Visualization techniques greatly enhance the comprehension and impact of data. To promote visualization techniques, the Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibit has been selecting and displaying 10 outstanding maps of science each year since 2005. In 2014 they reached their goal of displaying 100 outstanding maps from 236 map makers. In this issue of the Bulletin, curators Katy Börner and Todd Theriault with Kevin Boyack present five of these maps, which are described and discussed by their creators. Types of data mined and combined in these maps include bibliometric and geospatial as well as data that is indicative of social priorities such as the activities of not-for-profits. From showing aspects of the invention and development of a particular material (graphene) to modeling distance in terms of travel times in the Roman world, these fascinating maps combine data sources in unique and interesting ways to give us insights otherwise unobtainable.

Visualization techniques depend on large databases, whose curation and use are the core objectives of the ASIS&T research data access and preservation (RDAP) community. In this month’s RDAP Review, Wendy Hagenmaier, Dana M. Lamparello, Karen S. Baker, Janina Mueller and Stewart Varner look at the impact of this activity on the archival community.

ASIS&T itself is moving forward on various fronts. Our social media manager, Diane Rasmussen Pennington, discusses the results of her recent survey on social media use in Inside ASIS&T, while our new president, Sandra Hirsch, details plans for action in three areas on her President’s Page: strategic planning, membership and promotion of the value of information professionals.

Our next issue will be devoted to the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle, which had a large number of pre-conference workshops in addition to its very fine program. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and I look forward to helping share the experience with all our members.