

We live in a culture where countries, organizations and individuals have never been so closely linked politically, economically and socially, linkages that are founded on rapid and efficient information transfer and access. Yet we also co-exist in a world that displays its rich cultural diversity and relies upon information sharing to reinforce its plurality. The 2009 ASIS&T Annual Meeting will offer participants the opportunity to explore how information research and practice can promote global communication while maintaining diversity.

To further support the point of our global dependence, the 2009 meeting will take place in Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 6-9.

The following are among the many topics expected to be addressed in papers, posters and panel sessions:

- Multilingual information systems
- Cross-language information retrieval
- Accessibility and cultural factors in system design
- Processing logographic, syllabic and alphabetic scripts in a digital environment
- Cross-border data flows
- Open access and cultural diversity
- Information literacy and challenges of harmony versus hegemony
- The role of international organizations in building on diversity
- Digital inclusion
- Social networking in a linguistically and culturally rich environment

- Information behavior in diverse contexts
- Knowledge management in diverse contexts
- Information policy

Conference Committee

Conference chair **Andrew Large**, McGill University, has assembled a diverse committee to help plan the 2009 Annual Meeting. Among the committee members are **France Bouthillier**, McGill University, and **Corinne Jorgensen**, Florida State University, contributed papers co-chairs; **KT Vaughan**, University of North Carolina, and **Pascal Calarco**, University of Notre Dame, panels and technical session co-chairs; **Heidi Julien**, University of Alberta, and **Valerie Nessel**, State University of New York at Buffalo, posters co-chairs; **Karen Fisher**, University of Washington; **Grant Campbell**, University of Western Ontario; **June Abbas**, University of Oklahoma; **Luanne Freund**, University of British Columbia; **Sandra Hirsh**, Microsoft Corporation; and **Tao Jin**, Louisiana State University.

Conference Venue

The 2009 ASIS&T Annual Meeting will be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. ■

The International Calendar of Information Science Conferences

(<http://icisc.neasist.org/>) is a nonprofit collaboration between the Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and the European (ASIST/EC) and New England (NEASIST) chapters of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, with the additional support of Haworth Press.