Alessandro Acquisti, associate professor of information systems and public policy at the Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), and co-founder of the CMU Center for Behavioral Decision Research, will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 ASIS&T Annual Meeting. Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities, October 31-November 4, 2014, will be in Seattle, Washington.

Acquisti’s research investigates the economics and behavioral economics of privacy and privacy in online social networks. He is widely published in leading journals across diverse disciplines, including information systems, consumer research, marketing science and comparative economics, among others. He has received research grants from the National Science Foundation, Transcoup Foundation, Google and Microsoft. Acquisti holds a PhD from University of California, Berkeley, and master’s degrees from Berkeley, London School of Economics and Trinity College Dublin.

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology gathers leading scholars and practitioners from around the globe to share innovations, ideas, research and insights into the state and future of information and communication in play, work, governance and society.

The deadline for submissions for papers, panels, workshops and tutorials is April 30. Full submission details are available at the meeting website. In addition, submissions for posters, demonstrations and videos will be accepted through July 1.

For full information about the 77th Annual Meeting of ASIS&T and updates on the program and related matters, please visit the website at http://asis.org/asist2014.

Vote on Constitutional Change Underway

Have you cast your vote for the change in the ASIS&T constitution? The proposed change to the governing document mirrors a change made to the bylaws last year that shortens the response time for voting on ballot issues from 70 days to 35 days. The change to the bylaws was overwhelmingly approved by the membership. The rationale was that the voting period that prevailed during post office land mail conditions does not need to apply in an overwhelmingly electronic environment.

Now the ASIS&T Board wishes to update the constitution so that voting on amendments to this document will also enjoy the shorter response time.

Unique passwords have been sent to all eligible voting members. These passwords are not members’ normal ASIS&T logins. If you wish to vote and did not receive the unique password, please contact Executive Director Richard Hill at rhill@asis.org. Deadline to vote is April 10, 2014.
Nominations Sought for Full Range of ASIS&T Awards

ASIS&T Annual Awards
The prestigious ASIS&T Annual Awards are presented each year at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting. Deadlines and nomination requirements vary among the awards. Details are available at http://asis.org/awards.html.

Nominations due in June are for the ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award; Research in Information Science Award; and Pratt Severn Best Student Research Paper. In July, nominations are due for Award of Merit; Best Information Science Book; James M. Cretsos Leadership Award; Thomson Reuters Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Scholarship; and the New Leaders Award. In August, complete nominations are due for Thomson Reuters Outstanding Information Science Teacher.

Chapter and SIG Awards
Nominations for chapter and SIG awards, administered by their respective organizing bodies, are due in July and August. Full details for these awards are also available at http://asis.org/awards.html.

SIG/III International Paper Competition
ASIS&T Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) is conducting its 14th annual best paper competition to encourage scholarship throughout the developing world. The annual contest uses the theme of the Annual Meeting to solicit original, unpublished papers from librarians, information and network specialists, educators and others involved in the creation, representation, maintenance, exchange, discovery, delivery and use of digital information. This year’s theme is Connecting Collections, Cultures and Communities.

Only papers by a principal author who is a citizen of, and resides in a developing country are eligible. Winners in the 2009-2013 contests are not eligible. Papers could discuss issues, policies and case studies on specific aspects of the theme from a global and/or international perspective.

The deadline for submission of full papers is May 31, 2014. Full details are available at www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII.

News about ASIS&T Members

Marjorie (Margie) M.K. Hlava, former ASIS&T president and president of Access Innovations, Inc., received the Miles Conrad Award from the National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS). The award recognizes and honors “those members of the information community who have made significant contributions to the field of information science and to NFAIS.”

News about Chapters

The New England Chapter of ASIS&T (NEASIS&T) hosted a lively discussion on the issue of privacy in the digital age. Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Libraries and Privacy in the Digital Age looked at the issue of whether library support and defense of patron privacy interferes with citizens’ routine efforts to share their information in pursuit of personalized recommendations, tailored services and offers from commercial entities.