

## Big Names Tapped for ASIS&T 2007 Keynote Addresses

Two outstanding speakers are making their plans to address plenary sessions at the 2007 ASIS&T Annual Meeting, *Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*, October 19-24, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



**Anthea Stratigos**, co-founder and CEO of Outsell, the leading research and advisory firm focusing on information and publishing industry, will address the

overall trends and the impact of social computing and Web 2.0 to the information industry in the first plenary session on Monday, October 22.

**Clifford Lynch**, director of the Coalition of Networked Information (CNI) and longtime member and former president of ASIS&T, will tie everything together and discuss what Web 2.0 means to information science and information professionals as he closes the meeting on Wednesday, October 24.



Stratigos co-founded Outsell, Inc. with Greg Chagaris. She established the company's research agenda and served as the firm's first chief analyst. As CEO, she draws upon her deep experience in research and analytic businesses to drive product development, operations, marketing and general management to lead all facets of the organization. Anthea is also Outsell's primary spokesperson, responsible for identifying, writing and

speaking extensively about key trends in the industry. She chairs the executive leadership council, a member service for CEOs and senior executives of publishing and information-provider firms, and she has an ongoing and trusted relationship with industry leaders across the publishing and commercial information marketplace.

Lynch, well known to ASIS&T through his long years of membership and leadership, spent 18 years at the University of California Office of the President before joining CNI in 1997. CNI, jointly sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and EDUCAUSE, includes about 200 member organizations concerned with the use of information technology and networked information to enhance scholarship and intellectual productivity. Cliff currently serves on the National Digital Preservation Strategy Advisory Board of the Library of Congress; he was a



member of the National Research Council (NRC) committees that published *The Digital Dilemma: Intellectual Property in the Information Infrastructure and Broadband: Bringing Home the Bits*, and he now serves on the NRC's committee on digital archiving and the National Archives and Records Administration.

Up-to-date meeting information is available online at the ASIS&T website, [www.asis.org](http://www.asis.org). Registration materials are also available online.

### Election Time for ASIS&T Board of Directors

The ASIS&T nominations committee has presented its slate of candidates for Board of Directors positions that will be open at the end of the current administrative year.

The following are the candidates and the offices for which they are vying:

For PRESIDENT in 2009 (President-elect in 2008):

**Don Case | Barbara Kwasnik**

For TREASURER, 2008-2010

**Vicki Gregory | Jon Simons**

For DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE, 2008-2010 (two positions)

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Candidate statements and biographies will be distributed soon, along with balloting instructions.

## ASIS&T History Fund Established

For several years, members of ASIS&T SIG/History and Foundations of Information Science (HFIS) have worked toward the establishment of an ASIS&T mechanism to support and fund research and publication of historical works on information science and technology. Before formal announcement of such an effort could be made, the ASIS&T Board of Directors asked that a minimum of \$10,000 be raised for the effort.

With that goal reached, the ASIS&T History Fund is now an official Society entity. The Board will appoint an oversight committee, primarily consisting of members of SIG/HFIS and former ASIS&T presidents, to establish a procedure for receiving funding proposals.

All members of ASIS&T and any others with an interest in the history of information science and technology are encouraged to support the work of the History Fund by making gifts to it. All gifts are tax-deductible. A generous donor has made an offer of matching funds up to

\$6,000 over the next three years, in essence doubling all donations.

Full details about the fund's operations and how to submit research and publication proposals will be announced when they are complete.

For more details about the fund and how to participate in it, please contact Dick Hill, executive director.

## SIG/III Announces Winners of International Paper Contest

SIG/International Information Issues has wrapped up its 8th International Paper Contest with the announcement of six winners of two-year memberships in ASIS&T. In addition, the two top winners receive cash stipends to apply toward their attendance at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.

The following are the winners of the 2007 paper contest and their paper titles:

- Shampa Paul, India, *A Case Study of e-Governance Initiatives in India*
- Soumitra Sharma, India, *Exploring Best Practices in Public-Private Partnerships in e-Government through Select Asian Case Studies*
- Rama Devi, India, *Towards Promotion and Dissemination of IK. A Case of NIRD*
- M. Masoom Raza Amar Nath, India, *Use of IT in University Libraries of Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh: A Comparative Study*
- Elsa Barber, Silvio Pisano, Sandra Romagnoli, Veronica Parsiale and Gabriela de Pedro y Carolina Gregui, Argentina, *User Interface of Web OPACs in Mercosur Member and Associate Countries*
- Medha Joshi, India, *Digital Resources for Information Accessibility at the Point of Care: An Overview of Library Information System at Tata Memorial Hospital*

The theme of this year's contest was "Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science." Winning papers and others submitted to the contest will be considered for publication in *International Information and Library Review*, edited by **Toni Carbo**.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### MARTHA E. WILLIAMS

**Martha E. Williams**, tenured professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, former president of ASIS&T and editor of the *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST)*, passed away in early July.

Martha served as ASIS&T president in 1987, while also editing ARIST, a role she performed for 25 years. She was also awarded the ASIS&T Award of Merit in 1984 and the Watson Davis Award in 1995.

Martha graduated from Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, Barat College and Loyola University, from which she earned a master's degree. Martha was highly regarded for her computer database knowledge. She was a founder of the Gale Directory of Databases and Information Market Indicators (IMI).

Memorials in Martha's honor may be made to Woodland Academy of the Sacred Heart, 760 E. Westleigh Rd. Lake Forest, IL 60045.

#### RAYMOND F. VON DRAN

**Raymond F. von Dran**, recently retired dean of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, died on July 23. He was in New York City with his wife when he suddenly became ill. He was admitted to New York Presbyterian Hospital shortly before his death.

Von Dran served as dean of the school of information studies from 1995 to this year. In March 2006, he announced his retirement, effective this summer. After a year of administrative leave, during which time he planned on traveling the world with his wife, Gisela, he planned to return to SU as a professor.

Before joining SU, von Dran served as dean at University of North Texas. Before that, he was dean at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he was a senior consultant to the Library of Congress, served on the National Database Design Project and served as consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

He received a doctorate in information science, master's degrees in library science and European history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and bachelor's degrees in foreign languages and history from Seton Hall University.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Beth. A memorial blog has been posted at <http://ischool.syr.edu/ray/> for thoughts and comments.

*International Paper Contest Winners, cont.*

Judges for this year's contest were **Julian Warner**, The Queen's University of Belfast; **Judy Jeng**, New Jersey City University; **Yin Zhang**, Kent State University; and **Yunfei Du**, Wayne State University.

**Former President Receives Top Alumni Award**

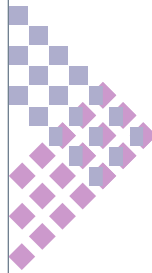
**Trudi Bellardo Hahn**, former ASIS&T president and 2006 winner of the ASIS&T Watson Davis Award, is the recipient of the 2007 Service to Profession Award from the Drexel University Alumni Association. The award is conferred upon graduates who have contributed to advancements in their fields and have earned professional recognition.

Trudi received her Ph.D. from Drexel's College of Information Science and Technology. She also holds a master's in library science and a bachelor's in linguistics from the University of Kentucky.

Currently a visiting professor at the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, Trudi has served as executive director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; as manager of Library User Education Services and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland; and has held various positions with the Maryland State Department of Education, Special Libraries Association, Catholic University and University of Kentucky.

**News about ASIS&T Members**

**Karl V. Fast**, a doctoral candidate at the University of Western Ontario, will join the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management program at Kent State University as an assistant professor. His appointment will be effective in the fall.



**Mark Your Calendar**  
**October 19-24 Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**Joining Research and Practice:**  
**Social Computing and Information Science**

is a look at how Web 2.0 and social computing are changing the way people use information for work, play, research and everyday activities. More than 60 sessions of contributed papers, panel discussions, poster sessions and special events will address a wide variety of topics, ranging from tagging, online communities, information-seeking behavior, web log and transaction log analysis to research directions, education and ethical practice for information professionals in the new world of social computing.

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