

Don Kraft Named Editor Emeritus of *JASIST*

At the meeting of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST)*, incoming editor Blaise Cronin announced that Donald Kraft has been named editor emeritus of the *Journal*. Kraft retires as editor-in-chief after 24 years of service on January 1, 2009. Cronin was named as his replacement in June.

Kraft's numerous accolades from both ASIS&T and the information profession include the 2007 ASIS&T Award of Merit, recognizing his contributions to *JASIST*, among other achievements. In the words of the citation:

That *JASIST* continues to reign as a top-ranked journal in quantitative and qualitative assessments is a tribute to Dr. Kraft's leadership. He has steered the *Journal* into electronic publication and more than doubled the number of issues and quadrupled the number of pages published each year. Dr. Kraft's editorship has been characterized by expanded international reach and receptivity to new approaches and areas of research.

Throughout his editorship, Dr. Kraft has had the vision to recognize these trends and encourage a very wide range of authors from many fields to publish in the *Journal*. He has thus promoted the formation, clarification and extension of the field of information science as we move through times of rapid and profound social and technological transformation. As a consequence of his leadership and considerable people skills, the *Journal* has grown

substantially under his direction, bringing a wider understanding of the field to the discipline of information science.

On accepting the editorship, Cronin also paid tribute to Kraft's tenure:

JASIST is the preeminent journal of its kind in the world, and the enduring record of our field's intellectual focus and evolution. Under Don Kraft's editorship *JASIST* has flourished, growing in terms of size, number of annual issues and breadth of subject coverage. The institutional, geographic and disciplinary affiliations of contributing authors are more varied than ever, reflecting the internationalizing of interest in information science and also the perceived attractiveness of *JASIST* as a publication outlet of first, not last, resort. In short, the maturation of our field, both scholastically and professionally, is mirrored in the pages of the journal. ■



Flanking new *JASIST* editor-for-life Don Kraft at the recent *JASIST* Advisory Board meeting are, left to right, Katherine McCain, Carol Barry, Linda Schamber, Kraft, Nancy Roderer and Blaise Cronin, new editor of ASIS&T's flagship publication.

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Thomson ISI Citation Analysis Research Grant – Isola Ajiferuke and Dietmar Wolfram for *Citer Analysis as a Measure of Research Impact*

ProQuest/ASIS&T Doctoral Dissertation Award – Eric Meyer for *Socio-Technical Perspectives on Digital Photography: Scientific Digital Photography Use by Marine Mammal Researchers*

Chapter-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T (LACASIS)

Student Chapter-of-the-Year – University of Washington Information School Student Chapter and the European Student Chapter

Chapter Member of the Year – Rachael Green Clemens, Carolinas Chapter, Christine Quirion, New England, and Bo-Gay Salvador, Los Angeles

Chapter Event-of-the-Year – Working Together, Working Differently: How Millennials Are Changing the Way Other Generations Learn, Interact and Do Commerce, Potomac Valley Chapter, and Tag You're It: A Dialog Between Social Tagging and Traditional Classification, Los Angeles Chapter

Chapter Innovation-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T for its wiki

Chapter Publication-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter's *Observation of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*

SIG-of-the-Year – SIG/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and SIG/Information Needs, Seeking & Use (SIG/USE)

SIG Member-of-the-Year – Karen Fisher, SIG/USE

SIG Publication-of-the-Year – *Information and Emotion: The Emergent Affective Paradigm in Information Behavior Research and Theory*, SIG/USE ■