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Interest in retrieval of non-structured information, whether full text or surrogates, has been a common bond for a large part of our Society's membership. In this issue we focus on a core component of this problem – text search. Marge Hlava, president of Access Innovations, Inc., and chairman of the *Bulletin* Advisory Board, has put together six articles, each from a scientist and/or executive of a commercial firm that develops and markets search software. A few articles from other vendors were solicited but not received in time; some may appear in later issues. The emphasis is on case studies and on classes and capabilities of newer generation search software. We are very pleased to be able to publish articles covering such an interesting range of innovations from entrepreneurs in the field.

On a related topic, in our Opinion section, Bella Hass Weinberg proposes revisions to the 2005 *Guidelines for the Construction, Format, and Management of Monolingual Controlled Vocabularies*, which should soon be up for review.

After four years as associate editor for information architecture, Stacy Surla has decided to take a well-deserved break. Over these years, Stacy has either solicited or written more than a dozen IA columns and produced four widely read and appreciated special sections on the topic. We have benefited greatly from the wide variety of topics she pursued, the distinguished authors she

persuaded to write for us and her practical and pragmatic focus. One of the authors she has corralled in the past, Thom Haller, has agreed to replace Stacy for at least the next year. Thom is a teacher, lecturer and writer in the field of information architecture and has been associated with ASIS&T's IA Summits since their inception. We welcome him to the *Bulletin*.

As we turn to news of the Society, ASIS&T president Don Case also provides a review of recent actions by the ASIS&T Board of Directors, which include quite a few new initiatives of interest such as raising the amount of money per capita given to active local chapters.

Finally, this year's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada, is being held jointly with the Canadian Association for Information Science/L' Association Canadienne des Sciences de L'Information (CAIS-ACSI). As part of our continuing series on sister information societies and in honor of the event Luanne Freund and Heather O'Brien have prepared a history of CAIS-ACSI, including its long association with ASIS&T. As I sit in hot and drought-stricken central Texas, Vancouver seems a heavenly vision, and it has been refreshing at least be able to read about Canada. Given an exciting program as well as a beautiful location, I look forward to this meeting with even more anticipation than usual. ■