The ISSI conference series is one of the prime events in scientometrics and informetrics and is organized under the auspices of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics. The scope of this year’s ISSI was to “provide an international open forum for scientists, research managers, authorities and information professionals to debate the current status and advancements of informetric and scientometric theories and their deployment” (www.issi2013.org). In addition to the traditional evaluative focus, practical applications in related fields such as library and information science, history of science and philosophy of science were discussed.

This year, the European Doctoral Forum took place for the fifth time at an ISSI conference. Besides the Center for Doctoral Studies at the University of Vienna, ASIS&T SIG/MET and ASIS&T’s European Student Chapter were partner organizations. The primary objective of the European doctoral forum is to provide doctoral students with a platform for presenting and discussing their research and receive feedback from renowned scientometricians. Nine students representing five countries and a variety of disciplines presented their work. Topics included altmetrics, electronic visualization and regional differences in research over time. The scholarly exchanges were capped by lunch and traditional Viennese coffees.

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Hungary, The Netherlands and the United States) were invited. Interestingly, a few students were from organizations without a direct link to scientometrics or information science, but came from various other disciplines (computer science, economics, sociology). Also the presented topics were broad. They ranged from traditional themes like determinants of the research activity and efficiency in Russia and the Ukraine over the period 1993-2013 or research career systems to the use of altmetrics in research evaluation or the visualization of research fields based on scholarly communication on the web. Their quality is reflected in that a few of the doctoral students also presented in the regular program of ISSI 2013.

Each presentation lasted 30 minutes. In the first part the students presented their dissertation projects. The second part served for discussion and input. In order to give feedback to the students, the organizers were assisted by renowned scientometricians Peter Ingwersen, Jonathan Levitt, Ronald Rousseau and Cassidy Sugimoto.

One of the highlights of the European Doctoral Forum was lunch in a traditional Viennese cafe (Café Landtmann), which was sponsored by ASIS&T. Here, students had the opportunity to socialize and learn more about each other. Of course, the stay in Café Landtmann could not have been completed without having a cup of coffee selected from the wide range of their coffee specialties.