

## Plans Well Underway for Two ASIS&T Meetings



On the heels of the biggest ASIS&T Information Architecture (IA) Summit yet, held in Las Vegas in March, the European IA contingent is busy planning the third European IA Summit (EuroIA). “Translating Information Architecture” is scheduled for September 21-22, in Barcelona, Spain. The organizing committee is currently reviewing all submissions received by the deadline. They note that they will look for the unexpected, a particular possibility this year in light of the ambiguity inherent in the meeting’s theme.

EuroIA committee members say that “Translating Information Architecture” can refer to translating between languages, within the profession or to clients; it also might refer to the transformation of ideas into practical solutions, or any of a number of other interpretations. They will select innovative and exciting responses and proposals for presentations, case studies, panels and posters. Keep up to date with plans at the [EuroIA website \(www.euroia.org/\)](http://www.euroia.org/).

Just one month after the European IA Summit, ASIS&T members will gather in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the 2007 ASIS&T Annual Meeting, October 18-25. “Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science” will focus on Web 2.0 and how it is changing the way people use and perceive the Internet, as well as the way they work and play.

The conference committee is already evaluating the many high-quality submissions from the information science and technology community. They will select the most innovative, practical, scholarly or creative looks at various aspects of the broad topic of social computing. Keep up-to-date with news about ASIS&T 2007 with regular visits to the [meeting website \(www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/am07cfp.html\)](http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/am07cfp.html).

Members of the ASIS&T Annual Meeting conference committee are chairs **Dudee Chiang** and **Paul Solomon** (also papers chair); **Pascal Calarco**, panels chair; **Nadia Caidi**, posters chair; **Suzie Allard**; **Candy Schwartz**; **Caryn Anderson**; **Joseph Busch**; **Karen Howell**; **Hope Olson**; **Samantha Starmer**; **Deborah Swain**; and **Dietmar Wolfram**.

### News about ASIS&T Chapters

The **New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (NEASIST)** hosted a panel of top design experts to discuss *Designing Usable Interfaces: Three Expert Perspectives* at the chapter’s April meeting. The exploration of the critical issues in designing usable web interfaces featured Karen Holtzblatt, co-author of *Contextual Design: A Customer-Centered Approach to Systems Designs*; Steve Krug, author of *Don’t Make Me Think: A Common Sense Approach to Web Usability*; and Jenifer Tidwell, author of *Designing Interfaces*.

**NEASIST** followed up in May with its annual awards dinner at which the Simmons Student Member-of-the-Year and the NEASIST Chapter Member-of-the-Year were honored. In addition, Fernanda B. Viégas and Martin Wattenberg, researchers in IBM’s Visual Communication Lab, discussed their current research, *Visualizing Wikipedia: A Tale of Life, Love and Bureaucracy*. They reported on Wikipedia’s evolution from a curiosity to a point of first reference for millions of people.

The **Indiana Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (I-ASIS&T)** held a dinner >

## ASIS&T Chapters Honor Women in Information

The **Potomac Valley Chapter (PVC)** and the **Catholic University of America Student Chapter** of ASIS&T joined forces to present a special April meeting entitled *Working Information Networks: A Tribute to Henriette Avram*, a retrospective presentation on women’s contributions to networked information management. The program began with discussion of Henriette Avram, known fondly as the mother of MARC. Beacher Wiggins, director of acquisitions and bibliographic access at the Library of Congress (LC), and Sally McCallum, chief of network development and the MARC Standards Office at LC, both worked

closely with Henriette Avram during her LC career and discussed her vision and influence on networked information.

**Gail Hodge**, senior information scientist with Information International Associates (IIa), and **Nikkia Anderson**, technical information specialist at IIa, offered insights into their experiences developing databases and other networked information solutions for federal contracts in engineering and the sciences. **Jennifer J. Preece**, dean of the University of Maryland College of Information Studies (CLIS), gave a brief review of some of the work that she and three women colleagues are doing at CLIS.

meeting in April to discuss *Success Strategies for Landing Your First Library Position*, featuring guest speakers Janet Gartin Moore, head of personnel for the Marion County Public Library system, and Lewis Miller, dean of libraries at Butler University. They tried to take some of the mystery and uncertainty out of the job search experience by describing what they, as library administrators, look for in new graduates for public and academic library positions.

The **Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T (LACASIS)** will present the story of a modern-day information investigation when **Michael Buckland**, former ASIS&T president and professor emeritus in the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley, discusses his book *Emanuel Goldberg and His Knowledge Machine*, published in 2006. The chapter's June meeting will focus on Buckland's determination to find documentation of the life and work of a "Dr. E. Goldberg" he found cited in early European sources as developer of a desktop search engine. After more than a decade of detective work, Buckland was able to piece together the story that had been successfully obscured by others' claims to Goldberg's inventions.

### News about ASIS&T Members

**Bruce Kingma**, professor and associate dean in Syracuse University's School of Information Studies (iSchool), has been appointed to the new position of SU associate provost for entrepreneurship and innovation. Kingma will provide leadership for the Syracuse Campus-Community Entrepreneurship Initiative, a collaborative partnership made possible by a five-year, \$3 million grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Kingma will work with the university and partner institutions to develop new curricula and curricular elements, enable research and facilitate experiential learning that integrates the concept of entrepreneurship and innovation across disciplines.

**Scott Nicholson**, associate professor in Syracuse University's iSchool, is the new director of the school's library and information science program. He assumed

the position upon the retirement of former director, **Gisela von Dran**. Nicholson has focused his research on ways to improve the evaluation of library services for decision-makers through bibliomining or data mining for librarians. His other research interests include gaming in libraries, Web search tools, participatory librarianship and new methods for distance education.

Former ASIS&T president **Donald W. King**, winner of the ASIS&T Watson



Davis Award, the ASIS&T Research Award and the ASIS&T Best Information Science Book Award, has been appointed Distinguished Research Professor by the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science (SILS). An entrepreneur and renowned researcher and statistician, King was co-founder of Westat, Inc., which is recognized as one of the premier survey research companies in the United States. He also founded King Research, Inc., a firm focused on research in information and communication services.

**Carol Tenopir**, professor in the School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, and interim director of the university's Center for Information Studies, will work with the Centre for Information Behaviour and the Evaluation of Research at the University College London. This project, funded by the British Library and

the UK Joint Information Systems Committee, is to determine whether the "Google generation" is searching for and researching content in new ways, and if so, how this change will shape the way they research and search in the future and how the country's major research collections can respond.

**Barbara Kwasnik**, professor in the Syracuse University School of Information Studies (iSchool) received an Excellence in Online Teaching Award from the Web-Based Information Science Education (WISE) Consortium, recognizing leaders in online information science. She won for her course, Indexing and Abstracting Systems and Services. Among comments about her course, students expressed appreciation for Kwasnik's creation of an interactive and enjoyable online class and for her timely, often humorous, feedback.

### News about ASIS&T SIGs

The 2007 fundraising raffle sponsored by **ASIS&T SIG/III (International Information Issues)** is already in full swing. Tickets went on sale April 1 for chances to win a sophisticated Dell Inspiron Digital Notebook computer and other prizes. The fundraiser will conclude with a drawing during the 2007 International Reception at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. Only 250 tickets are available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Buy tickets today at [www.asist.org/SIG/SIGIII/fundraising/fundraising2007/](http://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGIII/fundraising/fundraising2007/).

### IN MEMORIAM

**KAREN SPARCK JONES**, a pioneer in automatic language processing and information retrieval and 2002 winner of the ASIS&T Award of Merit, has died of cancer. Karen was a good friend to many within the IR community and a leader in the best sense of the word. She was known for a commitment to excellence, support of junior researchers and an influential and productive research career that spanned six decades.

Among many honors she received were recognition as a Fellow of the British Academy, the AAL and the ECAAI, and receipt of numerous awards from organizations such as ASIS&T and ACM.

For additional information about Karen's life and distinguished research career, please see her web page ([www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ksj21/](http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ksj21/)) and the announcement of her death from Cambridge University ([www.admin.cam.ac.uk/news/dp/2007040403](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/news/dp/2007040403)).