The Origins of SIG-III and Its 30 Years’ Journey: Visions and Reflections

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In light of the 75th ASIS&T Anniversary Celebration and the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG-III), the participants on this panel will discuss the origins of SIG-III and its early years.
The ability to form connections with other scholars from around the world is one of the most important skills an academic can possess. The formation of an international network of colleagues allows for academics to stay on top of current global trends, internationally disseminate information, and form cross-border and cross-cultural research teams.
• In addition to the reflections of the last 30 years, the panel will explore how ASIS&T members are using social media and the entire landscape of tools available to reach out to a broader audience in order to maintain the continuity in international information exchanges, and collaborations.
SIG/III Purpose:

- SIG/III promotes better awareness among ASIS&T members and information professionals of the importance of international cooperation.

- SIG/III facilitates and enhances better communication and interaction among ASIS&T members and their foreign colleagues on information issues.
SIG/III members work to develop an international network of digital scholars and experts on digital libraries and information technology in developing countries.

SIG/III provides a forum for exploring and discussing international information issues and problems. SIG III membership includes most non-U.S. ASIS&T members and a true cross-section of U.S. ASIS&T members.
SIG/III Activities

- Hosts the yearly International Reception at ASIS&T Annual Meetings.
- Sponsors panels at ASIS&T Annual Meetings.
- Awards one-year ASIS&T memberships, through its InfoShare Program.
SIG/III Activities

• Coordinates the International Paper Contest

• LIS professionals from developing countries submit research to win travel awards to ASIS&T Annual Meetings as well as two-year ASIS&T memberships.

• SIG/III builds close relationships between Paper Contest participants and established members of the SIG/III and ASIS&T community through its Mentorship Program.
SIG/III 30th Anniversary Publication: http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/30th-anniversary-publication

- The Origin Story and 30 Years of Memories: Interviews
- SIG-III: International Paper Contest: 13 years’ journey
- InfoShare and its impact
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- SIG-III sponsored international sessions at ASIS&T
- The SIG-III Newsletter, Mentorship Program, Global Plaza, and other outreach activities
- Archiving memories (Facebook Photos and videos)
SIG/III Social Media/Web Presence

• Find SIG/III on Facebook at: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=101547247614

• LinkedIn Group: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3868177

• Twitter: https://twitter.com/sig3i

• Web: www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII
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