mechanisms that are being developed to promote that goal (Jane Greenberg). Gail Hodge considers the special, though common, case of KOS that are also U.S. government documents or systems and thus in the public domain, while Denise Bedford considers taxonomies from the perspective of economic value – as assets or liabilities. Barbara Gilles explores the topic by considering how closely the notion of “mining” data or text conforms the metaphor of mining natural resources. Marjorie Hlava provides a more detailed overview of the articles in her introduction to the section.

Like Hodge, Lisa Johnston is also concerned with the impact of U.S. government requirements to improve access to government-sponsored research, in this case to datasets. In the RDAP Review, she discusses a data curation pilot program at the University of Minnesota.

Finally, in his President’s Page, ASIS&T President Harry Bruce applauds the interdisciplinary character of information science as well as the increasing international focus of ASIS&T, noting that the 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Europe.

Our readers should also note, in case you missed the event, that ASIS&T headquarters has moved a few blocks between winter storms. Still in Silver Spring, MD, our new address is 8555 16th Street, Suite 850, Silver Spring, MD 20910, USA. All other contact information is unchanged.