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### 1. International Paper Contest Results

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG III), is pleased to announce the top six winners of its third International Paper Contest:

1. **Ji Lu** (China)  
   Creating Special Literature Resource Databases in Western China Under a Digital Environment

2. **Subbiah Arunachalam** (India)  
   Information for Research in Developing Countries - Information Technology, a Friend or Foe?

3. **Wang Jun** (China)  
   A Knowledge Network Constructed by Integrating Classification, Thesaurus and Metadata in Digital Library

4. **Merlyna Lim** (Indonesia)  
   From War-Net to Net-War: The Internet and Resistance Identities in Indonesia

5. **Usha Mujoo-Munshi** (India)  
   Building Digital Resources: Creating Facilities at INSA

6. **Innocent I. Ekoja** (Nigeria)  
   Farmers’ Access to Agricultural Information in Nigeria

The theme of this year’s paper contest is "Knowledge, Connections and Communities: the developing world perspective." The six winning papers were selected from forty-three papers from 14 countries received for this year’s competition. Each winner will be awarded a two-year individual membership in ASIST. In addition, the first and second place winners of the competition will also receive a $1,000 travel grant to attend the 2002 ASIST Annual Conference in Philadelphia. These and other papers submitted in the competition will be considered for publication by the ASIST Bulletin and Elsevier's International Information and Library Review.

Congratulations to the winners! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ASIST Chapters and SIGs who contributed to funding the competition. Thanks also go to the referees for their hard work for this year’s competition. The referees were Diane Hopkins, Sue O'Neill Johnson, Nathalie Leroy, Michel Menou, Margarita Studemeister, and Hong Xu. The management committee for the paper contest consisted of Yunfei Du, Nathalie Leroy and Sue O'Neill Johnson.

More information about the paper competition and travel grant is available from the SIG III website under Paper Contest.

### 2. Eugene Garfield Travel Grants Awarded to 12 winners from Developing Countries

SIG III members managed the Eugene Garfield International Travel Grants program this year. This is the first time that this Grants program was offered. The winners had not previously traveled to the United States. They are:

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Andzela Armoniene          Lithuania
Bernard Bamuhiga Bazirake              Uganda
Tran Ngoc Ca                  Vietnam
Kozanka Comfort             Nigeria
Miriam Vieira da Cunha      Brazil
Nesna Injac-Malbasa        Yugoslavia
P.K.Jain                           India
Wang Jun                        China
Merlyna Lim                    Indonesia
Baljin Narantsetseg          Mongolia

These winners were selected from 135 applicants by a panel of judges that include Joseph Busch, Dudee Chiang, Norman Horrocks, Sue Johnson, Michel Menou and Irene Travis. The grants, sponsored by the Eugene Garfield Foundation, will support these information scientists from developing countries to attend the ASIST Annual Meeting, in Philadelphia, PA, USA, November 18-21, 2002. The grants are to cover travel expenses to and from Philadelphia, hotel costs, and a per diem allowances. We appreciate the hard work from the panel and generous support from Eugene Garfield Foundation.

More information about the ASIST travel Grant is available from the SIG III website under Paper Contest.

3. Election Ballot for SIG III Officers

The Nominating Committee of SIG III has agreed on the following slate of officers for the coming year 2002/2003:

Chair (Chair-Elect 2001-2002): Sue O'Neill Johnson
Asst. Chair: Prakriti Ranjan Goswami
Chair-Elect: Nathalie Leroy
Asst. Chair-Elect (Outside the USA): Liwen Vaughan
Immediate Past Chair/Cabinet Representative: Hong Xu
Communication officer: Yin Zhang
Infoshare Officer: Suzanne Stemlers
Treasurer: Bahaa Elhadidy
Outreach and membership officer (Outside the USA): Nadia Caidi

Committee Chairs:
Program chair (e.g., annual meeting programs): Hong Xu
International Paper Contest Chair: Yunfei Du

Ballot had been accepted until October 30, 2002.

4. SIG III Sponsored Sessions at 2002 Annual Meeting

The following five SIG III sessions will sponsored at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia:

1. Digital Divide II: Global vs. Local Content (SIG/III)
   (Tuesday, November 19, 8:30am - 10:00am)

   You will learn about:
   - Cross-lingual Web searching techniques
   - Cross-language information management in multinational organizations
   - Multilingual metadata schema registry
   - Adapting CORC and Dublin Core to the Chinese environment

   Presenters
   Hong Xu, University of Pittsburgh
   Peter Armstrong, OneWorld Online
   Basheerhamad Shadrach, Transparency International
2. Global Information Village Plaza (SIG/III)
(Tuesday, November 19, 12noon – 1pm)

Politicians, economists, demographers and other specialists discuss at length the so-called global village, and they design policies and programs to support the world's transition to a digital economy. But the lay professional public has little opportunity to express and confront its views. And while macro-economic and social challenges and practices are often debated, implications of the "new" society on individuals is more often than not overlooked. In celebration of the SIG/III 20th anniversary, this project will provide an opportunity for all ASIST members to express and share their views.

Moderators:
Michel Menou, City University, UK, Nadia Caidi, University of Toronto

(Tuesday, November 19, 1:30-3:00pm)

The multicultural environment created by globalization of information poses challenging opportunities for information organization and access. In this panel session, a group of experts will present their insights and research to illustrate how they address these challenges.

Presenters
Stan Skrzeszewski, Advanced Strategic Management Consultants
Bhagirarthi Subrahanyam, Kent State University
Cheryl Metoyer, Thesaurus Construction Project, UCLA
Nathalie Leroy, United Nations
Nadia Caidi, University of Toronto

Moderator: Yin Zhang, Kent State University

4. Society Metrics in the Global Environment (SIG/III)
(Thursday, November 21, 8:30-10:00am)

You will learn about:
- The underlying assumptions behind the variety of instruments and approaches developed for these purposes
- Their comparative advantages and disadvantages
- Relevance of such measures to the various stakeholders
- The hidden assumption that the density of digital appliances and applications reflects the degree of advancement of a society
- The need for and feasibility of introducing various human factors as part of the measurements

Presenters
John Agada, Emporia State University
Charles Kenny, The World Bank
Leah Lievrouw, University of California, Los Angeles
Yu-hong Zhou, Strategic Information Center, Shanghai Library/ISTIS

Moderators: Liwen Vaughan, University of Western Ontario, and Michel Menou, City University (London)

5. Bridging the Digital Divide as Capacity Building for the Information Economy
(Tuesday, November 21, 10:30-12noon)

You will learn about:
- Digital divide discourse and policy initiatives drawing on experiences from public libraries, schools and telecentres in Africa and Latin America
- ICT programs within the context of larger socioeconomic issues that influence development of intellectual capital for sustainable growth
- Challenges of enhancing social and economic equity through ICT programs in Nigeria
- Experimental programs to harness local intellectual capital in El Salvador
- ICT policy solutions which would empower citizens to reform their political, economic and educational environments.
5. International Reception & Silent Auction at 2002 Annual Meeting

SIG III plans to hold its annual InfoShare Auction at the International Reception. We need several SIG III members to help set up the InfoShare Auction. Volunteers will arrange auction items on tables and fill in paper forms to accompany each item (SIG III InfoShare Officer, Suzanne Stemler, will bring the forms). Volunteers are also needed to help collect items for people unable to attend, and anything else that needs to be done to ensure a lively and successful auction on Monday, Nov. 18 at 8pm.

Last year we raised over $500 to support 5 full ASIST memberships. This year we would like to raise more money and support additional memberships. Please talk this up among friends and colleagues and gather donations/auction items to bring to Philadelphia. If you want to contribute but won't be able to attend you can send items to Suzanne Stemler at the Wyndham Philadelphia or give them to someone who will be attending. Please include item description, suggested base price, and name of donor.

Please contact Suzanne Stemler if you have any questions. Also, please let her know what/how many items you will be donating/bringing so that Suzanne can make the arrangement to have enough tables for auction items. Here is Suzanne's contact information:

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6. SIG III Planning Meeting at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

Hello everyone!

If you will be attending the 2002 ASIST Conference in Philadelphia, please come to the Planning Meeting --

Who: SIG International Information Issues

What: To review past year's programs and to brainstorm topics for next year's meeting, international paper contest, etc.

When: Monday (Nov.18) 12:30-1:30 and Tuesday (Nov.19) 4-5:30

Where: Conference Hotel. Please check the ASIST Annual Meeting program for room location.

Why: To have your voice on issues and future development of SIG III, to greet fellows from different countries, to enjoy the diversity of experiences.

Please also visit our table at the SIG Rush/Annual Reception on Sunday.
You may also want to check the SIG III home page at
http://www.slis.kent.edu/~yinzhang/sigiii. Thanks to Yin Zhang for her
difficult work on this great site!

See you in Philadelphia.

Hong Xu, SIG III Chair

7. InfoShare Awards

Congratulations on the following InfoShare Awardees this year!

Layla Abdelhady from Egypt

Layla Abdelhady has been awarded a two-year membership
in ASIST. From 1993-present she has been Director for the Library Services
at Bibliotheca Alexandrina. She is a member in the Association for Egyptian
Librarians and Information Specialists and the Archeological Society in
Alexandria, Egypt. Before taking on numerous responsibilities at the
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Layla was Library Director of the American Center
Library in Alexandria.

Ozi Orji from Nigeria

Ozi Orji had written a paper for the competition three years in a row and she is active in
the Nigerian Library Association and now is the secretary of the new
Sub-Saharan African group of SLA. Her title is Librarian for the United Bank
of Africa. She holds a masters in Library Science and in Business
Administration. Ms. Orgi’s paper from 2000 Competition in International Information and Library Review.

Subbiah Arunachalam from India

Subbiah Arunachalam volunteers with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, a non-profit
Trust engaged in research in sustainable development, food security,
ecotechnology, etc. At the Foundation his title is "Distinguished Fellow".
Arun writes, "Recently the Institute of Information Scientists, UK,
conferred on me the Institute's Honorary Fellowship. There are 33 honorary
fellows and I am the only Indian. Last month our Foundation's Information
Village project won the Stockholm Challenge award." Arun's reference to
"last month" would have been last fall, probably Nov. Arun is on the
torial boards of "half a dozen refereed journals including Scientometrics
and Journal of Information Science. His articles have appeared in British
Science, Bulletin of ASIS, etc. Arun writes that he has spoken at "two AAAS
annual meetings, two IFLA Annual Meetings and an SLA Annual meeting - all by
invitation."

Subbiah has just won second prize and an additional two year membership in the SIG III international paper competition. This means
that he will be a member for three years.

PK Jain from India

Mr. Jain is Assistant Librarian for the Institute of Economic Analysis in Delhi, India, the major research library on economics in
Delhi, and one of the most important libraries in India. He manages a library of 16 staff. Mr. Jain has Masters Degrees in Economics,
Sociology, and LIS. Mr. Jain has submitted very good papers in the International Paper Competition for three years. He is particularly
interested in the lack of continuing education in India, and the out of date curricula in Indian library schools. He is a member of SLA,
and has just been elected Chapter President of the SLA Asian Chapter. He is the winner from India of the Eugene Garfield Travel
Grant to the Philadelphia Conference.
8. Frequently Asked Questions about sigiii-l Subscriptions and SIG III Web Site

The sigiii-l list is open to all (regardless of membership) and it is unmoderated. We feel that of all ASIST SIGs, International Information Issues especially needs the ability to communicate quickly and widely. In the past, we had taken the liberty of subscribing all members of SIG III based on the information available at headquarters. However, this year, the ASIST&T had problems to update list owners. Therefore, the Communication Officer has not been able to manage the list. Nevertheless, you may change your subscription as you would need by following the instructions below.

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The official Web site of SIG III is located at http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.html. Due to transition problems, the SIG III’s web site is temporarily available http://www.slis.kent.edu/~yinzhang/sigiii

Please contact the SIG III Communication Officer, Yin Zhang (yinzhang@slis.kent.edu), if you have any questions regarding the sigiii-l listserv and the SIG III web site.

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