This issue of the Bulletin, with its special section entitled “Information Professionals in a Globalized World,” is dedicated to the memory of Sue O’Neill Johnson, whose activities to promote ASIS&T’s international outreach touched many lives. She was a co-founder of the SIG/III (Special Interest Group/International Information Issues) International Paper Competition, which provides recognition, publishing opportunities and possible travel to an ASIS&T Annual Meeting to information professionals in developing countries. She also contributed greatly to making the SIG/III InfoShare program, which gives ASIS&T memberships to that same group, a regular and effective effort.

A SIG/III group under the leadership of Caryn Anderson, who edited this special section, has asked recipients who have benefited from Sue O’Neill Johnson’s efforts to contribute articles in Sue’s memory. As a result, we have six reports discussing aspects of information practice and the information professions from different areas of the world: Brazil, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kosovo and Nigeria. Caryn Anderson and others have also provided considerable background to the section in the Introduction. It includes further information about the contents of the section, a recent report from the ASIS&T International Relations Committee on steps that ASIS&T can take to increase its international presence and cooperation with other societies, the results of a survey of European information professionals (including non-ASIS&T members) on how ASIS&T could be helpful to them and a list of resources for following developments in the information professions worldwide.

Breadth of vision, albeit of a different type, was also the theme of incoming President Nancy Roderer’s inaugural address to the 2007 ASIS&T Annual Meeting. In her speech, which we include, she urged ASIS&T members to think in terms of “the information professions” and “information professionals” rather than in terms of the more specific traditional labels such as “archivist,” “information architect,” “records manager” or “librarian.”

We also have other coverage of the 2007 Annual Meeting in the issue. In addition to our usual photo tour of the ASIS&T awards for 2007, we have the acceptance speech of ASIS&T Award of Merit winner Don Kraft and a report on the plenary address delivered by Anthea Stratigos, CEO of Outsell, Inc.

In our Information Architecture column this month’s author, Eric Reiss of FatDUX, discusses patterns of creative thinking among different types of IAs.

Finally, I would like to thank Caryn Anderson, other SIG/III members who worked with her and the article authors for the special section. Creating and editing a collection of international papers presents a special challenge, and I appreciate their making my job easier.