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One of the highlights of the year for me as editor of the *Bulletin* is the annual information architecture (IA) issue, which primarily comprises presentations from the ASIS&T IA Summit, in this case the 11th Summit, held in Phoenix in April. There are no formal proceedings for the summits, so it is our pleasure to make some of these presentations more widely available each year. This year's guest editor, the *Bulletin*'s associate editor for IA, Thom Haller, has elected to return to the theme of definitions of IA and the nature of IA as a field. "What is Information Architecture? Practical Definitions and Useful Principles in Our Second Decade of Work and Study" includes four papers in addition to Thom's introduction. In thoughtful presentations Dan Klyn, Andrea Resmini and Keith Instone, Nathaniel Davis and Dan Brown share with us a variety of views and approaches to contemplate.

I am also pleased to have a second feature article from Marko Rodriguez, this time with co-author Peter Neubauer. Marko is a specialist in graph databases and graph theory, and, as such, is very mathematically oriented in his work. But graph theory is an important science underlying a great deal of the current development in data structures and databases, for example, for RDF – the subject of Marko's previous article – and Marko is fortunately willing to undertake the difficult task of making some of this material accessible. If you have wondered how graph representations of RDF are processed or what comes next in database

development after the relational model, this article is for you. When I was teaching in the area of contemporary knowledge organization, I would have welcomed it wholeheartedly as a valuable reading, and I hope many of you will share that view.

We also have reports on two other significant ASIS&T activities. First, the IA Summit was not the only ASIS&T event held in Phoenix. The maiden voyage of the ASIS&T Research Data Access and Preservation Summit addressed a field of growing importance in information science and reflected the leading role that ASIS&T members have played in its development. We are very happy to have a summary of the summit prepared by Reagan Moore and William L. Anderson.

In the other significant event, also in April, the ASIS&T Information Professional Task Force "went international" as Nancy Roderer and Gail Bonath report, when Nancy Roderer lead a People to People delegation to China to "discuss the education and promotion of information professionals." The location of some Chinese LIS schools within information institutions was one interesting feature of the Chinese experience that the delegation explored – along, of course, with quite a lot of excellent fun and food.

Finally, ASIS&T President Gary Marchionini reflects on his President's Page about the nature of the Society as we approach our 75th anniversary in 2012, a precursor of things to come. ■