New Faces to Join the ASIS&T Board of Directors

Each year at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, a new administrative year begins, and the first official order of business is the introduction of newly elected members of the ASIS&T Board of Directors. When the membership gathers in New Orleans this month, the changing of the guard will take place with the inauguration of a new president and the seating of the new president-elect and two new directors-at-large.

Positions filled through the summer balloting process are for three-year terms. Those elected are Andrew Dillon, president-elect, and Diane Neal and Jens-Erik Mai, directors-at-large.

As new members take their seats, Diane Sonnenwald, elected last year as president-elect, will assume the presidency from Linda Smith, who continues on the Board for an additional year as past president.

Andrew Dillon is the dean and Louis T. Yule Professor of information science at the School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, where he also holds appointments in psychology and information risk & operations management. Formerly serving on the faculty of Indiana University and as research fellow of Loughborough University, United Kingdom, he earned his PhD in 1991 from Loughborough and a master of arts (first class) from University College Cork in 1987. He has been a member of ASIS&T since 1995 and has served as director-at-large, as editorial board member of JAIST, as program chair for both the ASIS&T Annual Meeting and the IA Summit and as member of the Publications Task Force. He also wrote a regular IA column for the Bulletin. His research and teaching interests are in human-computer interaction, reading and writing, design and creativity. Jens-Erik Mai is associate professor in the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto, where he previously served as vice dean and acting dean. Jens-Erik was formerly on the faculty at the Information School of the University of Washington where he also co-directed the Center for Human-Information Interaction; prior to that he was a faculty member at the Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark. He earned his PhD in library and information science from the University of Texas at Austin as a Fulbright Scholar and his master and bachelor degrees from the Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark. His research interests lie in the broad area of representation and organization of information; his current scholarship questions the conceptual foundation of classification and it seeks to establish an epistemological foundation that accepts the plurality of interpretations across communities. He teaches courses on representation of information, classification, design of controlled vocabularies and the theoretical foundation of information studies.

Jens-Erik is past chair of SIG/Classification Research. He has chaired the Best Information Science Book Award jury twice and been a member of the SIG Cabinet Steering Committee. He has served the International Society for Knowledge Organization as executive board member and is currently consulting editor of the Knowledge Organization journal.

Diane Neal is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario and holds the permanent title of visiting scholar at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia. Since earning information science degrees (MS, PhD) from the University of North Texas, Diane has also held academic appointments at North Carolina Central University and Texas Woman’s University. Additionally, she has been a systems librarian and a corporate information technology professional.

ASIS&T has been central to Diane’s career since 2001. Currently, she is the
2011 Annual Meeting’s Knowledge Organization Track chair, Webinar Task Force chair, Information Science Education Committee co-chair, a Chapter Assembly advisor, a Bulletin Advisory Board member and a New Leaders Award Mentor. She has presented at or moderated over 10 sessions at Annual Meetings and was 2008’s posters co-chair. She has multiple publications in the Bulletin and JASIST. Her ASIS&T commitment has been recognized with accolades and elected roles. In 2009, the Bulletin special section she guest edited won the Special Interest Group (SIG) Publication-of-the-Year Award. She has actively chaired two SIGs: Classification Research and Visualization, Images, & Sound. Also, she was a founding officer of the Carolinas Chapter and chaired the North Texas Student Chapter.

Leaving the Board are past president Gary Marchionini and directors Deborah Barreau and France Bouthillier.

The International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (icisc.neasist.org) is a nonprofit collaboration between the Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and the European (ASIST/EC) and New England (NEASIST) chapters of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, with the additional support of Haworth Press.

**J. Stephen Downie**, professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, has been named the school’s associate dean for research, replacing **Allen Renear**, who is stepping down to pursue further research activities. Downie will coordinate all aspects of research at GSLIS including working closely with faculty on research plans, overseeing GSLIS research centers and facilitating the development of GSLIS research strategy. Downie joined the GSLIS faculty in 1998.

Former ASIS&T presidents **Charles H. Davis** and **Debora Shaw** are the editors of *Introduction to Information Science and Technology*, a new ASIS&T monograph published by Information Today. This new guide to information science and technology presents a clear, concise and approachable account of the fundamental issues, with appropriate historical and theoretical background. The book is the product of a unique scholarly collaboration which brought together more than 80 individuals with specialized expertise. They contributed drafts, reviewed and edited initial contributions, advised the contributors and tested content with their students.

**SIG/III Announces Paper Contest Winners**

ASIS&T Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) has completed judging for its 12th International Paper Contest. The following individuals and paper titles are the winners in 2011:

**First Place:** Eustache Mêgnigbêto, Republic of Benin, for *Structure of the Reachability Social Network of Beninese Library and Information Professionals*.

**Second Place:** Muazzmil Tahira, Pakistan, for *What Next? New Databases, Metrics, Services or New Epistemology for Research Evaluation*.

**Third Place:** Swati Bhattacharyya, India, for *Exploring the Notion of Contextual Use: A Case Study of the Use of Electronic Resources in an Indian Research Organization*.

**Maqsood Shaheen**, chair; **Alma Rivera**, co-chair; **Fatih Oguz**, co-chair; and members of the SIG/III board served as jurors for the 2011 competition.

The principal authors of each of the three winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIS&T. In addition, the first place winner will be awarded a minimum of $1,500 to attend the 2011 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
In Memoriam

Madeline Henderson

Madeline M. Henderson, 88, of Frederick, died on July 17, 2011, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. She was a longtime member and pioneer of ASIS&T. She was also a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for Advancement of Science.

Madeline was predeceased by her husband Richard who died in 2008. She is survived by her children, Anne DeRito and husband Frank of Florida; Matthew R. Henderson of Boonsboro; Katherine DiLima of Germantown; and Laura Hicks and husband Brian of Frederick, and by ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions in her name to the Homewood Foundation, P.O. Box 250, Williamsport, MD 21795.

Our thanks to Robert V. Williams for the following look at Madeline’s career.

Madeline M. Henderson: From Chemical Information Science Pioneer to Architect of the New Information Science

by Robert V. Williams

Madeline M. (Berry) Henderson was an active contributor to and innovator in the field of documentation/information science. Her professional life provides multiple examples of the phrase “present at the creation” during the early development of information science in the period 1950–75.

Her first significant contribution was in chemical information science, where she was a close associate and co-worker of James W. Perry, one of the foremost developers of the early ideas about information retrieval and chemical information science. With Perry and others, including Allen Kent, she coedited the first two significant publications on the use of punched cards for information retrieval systems and was the leader in the first efforts to evaluate chemical notation systems for use in information retrieval. These efforts brought national and international attention as well as numerous citations to her work.

Three years after the 1952 establishment of the National Science Foundation’s Office of Scientific Information, Henderson was evaluating grant proposals for the emerging field of documentation/information science and in the process of crafting two of the most significant publications that both tracked and influenced the development of the field. She not only was the creator of these two publications but also did the “legwork” investigating the projects, thus likely becoming the most knowledgeable person in the field about research and development work during this period. Her work at the National Bureau of Standards on copyright, standards and fostering cooperation among the libraries of U.S. federal agencies was an important factor in their success, particularly in library automation.

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