RDAP13 Summit: Introduction
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EDITOR’S SUMMARY
This special section of the Bulletin explores issues in research data access and preservation (RDAP) and samples the program highlights and attendees’ reflections of the ASIS&T RDAP13 Summit, the 4th annual meeting, held in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 4-5, 2013. Contributed papers address the value of partnering with publishers and repositories as a way to address the complexity of data curation and explore the issue of data use and reuse from a data curator’s perspective. One article discusses the use, benefits and challenges of altmetrics to track citations of research data. Others tackle the need to develop a standard data infrastructure and describe efforts to promote research data management across institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom. Last, a sampling of the posters presented at RDAP13 reflects the scope of the topic, current progress and advances to come.

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gail steinhart, co-chair of the panel partnerships between institutional repositories, domain repositories, and publishers, reflects on the advantages of building partnerships to address the complexities of data curation, noting the specific success of panelists providing direct access to tools and services that support researchers. nic weber, organizer of the panel on data use & re-use, discusses highlights and emergent research themes and issues a challenge to the information science community to continue striving to adequately define the research area of “data use and reuse.” stacy konkiel, chair of the data citation and altmetrics panel, provides perspective on recent developments and continuing challenges for accurate citation and tracking of research data.

mark parsons, panel on global scientific data infrastructure, and his co-author fran berman describe in depth the efforts of the research data alliance to address the data infrastructure challenge, and lightning talk presenter martin donnelly writes about the digital curation centre’s efforts to improve institutional research data management in united kingdom higher education, expanding on his talk given at the summit. finally, jennifer doty summarizes the poster session, spotlighting some of the unique projects and findings presented at this year’s Summit.
ASIS&T SIG/DL (Special Interest Group/Digital Libraries) sponsored the Linked Data & Metadata panel and an afternoon break for attendees. For additional information on the RDAP13 Summit and for plans for the 2014 Summit, please refer to the following resources:

- Slides from presentations and a selection of posters from the Summit are available on slideshare: www.slideshare.net/asist_org/tag/rdap13
- The full RDAP13 program, with additional information on Summit themes and presentations: www.asis.org/rdap/program/
- Join the RDAP community’s on-going conversation and stay updated on RDAP14 event information by signing up for our email listserv at http://mail.asis.org/mailman/listinfo/rdap

Congratulations to incoming Summit chair Andrew Johnson. We hope to see many of you in 2014 at the 5th Annual Summit in San Diego, California.