

**SIG ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT  
and  
SIG-OF-THE-YEAR CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST**

**SIG NAME (and acronym):**

**International Information Issues (SIG-III)**

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Do you wish to be considered for SIG of the Year?

**Yes**       **No**

Do you wish to roll over 100% of the SIG's fund balance to the next fiscal year?

**Yes**     **No** (if yes, please complete #10).

1. Did your SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting?

Yes  No

- Please see the meeting minute in the May 2012 Newsletter ([Vol. 12 No.1](#))

2. Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last ASIS&T annual meeting?

Name - Toni Carbo Office SIG Cabinet representative

3. Who attended the All-SIGs Planning Lunch at the last ASIS&T annual meeting?

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4. Please list the names of new leaders in your SIG who may be interested in getting involved in other areas of ASIS&T:

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5. Describe any efforts your SIG made especially designed to recruit new members or retain members (e.g., welcome letters, calls or visits, etc.).

- During our SIG planning meeting at 2011 ASIST conference, we recruited volunteers to join the SIG-III and participate in the SIG's various activities. In this regard, a number of new members were very active in our SIG-III's list serve discussions and their inputs were invaluable for the success of our successful proposal that reduced membership fee for developing countries. Many new members also have been involved in our SIG-III 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary related activities. Among other vibrant leaders that emerged from various parts of the world, Anatoliy Gruzd, from Dalhousie University (Canada) together with Anindita Paul take our SIG-III social media presence to the next level. To encourage and facilitate international information exchange, SIG-III has launched a new Twitter account: @sig3i. The account already generated a lot of excitement by featuring news from ASIS&T scholars around the globe as well as job and funding opportunities.
- In addition to combining related activities, we also eliminated some of the previous inactive and redundant positions (such as marketing Officer). In this regard, we reactivated our Mentorship Coordinator position and our Newsletter editor Sarah Emmerson agreed to take additional responsibilities to galvanize our outreach activities. We hope that all these will help to reach a broader IS community globally and generate more interest in our SIG and Society at large.
- Through our InfoShare program, we award one-year ASIS&T memberships to information professionals in developing countries. Thanks to the successful fund-raising during ASIS&T 2011 Annual Meeting, this year we are able to support 9 professionals and 3 students from 7 different countries.

- For the past 12 years, SIG-III has also been organizing the very successful International Paper Contest, and more than 360 authors from more than 50 countries have participated so far. We received 14 papers in this anniversary year.
- In addition to the above mentioned activities and other undertakings (including quarterly newsletters, extensive social media and Web presences), SIG-III officers make every effort to spread the word about ASIS&T and SIGs through various activities in their respective institutions. In this regard, embracing our goal of participating in cooperative ventures on an international level with other ASIS&T SIGs and Regional Chapters, SIG-III joined the European Chapter of ASIS&T and ASIS&T SIG-MET in co-sponsoring a Doctoral Forum, held on April 12-13, 2012 in England at the University of Wolverhampton.
- We believe that all these interrelated and synergetic activities will serve to engage existing members and to attract new members to the SIGs and to ASIS&T in general.

6. What programs, including those presented at ASIST Annual, did your SIG sponsor or cosponsor during the activity period? (e.g, continuing education programs, regional meetings, promotional activities for your SIG or ASIS&T, career guidance, ongoing services, etc.). Please list the name of the program, speakers involved, date and location, estimated attendance, revenue and expenses, a brief description of each program, and other participating organizations or ASIS&T units, if applicable.

**SIG-III sponsored or co-sponsored sessions and other activities at ASIST 2011 Annual Meeting:**

- Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:00am – 12:00 pm – SIG Cabinet Meeting attended by Toni Carbo. SIG-III received the 2011 ASIS&T SIG Publication of the Year Award for its May 2011 – Volume 11, Number 1 – issue of its Newsletter.

- 12:00-1:00pm – New Members / 1st Time Attendees Brunch. Daniel Alemneh was in attendance representing SIG-III and distributed flyers and copies of the most recent SIG-III newsletter and recruited a number of new members.
- 6:30-8:30pm – Welcome Reception. A number of SIG-III officers attended stayed at the SIG-III table made contacts with other members and distributed pamphlets.

- Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:00-6:00pm – SIG-III Business Meeting. As can be seen from the attached minutes, the meeting was attended by many members (including via Skype) and all of the agenda items discussed.
- 8:00-10:00pm – International Reception. As usual the event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd and we raised about \$1600 from raffle tickets sell and silent auction. The revenue raised from this event is used to fund the Infoshare program.

- Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:

- 8:30am-10:30pm – SIG-III sponsored panel entitled: *“Open Access and Scholarly Communication: The Current Landscape, Future Direction, and the Influence on Global Scholarship.”*  
*Panelists:* Daniel Gelaw Alemneh, Samantha Hastings, Suliman Hawamdeh, Austin McLean, and Abebe Rorissa.



7. Describe the publications your SIG produced during the activity period (e.g., newsletters, technical publications, pathfinders, joint publications, etc.). Briefly describe those publications here, indicate the publication frequency and intended audience, and enclose a copy of each publication (or provide the URL) with this report.

- Newsletter published in [October 2011](#) and [May 2012](#) (copies attached)
- Another newsletter is planned for October 2012.
- SIG-III was one of the contributors for the ASIS&T Task Force on Webinars:  
<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/webinars/TaskForceOnWebinars.pdf>
- Based on our discussion with Diane Sonnenwald, the current ASIS&T President, (concerning a reduced membership fee for ASIS&T members from developing countries), we prepared a proposal recommending reduced membership fees for individuals residing in countries categorized annually by the United Nations as “medium” or “low” with respect to human development. The ASIS&T Board considered the proposal and adopted it unanimously.
- This year, we are also planning to publish a special 30<sup>th</sup> SIG-III Anniversary publication.

8. Describe your SIG's participation in other noteworthy activities during the period (e.g., participation in a public effort, such as, legislative hearing, standards committee, representation at meetings of other organizations, etc.).

- **SIG-III submitted a formal proposal to reduce membership fees for members and potential members from certain developing countries and the ASIS&T Board of Directors has unanimously accepted and approved it.**

**Accordingly, individuals residing in countries categorized annually by the United Nations as “medium” or “low” with respect to human development will be eligible to pay reduced membership fees (\$40 per year). The details in published Inside ASIS&T, (Page 7 of February/March 2012 – Volume 38, Number 3 – issue of ASIS&T Bulletin.) ASIS&T president Diane Sonnenwald wrote about it in her presidents' message of both Volume 38 [No. 3](#) and [No. 4](#) issues of ASIS&T Bulletins.**

- **SIG-III launched our Twitter account (@sig3i) in June 2012. We undertook the Twitter account to encourage and facilitate international information exchanges among ASIS&T members and to highlight and promote research done by SIG members and other colleagues. To celebrate the official launch of our Twitter account and to encourage people to follow us, we conducted a random draw among our Twitter followers. Isabella Peters (@Isabella83) from Heinrich-Heine-Universität Duesseldorf in Germany is the winner of a \$50 Amazon.com gift card.**
- **Infoshare program: ASIS&T is a truly international professional society that actively recruits members from all over the world. As part of this effort, the ASIS&T International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG-III), through its InfoShare Program, has been recruiting and sponsoring professional and student members from a number of developing countries. This year, we received 16 nominations and, after a vote by SIG-III officers, awarded nine (9) of them full membership benefits for one year (9 professional and 3 student memberships). The InfoShare award recipients not only come from seven (7) different countries, but they are also diverse in their professional and educational backgrounds. With the new \$40 ASIS&T membership fee for developing countries, we will be able to support even more colleagues for whom the cost of membership would otherwise be a financial burden.**
- **International Paper Contest: SIG III held its twelfth competition for papers from information science scholars and practitioners in developing countries. For the past 12 years, SIG-III has been organizing**

the very successful International Paper Contest, and more than 360 authors from more than 50 countries have participated so far. Building from the overall ASIS&T-2012 conference theme, this year's theme was: *"Information, Interaction, Innovation: Celebrating the Past, Constructing the Present, and Creating the Future"*. We received 14 papers in this anniversary year from all-across Asia and Africa.

**The first place** award goes to Muhammad Sajid Mirza AND Dr. Khalid Mahmood, both from Pakistan. Their paper is titled *"Electronic resources and services in Pakistani university libraries: A survey of users' satisfaction."* As principal author, Muhammad Sajid Mirza will be awarded a two-year membership to ASIS&T, as well as funding to travel to this year's annual Meeting.

**The second place** award goes to Yahya Ibrahim Harnade, from Nigeria, and will be awarded a two-year membership to ASIS&T. Yahya's paper is titled: *"Authorship Patterns in Engineering Education."*

**Third place** winner is Lallaisangzuali from India and the paper is titled: *"Information Needs and Seeking Behaviour of Social Science Post-Graduate Students and Research Scholars of Mizoram University: A Case Study."*

- We have double fourth place winners this year.

**Fourth Place Winner (1):** Ibrahim Usman Alhaji and Yahya Ibrahim Harnade, Nigeria, *"Basic Literature of Diabetes: A Bibliometrics Analysis of Three Countries in Different World Regions."*

**Fourth Place Winner (2):** Irene Onyanacha, Ethiopia, *"Addressing Institutional Dementia in Africa: The Case of the ECA Institutional Repository- A Knowledge Base on African Socio-economic Development."*

Those winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*. The principal authors of each of the three winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIS&T. In addition, the first place winner will be awarded a maximum of \$2,000 to attend the 2012 ASIS&T Annual Conference.

9. Please include any other comments you would like to make about your SIG's activities during the period.

- This was another interesting year for the SIG-III. We are looking forward to the 75<sup>th</sup> ASIS&T's Anniversary in Baltimore, which will also be 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our SIG-III. In addition to our own SIG-III events, we are proud to collaborate with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force and sponsor the Keynote Address, for the pre-conference that will explore the 75 year history of ASIS&T and the longer history of information science and technology worldwide:  
<http://www.asis.org/asist2012/historyofASIST.html>
- Sig-III will redesign its website to improve its function and look. Among other changes, the new website will be more accessible for mobile devices and more easily incorporate social medias and related tools. In light of the ever-growing Drupal development community (both within ASIS&T and globally) as well as the large number of available add-on modules make a compelling case to migrate our old SIG-III website (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>) to Drupal. We hope that all of our SIG-III website content will be migrated to Drupal:  
[http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal by early Fall-2012](http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal%20by%20early%20Fall-2012)
- We will continue to promote our SIG activities and reach wider community via various means, including:
  - SIG-III Web site: <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.htm> soon to be migrated to <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/>
  - International Paper contest:  
<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/papercontest.htm>
  - InfoShare page: <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/infoshare.htm>
  - The SIG-III Blog: <http://sigiii.wordpress.com/about/>
  - Facebook group:  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=101547247614>
  - SIG III Listserv: <http://mail.asis.org/mailman/listinfo/sigiii-l>
  - Twitter: **#sig3i** hashtag.
- We will continue to recruit diverse International new members and help make our ASIS&T truly International! We look forward to another great year in 2012-13!

10. SIGs may, upon request, roll over 100% of their fund balance to the next fiscal year, provided they can provide specific justification for needing to do so (eg. programming needs, award needs, etc.). Otherwise 50% of funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be continued to the following year.

Do you want to roll over 100% of your SIG's fund balance?  Yes  No

## Appendix-1: SIG-III 2011-2012 Planned Activities

Activity	Description	Responsibility	Due date		Remark
			Start date	End date	
<b>Website Revamping</b>	The SIG-III Website layout needs to be redesigned to more easily incorporate additional tools -The ever-growing Drupal development community –both within ASIS&T and globally- as well as the large number of available add-on modules make a compelling case to migrate our DIG-III website to Drupal	-William Hicks, -Borchuluun Yadamsuren, -Fatih Oguz, ...	November 2011	May 2012	Thanks to the positive response from the ASIS&T Head Office, William was able to update the Drupal instance and already began installing needed modules and base theme layers for development. He will be sending us email periodically to get things started. Our Webmasters will serve as the project liaisons, and the overall activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Redesign of the SIG-III Homepage</li> <li>· Development of new strategy for creating and maintaining content for the SIG-III's website</li> <li>· Quality and structure refinement of SIG III's website content</li> <li>· Migration from the current Website to Drupal</li> </ul> <p>* See the current status at: <a href="http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/">http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/</a></p>
<b>Feed back to ASIS&amp;T's President</b>	The ASIS&T President requested our input regarding membership and conference fees for international members, particularly from less-developed countries.	Daniel Alemneh	October 2011	November 2011	- The current ASIS&T President would like to know if membership and conference fees for international members from less-developed countries should be reduced even further. -I will summarize and send our feedback in late November. In the meantime, please send me your comments regarding the idea of a sliding scale using the UN categories of economic levels of countries. * Completed and approved: <a href="http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Apr-12/AprMay12_PresidentsPage.html">http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Apr-12/AprMay12_PresidentsPage.html</a>
<b>SIG III Money Request</b>	We need to draft our budget and work out how we want to spend the resources. Well, we will receive by default \$542.00 of SIG funds. Although we have adequate money in our account, Shelly would like to see our detailed budget for the year before allocating additional	Bahaa El-Hadidy	November 2011	December 2011	Last year SIG-III requested \$1,600.00 for various activities (\$500.00 for Website revamping, \$900.00 for Multimedia development and Video Contest, and \$200.00 for supplies). Since all of the listed activities have been postponed to this academic year; we will request to forward the entire unused (\$1,600.00) amount to this year. However, under the new ASIS&T dues structure, SIG monies are no longer rolled-over from year to year and unused SIG funds are rolled into general funds at the end of the fiscal year if not used. Thanks to the generous support of Elsevier

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	funds.				<p>foundation, we have a separate \$5,000.00 for the 30th SIG-III Anniversary related activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed (Approved)</li> </ul>
<b>Newsletter</b>	This year, we are planning to publish our newsletter quarterly	Sarah Emmerson	January 2012	October 2012	<p>-In addition to the usual contents, we will use our newsletter to promote our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary related activities.</p> <p>-All officers should contribute articles to our quarterly newsletter, to be published in January, April, July, and October.</p> <p>-Sarah will contribute an article about the SIG-III Newsletter for the SIG-III 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary special publication as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published, See <a href="#">Vol. 12, No. 1</a></li> </ul>
<b>International Paper Contest</b>	The competition for papers to be submitted for the 2012 Annual Meeting, which will take place in Baltimore, MD, from October 26 to 31, 2012.	-Maqsood Shaheen, -Alma Rivera, -Fatih Oguz, -Xiao Hu	December 2011	- Deadline May 31, 2012 - Notification in July 2012	<p>International Paper Contest jury members, include: Alma Rivera,</p> <p>-This group will also summarize the past twelve competitions and contribute an article for the SIG-III 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary special publication.</p> <p>-This year, we expect to announce the winners in time so that the winners will have ample time to process the visa and related paper works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed (see the <a href="#">winners</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>INfoShare</b>	...	-Abebe Rorissa -Fatih Oguz, -Devendra Potnis	November 2011	January 2012	<p>-This group will also summarize the contribution of Infoshare and contribute an article for the SIG-III 30th anniversary special publication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed (see the <a href="#">2012 InfoShare Winners</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>SIG-III 30th Anniversary Publication</b>	In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the SIG-III, we will publish a special anniversary publication.	-Daniel Alemneh and all Officers	November 2011	October 2012	<p>In addition to commemorating the SIG-III's 30th Anniversary, this publication will explore the origin, development and accomplishments of SIG-III over its first 30 years.</p> <p>-Specific topics will be assigned to appropriate groups and individuals in late-November.</p> <p>* For specific assignments, see <a href="#">Appendix-8</a></p>
<b>International Reception</b>	There is often more to the reception than one expects.	-Shimelis Assefa -Kate Johnson -Selenay Aytac ...	-	October 2012	<p>- We need to contact potential donors/sponsors, student chapters in Baltimore areas, etc. early.</p> <p>- We indeed, need to identify creative ways and activities to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a special way.</p> <p>- We all need to pitch in to ensure success and to make the 2012 International Reception the best ever. In addition to all current Officers and the 3 coordinators, the following ten members will serve in the 30<sup>th</sup></p>

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					<p>Anniversary Organizing Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Will Senn</li> <li>-Luz Quiroga</li> <li>-Nasser Saleh</li> <li>-Vivienne Houghton</li> <li>-Eugenia Kim</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Angela U</li> <li>-Thanos</li> <li>-MD. Ha</li> <li>-Yao Zha</li> <li>-Ana Dul</li> </ul> </p> <p>Among other activities at the International Reception, we should encourage members to attend in traditional, national costumes, and we should award the best national costume winner.</p>
<b>By-laws revision</b>	SIG-III By-laws evaluation	-Abebe Rorissa -Toni Carbo -Kate Johnson ...	January 2012	January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The need to review our bylaws and the need to conform to our bylaws have been emphasized by many SIG-III members. Accordingly, this task force will start its preliminary works (including writing the descriptions for the officers' positions) as early as January 2012.</li> <li>-However, considering the complexity of by-laws revision activity, and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary priority this year, we extended the by-law revision activity in to <b>two years</b>.</li> <li>-To ensure continuity and success, the by-laws revision task force will be headed by the incoming chair.</li> </ul>
<b>Video Contest</b>	SIG-III 30th Anniversary Video Contest	Vika Kravchyna	January 2011	September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Vika will post detail guideline asap.</li> <li>-We probably need to contact and encourage our former InforShare and/or International Paper contest winners...</li> </ul> <p><b>* The response so far is not encouraging.</b></p>
<b>SIG-III sponsored panel and/or workshop</b>	Solicit panel topics and an all (or half) day workshop proposal on an international issue		December 2011	April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We discussed about the possible joint sponsorship with SIG-DL, we need to explore further collaboration with other SIGs as well.</li> <li>-If we identify suitable topic, we can find some support and funding. For example, Johannes Britz, dean of UW-Milwaukee, has offered to collaborate with us on topics related to: incorporating ethics into the curricula of LIS schools in developing countries.</li> <li>- As suggested previously, we should also consider making the presentations available to people in other countries via webcasting and bring in distant participants via Skype or some other media.</li> </ul> <p><b>* Two proposals have been accepted for presentations at ASIS&amp;T-2012</b></p>



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<b>Other revitalization activities</b>	Mentorship program reactivation, active social media presence communication, promotion, outreach, ...	-Sarah Emmerson -Anatoliy Gruzd -Anindita Paul -Diane Grevalsky Angiletta...			-In coordination and collaboration with Website revamping team, (Social media and mentorship officers in particular) should take our new web presence further through active online and social media presence. (which lead to increase in the number of visitors, followers, subscribers, etc...) * Twitter account already launched and Anatoliy Gruzd will coordinate the activities of this group.

## Appendix-2 Links to SIG-III Newsletters Published

- SIG-III Newsletter Vol.12 No.1 (May 2012):  
[http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/sites/default/files/2012/%3F07/sigiii\\_newsletter\\_v12n1\\_0.pdf](http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/sites/default/files/2012/%3F07/sigiii_newsletter_v12n1_0.pdf)
- SIG-III Newsletter Vol.11 No.2 (October 2011):  
<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/drupal/sites/default/files/2012/%3F03/sigiii-newsletter-v11no2.pdf>

## Appendix-3 Announcing winners of the [InfoShare awards](#) for 2012

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**From:** sig-l-bounces@asis.org [sig-l-bounces@asis.org] on behalf of Rorissa, Abebe [arorissa@albany.edu]

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**To:** sigiii-l@asis.org; asis-l@asis.org; sig-l@asis.org

**Subject:** [Sig-l] Announcing winners of the InfoShare awards for 2012

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of all our fellow officers of the Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), we are pleased to announce the winners of the InfoShare awards for 2012.

(<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.htm>)

Information professionals from developing countries, where the cost of ASIS&T membership would be a burden, are eligible to receive one year of membership. SIG-III officers vote on a roster of candidates nominated by ASIS&T colleagues or others. These memberships are funded by monies raised at the International Reception during the ASIS&T Annual Meeting. 2011 was a very successful year for the reception in New Orleans and we are thrilled to be able to offer memberships to 9 outstanding professional candidates and 3 student candidates:

Professional members:

1. Muhammad Sajid Mirza
2. Maqsood Shaheen
3. E. Ramesh
4. Amjid Khan
5. Ayman S. El-Dakroury
6. Dinesh Chandra
7. Kamani Perera
8. Ana María Talavera Ibarra
9. Najia Abdallaoui Maan

Student members

1. Claudia Bucceroni Guerra
2. Muhammad Shafiq
3. Shafiq Ur Rehman

You can learn more about the winners at the InfoShare page of the SIG-III web site:

(<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.htm>)

Please welcome these new members into the ASIS&T community!

Abebe Rorissa  
Devendra Potnis  
Fatih Oguz  
InfoShare  
SIG-III, ASIS&T

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## **Appendix-4 SIG III of ASIS&T Announces the Winners of 2012 International Paper Contest**

Date: Sun, 8 Jul 2012 22:43:08 +0500

From: Shaheen Maqsood <mashaheen@gmail.com>

Subject: [Asis-I] SIG III of ASIS&T Announces the Winners of 2012 International Paper Contest

To: asis-I <asis-I@asis.org>

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG III) is pleased to announce the following winners of its 13th International Paper Contest:

**\*First Place Winner: \***

Muhammad Sajid Mirza AND Dr. Khalid Mahmood. Electronic resources and services in Pakistani university libraries: A survey of users' satisfaction. (Pakistan)

**\*Second Place Winner\*:**

Yahya Ibrahim Harnade. Authorship Patterns in Engineering Education. (Nigeria)

**\*Third Place Winner: \***

Lallaisangzuali. Information Needs and Seeking Behaviour of Social Science Post-Graduate Students and Research Scholars of Mizoram University: A Case Study. (India)

**\*Fourth Place Winner (1)\*:**

Ibrahim Usman Alhaji AND Yahya Ibrahim Harnade. Basic Literature of Diabetes: A Bibliometrics Analysis of Three Countries in Different World Regions. (Nigeria)

**\*Fourth Place Winner (2)\*:**

Irene Onyancha. Addressing Institutional Dementia in Africa: The case of the ECA Institutional Repository - A knowledge base on African socio-economic development. (Ethiopia)

The jurors for the 2012 competition included Maqsood Shaheen (Chair), Alma Rivera (Member), Fatih Oguz (Member), Xiao Hu (Member) and members of the SIG III Board.

The principal authors of each of all winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIS&T. In addition, the first place winner will be awarded a minimum of \$2,000 to attend the ASIS&T Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 26-30, 2012.

Those winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's \*International Information and Library Review

\* <[http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\\_home/622845/authorinstructions](http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622845/authorinstructions)>.

We thank the jury members for their hard work and our donors for their compassion which makes it possible to develop and sustain this international network of scholars in developing countries.


**\*SIG III International Paper Contest Committee\*:**

Maqsood Ahmad Shaheen, Committee Chair

Alma Rivera, Committee Member


Fatih Oguz, Committee Member

## Appendix-5 Sample Social Media Activities Presence of SIG-III



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SIG DL will go for Sig of the Year again in 2012!


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Information, Interaction, Innovation: Celebrating the Past, Constructing the Present, and Creating the Future October 26-31, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland Submission Site Once you have prepared your submission according to the...  
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**Harish Chandra** • Do you have any specific discount for the librarians from developing countries or any awards facilitating participation in the Conference  
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**Daniel Alemneh** • The Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the American Society for Information Science & Technology holds the International Paper Contest. The call for the 2012 International Paper Contest will be released in early January, but only papers by a principal author who is a citizen of, and resides in a developing country are eligible. There will be up to six winners (the award for each winner is a two-year individual membership in ASIS&T), but only the first place winner will be rewarded with funding toward travel, conference registration, and accommodations while attending the 75th ASIS&T Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 26-31, 2012.


Well for the past eleven years, SIG-III has been organizing the very successful International Paper Contest, and more than 350 authors from 50+ countries have participated in the International Paper Contest. A number of submitted papers have also been published in the International Information and Library Review journal. It is indeed, a wonderful opportunity for us all to learn from our colleagues experiences and to share ideas and expertise.

SIG-III also maintains the InfoShare program to offer ASIS&T memberships to scholars from the developing world who would not otherwise be able to afford membership. The SIG-III officers are currently exploring the feasibility of the reduced rate for members from developing countries, including whether the InfoShare selection and membership fee should be divided further with a more detailed structure, such as basing the levels on UN categories of countries by economic status.

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**Harish Chandra** • Dear Mr. Daniel,  
Thanks a lot for providing detailed reply.  
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**Daniel Alemneh** • You're most welcome. BTW, the announcement of the 2012 ASIS&T SIG-III International Paper Contest for Developing Countries is now available at: <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/papercontest.htm>  
7 days ago

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## Appendix-6 SIG-III Endorsement of European Doctoral Forum

Hi Daniel,

Thanks for the endorsement. I paste below the latest version of the text for the call.

Thanks,  
Jonathan.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS & FOR PARTICIPATION

Doctoral Forum Quantitative Research in Information Science  
12-13 April 2012, University of Wolverhampton, UK.

We are very pleased to announce a doctoral forum on quantitative research in Information Science to be held on 12-13 April at the University of Wolverhampton, UK.

This event, endorsed by the European Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) (<http://www.asis.org/Chapters/europe/>) the Metrics SIG of ASIST (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGMET/>) and the International Information Issues SIG of ASIST (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>), is the first of two events that the European Chapter is endorsing, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of ASIST. The European Chapter is also endorsing Libraries In The Digital Age (LIDA) to be held on 18 -- 22 June 2012 in Zadar, Croatia (<http://ozk.unizd.hr/lida/>).

The Doctoral Forum will begin with short introductory presentations by Prof Mike Thelwall and Dr Jonathan Levitt on the application of quantitative methods to Information Science. However, its main emphasis is on the students presenting and receiving feedback on their research and on meeting other doctoral students. Doctoral students who are either using, or considering using, quantitative methods in at least part of their doctoral research are encouraged to apply.

The Doctoral Forum is open to all interested parties, including those who don't present.

#### Submissions & intent to participate

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If you wish to present your research at the Doctoral Forum please submit a description of your research project and how you are using or are proposing to use quantitative methods (totalling a maximum of 150 words) and key related references. If you wish to attend the event and not present, please submit a description of your relevant experiences and reasons for wanting to attend the conference (totalling a maximum of 150 words).

Submissions need to be emailed to the Conference organiser Dr. Jonathan Levitt, [j.levitt@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:j.levitt@lboro.ac.uk)) and the Program manager (Prof. Mike Thelwall, [m.thelwall@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:m.thelwall@wlv.ac.uk)) by mid-night UK-time on Sunday, February 12, 2012. If you have any queries, please email Dr. Levitt ([j.levitt@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:j.levitt@lboro.ac.uk)) and Prof. Thelwall ([m.thelwall@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:m.thelwall@wlv.ac.uk)).

#### The venue

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The University of Wolverhampton is located in Wolverhampton City Centre and is very close to Wolverhampton train station.

Wolverhampton is a thirty minute train journey from Birmingham International airport. The event finishes on Friday afternoon, enabling participants to see something of England over the weekend; from Wolverhampton, Wales can be reached by train in thirty minutes and London can be reached by train in two hours.

#### Registration & accommodation

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The cost of the event is 50 pounds per person, to cover the cost of

- four coffee/tea refreshment breaks,
- two sandwich lunch breaks and
- one buffet dinner.

Details of the registration procedure will be published on this Web-page closer to the event.

Three low price hotels are located within easy walking distance of the venue, MC building, City Campus, University of Wolverhampton

([http://wiki.worldflicks.org/mc\\_building.html](http://wiki.worldflicks.org/mc_building.html));

LateRooms (<http://www.laterooms.com>) and Travelodge

(<http://www2.travelodge.co.uk>) provide descriptions of nearby hotels and the option of reserving accommodation. We particularly recommend the Britannia and Novotel hostels.

For the latest information, including details on how to register please visit the conference Web-page at <http://cybermetrics.wlv.ac.uk/workshopApril2012.html>

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From: Alemneh, Daniel [Daniel.Alemneh@unt.edu]

Sent: 04 January 2012 22:19

To: Jonathan Levitt

Cc: Anatoliy Gruzd (gruzd@dal.ca); Paul, Anindita (aninditapaul@gmail.com); angis1991@yahoo.com;

Sarah Emmerson <saemmerson@yahoo.com> (saemmerson@yahoo.com)

Subject: RE: European Chapter\_workshop in the UK in July 2012

Hi again Jonathan,

We indeed, will be happy to endorse your European Chapter workshop in the UK in July 2012. As I mentioned before, SIG III would like to support such activities and we are hoping that our former InfoShare and International Paper Contest winners/members will help us to organize such events and promote the 75th ASIS&T and 30th SIG-III Anniversary celebration in other continents as well.

Please see the description below, and if the text is updated please send us the final version at your earliest convenience. I cc'd SIG-III's communication and social media officers, so that we can promote your event via various avenues.

Thanks,  
Daniel

## Appendix-7: Announcements of @sig3i and the the Winner of the ASIS&T SIG-III Twitter Draw

Message: 1  
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2012 10:18:56 -0300  
From: Anatoliy Gruzd <agruzd@gmail.com>  
Subject: [Asis-l] Congratulation to the Winner of the ASIS&T SIG-III Twitter Draw!  
To: asis-l@asis.org  
Message-ID: <500D4F40.5000606@gmail.com>  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=windows-1252; format=flowed

To celebrate the official launch of ASIS&T SIG III's Twitter account (@sig3i), this month we conducted a random draw among our Twitter followers. We are pleased to announce that the winner of our draw and recipient of the \$50 Amazon.com gift card is Isabella Peters (@Isabella83) from Heinrich-Heine-Universit?t Duesseldorf in Germany!!!

Congratulation, Isabella!

We also invite everyone to follow our @sig3i account for the latest news and updates about the SIG as well as tweets about research, news & jobs for ASIS&T members from around the globe.

Sincerely,  
@sig3i Twitter Team  
<http://sigiii.wordpress.com/about/sig3i-twitter-team/>

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The SIG III was founded in 1982 to promote awareness and collaboration amongst ASIS&T's international community, and provide a forum to explore international informational issues. For more information about the SIG, please visit our website at <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/> or join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/asist.sig.iii/>.

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From: asis-l-bounces@asis.org [asis-l-bounces@asis.org] on behalf of Anatoliy Gruzd [agruzd@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 11:35 AM  
To: asis-l@asis.org  
Subject: [Asis-l] ASIS&T SIG-III is now on Twitter at @sig3i

In preparation for the official launch of the ASIS&T SIG-III (International Information Issues) new Twitter account @sig3i on June 1, 2012, we are looking for social media (SM) volunteers to join the dynamic team at the Social Media Lab at Dalhousie University to tweet and organize social media events on behalf of the SIG.

As a SM volunteer, you will have a chance to

- Join ASIS&T's international community of leading scholars and practitioners on Twitter,
- Gain experience of managing a Twitter account from an organization perspective,
- Be more informed about international informational issues and key players in this area,
- Organize and participate in exciting tweet-ups and live events on Twitter,
- And of course, become a member of the SIG-III social media team!

If interested, please complete a short form by \*May 20, 2012\* at <http://bit.ly/SigIIIVol>

Sincerely,  
SIG-III Social Media Administrators  
Anatoliy Gruzd , Dalhousie University, Canada  
Anindita Paul, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, India

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## Appendix-8: SIG-III 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Special Commemorative Publication Assignment

No	Area	Author(s)	Remarks
1	The Origin Story and 30 Years of Memories: Interviews...	Toni Carbo	We will publish our interviews with our co-founders.
2		Michel Menou	Please send me any questions you have about SIG/III history and future, and more generally ASIS&T international role before August 10 <sup>th</sup> .
3	SIG-III: International Paper Contest: 13 years' journey	Maqsood Shaheen Alma Rivera Fatih Oguz	The contest has marked its 13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. So far 380 authors from 50 countries have participated. Build on the existing 7 years <a href="#">statistics</a> , provide complete details of the past <a href="#">13 years' activities</a>
4	SIG-III as ASIS&T's Global Plaza	Nadia Caidi <i>Michel Menou,</i> <i>Aaron Bown,</i> <i>Amanda Wilson</i>	Summary, analysis, and synthesis of <a href="#">Global Plaza's</a> activities
5	InfoShare	Abebe Rorissa Fatih Oguz Devendra Potnis	Impact analysis in terms of how SIG-III opens the world of ASIS&T to colleagues around the globe
6	ASIS&T's International Reception	Shimelis Assefa Kate Johnson, Vika Kravchyna Selenay Aytac	As an environment to mix with colleagues from all over the world, entertainment, shopping, and of course, <a href="#">raising money</a> for Infoshare
7	SIG-III and its Bylaws	Abebe Rorissa Toni Carbo, Kate Johnson	This original mission statement remains to be highly relevant and even more pressing in today's globalized world.
8	The SIG-III Mentorship Program	Sarah Emmerson <i>Nadia Caidi</i>	Summary of <a href="#">past activities</a> and strategies for moving forwards
9	SIG-III Newsletter	Sarah Emmerson	Summarizing the implication and contribution of the past 28 issues of the <a href="#">SIG-III Newsletter</a>
10	SIG-III Website	Fatih Oguz Borchuluun Yadamsuren	The need for active web presence and rationale for migrating from the <a href="#">old SIG-III</a> website to the new social media and mobile devices friendly <a href="#">Drupal</a>
11	SIG-III and Social Media	Anatoliy Gruzd Anindita Paul	Discuss the growing reliance on social media among scholars, and identify ways to engage the broader ASIS&T community.

No	Area	Author(s)	Remarks
12	SIG-III Finance	Bahaa El-Hadidy	SIG-III finance
13	SIG-III awards and sponsored international sessions at ASIS&T	Catherine Johnson Vika Kravchyna <i>Nadia Caidi</i> ...	Compilation of the list of international sessions organized by SIG-III.
14	Photos of SIG-III activities	Anatoliy Gruzd Anindita Paul Aaron Bowen Vika Kravchyna ...	Everyone should contribute photos and videos related to SIG-III activities and social events to be archived in the SIG-III's social media sites as well.
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\* Note that all contributions will be due on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Let's reflect on SIG-III past and of course, look forward to the future.