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I have just returned from the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Vancouver. It was well attended and had a number of very interesting sessions – user information behavior and data curation seemed to be particularly hot topics. The poster sessions were also extensive and very popular – the coffee helped. And there was free wi-fi in the reception area! We look forward to possible additional joint meetings with our excellent hosts, the Canadian Association for Information Science.

The Society also announced at the meeting that next year's Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh will be held in conjunction with the DC 2010, the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative Conference, and a summit Research Data Access and Preservation will be held in conjunction with the 2010 IA Summit in Phoenix in April. Also, Information Today has purchased the annual Search Engine Conference, and ASIS&T members will be able to get better prices for that event. The Board of Directors also announced that *JASIST* will begin to carry six literature review articles each year to replace the *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology*. Many authors consider it a more visible venue, and the journal will benefit from the increased usage that such articles generate.

Because of the timing of this issue, much reporting of the Annual Meeting will be postponed to our February/March issue, but we are able to begin our coverage of the meeting with a few special features in this issue. These items include President's Pages from both the outgoing and incoming ASIS&T presidents; the speech given at the Awards Luncheon by Carol Tenopir, the recipient of this year's Award of Merit; and an update on the work of the information professionals task force. Also, our special section in this issue is based on an Annual Meeting panel covering the role of facts and events in information retrieval.

Finally, Thom Haller, our new associate editor for information architecture, discusses what motivates him to pursue this profession. ■