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ASIST 2003 Annual Meeting

Humanizing Information Technology: From Ideas to Bits and Back

Time to start making your plans for the 2003 ASIST Annual Meeting. This year's gathering will be in Long Beach, California, October 20-23, and will focus on the broad and timely theme of *Humanizing Information Technology: From Ideas to Bits and Back*.

Though presentation submissions for consideration at the meeting were just being evaluated at press time for this issue of the *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, the program committee has identified the following topics as those on which the meeting will focus:

- **Information management, organization and access:** classification and representation, metadata, taxonomies, indexing, XML, information architecture, digital libraries
- **Information seeking and use:** research on the role of information in daily life and work, use of various types of information technology, social contexts of information seeking
- **Information retrieval:** information system performance, search engines, natural language processing, data mining, intelligent retrieval, multi- and cross-lingual retrieval

- **Interactivity:** user and usability studies, design of human-computer interfaces, visualization
- **Ethical, social, political, legal and economic issues:** privacy, copyright, information policy, the social role of information technologies
- **Information production, transfer and delivery:** electronic publishing and dissemination
- **Technologies for computing and networking:** information communication, collaboration, information security, e-commerce

Conference themes will be explored through refereed papers, posters, panels and technical sessions.

Conference Committee

Marcia J. Bates, UCLA, is chair of the conference committee. The following people are assisting her on the committee: **Eileen Abels**, **Suresh Bhavnani**, **Michael Buckland**, **Donald Case**, **Chao-chen Chen**, **Andrew Dillon**, **Efthimis N. Efthimiadis**, **Raya Fidel**, **Jonathan Furner**, **Andrew Grove**, **Jenna Hartel**, **Sandra Hirsh**, **Joseph W. Janes**, **Don Kraft**, **Carol Kuhlthau**,

Marianne Nelson, **Hope Olson**, **Carole Palmer**, **Jaime Pontigo**, **Dragomir Radev**, **Nancy Roderer**, **Victor Rosenberg**, **Linda Rudell-Betts**, **Bernie Sloan**, **Ross Todd**, **Irene Travis**, **Peiling Wang**, **Carolyn Watters**, **Judith Weedman** and **Barbara Wildemuth**.

Local Activities

The Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST is managing all local arrangements for the 2003 Annual Meeting. Beginning in the last

issue of the *Bulletin*, with an article by **Bo-Gay Tong Salvador**, and continuing in this issue with the contribution of **Linda Heichman**, LACASIS members will offer regular reports on southern California attractions to lure you to their neck of the woods this fall. In the meantime, you can keep up with all technical and social news about the meeting at the ASIST website.

News from ASIST Chapters

The Northern Ohio ASIST (NORASIST) Chapter began the new year with a panel discussion of *The Digital Divide: Research, Thoughts and Action*, co-sponsored by the Cleveland Public Library. Featured speakers were Earnestine Adeyemon, Case Western Reserve University; Joan L. Clark, Cleveland Public Library; and Mary Stansbury, Kent State University.

For the following month's program, NORASIST planned *Applications of Full Motion Screen Capture for Library Instruction*, a panel discussion on the use of full motion screen capture and streaming video to record and deliver library instruction, survey current screen capture software and present ideas for a cooperative project. Planned speakers included **Richard Brhel**, director of the Library Resource Center, Myers University, and **Ken Burhanna**, Instructional Design Librarian, Cleveland State University.

The Potomac Valley Chapter presented *The Architecture of Search Engines* as its February meeting at the University of Maryland. **Denise Bedford**, Thesaurus Project Manager, Information Solutions Group, World Bank, Washington DC, looked at some of the most popular search engines and discussed their similarities and differences and looked ahead to see how search engines will improve in the future.

The ASIST Seattle Reading Group of the Pacific Northwest Chapter also took a look at search engines for its February meeting with a discussion of Google as a cultural entity. The basis of the group's discussion

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LOOKING TO LONG BEACH

Long Beach – Hidden Treasure Trove of Arts & Culture

by Linda Heichman

Imagine a city on the beautiful California coast, a city alive with a bustling art scene – museums, galleries, monthly art walks, symphony, theater and opera. San Francisco? Think again. Los Angeles? Nope. San Diego? Nah. I know, Carmel. Good try, but no. It's Long Beach.

Not only does Long Beach boast an eclectic art scene, the city is home to world-class art museums, internationally renowned theater companies, its own symphony orchestra, opera company and master chorale. Museums include the Long Beach Museum of Art, housed in a Craftsman mansion overlooking the Pacific Ocean; the Museum of Latin American Art, the Western United States' premier museum of Spanish and Caribbean arts and culture; and the University Art Museum at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

Performing arts abound in Long Beach. Choose from the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, check out budding talent at California State University, Long Beach's Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Cal Rep, International City Theatre or Long Beach Playhouse.

Want more? Check these out.

Visual Arts

East Village Arts District – www.eastvillageartsdistrict.com

Long Beach Museum of Art – www.lbma.org

Museum of Latin American Art – www.molaa.com

University Art Museum – www.csulb.edu/org/uam/

Performing Arts

Cal Rep at Edison Theatre – www.calrep.org/

Carpenter Performing Arts Center – www.carpenterarts.org

International City Theatre – www.iclongbeach.com/

Long Beach Playhouse – www.longbeachplayhouse.com/

Long Beach Symphony – www.lbso.org

was the article "Google vs. Evil" at www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.01/google.html. Optional reading for the discussion were "Google Runs Into Copyright Dispute" at www.nytimes.com/2002/04/22/technology/ebusiness/22NECO.html and "Google May Remove Controversial Links" at www.internetnews.com/bus-news/article.php/1009321

The first **Central Ohio ASIST (CO-ASIST)** meeting of the year featured Patrick Losinski, new executive director of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, sharing his insights about *Public Libraries: Empowering Staff and Managing Technology in Turbulent Times*.

CO-ASIST then followed it up with a March meeting featuring Richard Rubin, interim dean, College of Communication &

Information at Kent State University, with a presentation on *Who's Driving, Who's Riding? – The Place of Technology and People in the Workplace*.

The **Southern Ohio Chapter of ASIS (SOASIS)** offered a March presentation on *Information Seeking and Information Avoidance: The Case of Patients and Health Information*, featuring **Donald O. Case**, professor, University of Kentucky, and the author of *Looking for Information*, Academic Press.

News about ASIST Members

Vicki L. Gregory, professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida, has

received the President's Award for Excellence, a special merit program at USF. Along with two SLIS colleagues, Vicki was recognized for her role in the SLIS accreditation review in Spring 2002, research and publication, and professional service.

Blaise Cronin, dean of Indiana University's (IU) School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) since 1991, has announced his intention to step down as dean, effective June 30, 2003. After a year's sabbatical leave, he will return to the faculty to pursue his many research and other interests. Cronin, editor of ASIST's *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology*, has served as dean for 12 years.

News from an ASIST SIG

SIG/III has taken a look at the career paths of some of the past winners of the SIG/III International Paper Contest and has been pleased to see the recognition and career advancement of the several of them, including those that follow.

Duncan Wambogo Omole, a 2000 winner from Kenya, is now an information analyst at the World Bank in Washington, DC. He will be working with the World Bank/IMF Library Network Global Outreach Group to provide training and support for the network of World Bank country office libraries in developing countries.

Jagdish Arora, a 2001 winner from India, has been appointed librarian, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. He was previously head of computer applications at the Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

Ismail Fahmi, 2001 winner from Indonesia, received the Most Favorite Program award for the Indonesian Digital Library Network from the Indonesian Business Community in 2002. The award is for companies, organizations or institutes that conduct business or social activities that have a positive impact for ICT development in Indonesia.

P. R. Goswami, 2001 winner from India and also assistant chair (outside the United States) of SIG/III, is now a director of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). His responsibility is to manage its documentation and information dissemination activity.