

EUROPEAN STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ASIS&T-ESC

The European Student Chapter (ESC) of ASIS&T was established in May 2005. Student members of ASIS&T studying at academic institutions within Europe are automatically members of ESC. Other Student members of ASIS&T can apply to join ESC as associate members. Here are some reasons for joining ESC:

- Network with European students of information science and related disciplines.
- Strengthen connections and network with ASIS&T students throughout the world.
- Form links for student exchange at universities and other institutions in information science.
- Publish student essays in E-LIS open archive (<http://eprints.rclis.org/>)

ASIS&T EC Web site will be maintained by Boris Bosancic.

News

Events & Meetings year 2005: active chapter around the world !

Representant of ASIST ESC in ASIST annual meeting in Charlotte October 2005

Jonathan Levitt participated to the annual meeting of ASIST in Charlotte on October 2005.

Meetings with ASIST Pdt, august 2005

Michael Leach, Pdt of ASIST has met Jonathan Levitt, Vice-Chair of ESC-SC in London on August, to discuss about our chapter. He congratulated officers for their initiative and welcomed the work. He also met students in Oslo in IFLA meeting among them Sanijica Felatar Croatian student and student member of the chapter....

ASIST ESC at LIDA5 in Dubrovnik (Croatia) may june 2005

A presentation of the ESC-SC was made by Mabrouka EL HACHANI (France) secretary of our chapter during the LIDA's conference on May 2005.

More information in <http://www.ffs.hr/lida5/>.

ACTIVITIES ON THE LIST

Here there are some issues discussed on the list last months :

1. Discussion Phd topics on our list :

First, Kora began sending message about her topics on the list , her message :

“I would like to bring up the topic of importance of our profession in the world of today. I think this is a relevant topic since our future is to a large extent dependent on it. Web pages are information resources and LIS has dealt with information resources for centuries now. But, the questions we could ask ourselves include:
Are LIS professionals doing enough with the Web pages?
Is our "job" being taken over by computer engineers?
Do people need (digital) libraries now that there is Google? “

An interesting discussion has begun between members of the list among them Johnathan and Tony

Jonathan thinks that computer science graduates would benefit from more of the content of their degree being on topics in information science that are relevant to computer science. However, one possible impediment is that computer science courses may be designed and taught by people with limited knowledge of information science.

Jonathan added that there is much more that could be done, and where information professionals could jump in -- e.g. applying controlled vocabularies for subject indexing/classification of resources, e.g. semi-automatically." Google is a commercial enterprise and their current priority is trying to be more profitable rather than more useful to the user. He presumes such as Kora's ideas will be implemented in due course.

Tony has nearly the same point of view, we need of course both engineers and information science professionals to have "intelligent" tools for search on the web.

Tony's response is that the design of large Web sites could benefit from the input from information science professionals. Two important words to think about : "Information Architecture" he suggested to check them trough some references ("Check out "Information Architecture for the World Wide Web (Paperback"; byLouis Rosenfeld, Peter Morville for more info).

Tony doesn't think that the job of information science professionals is being taken over by computer engineers. He thinks that there's plenty of room for both as information professionals. Working as a Software Engineer primarily on web applications, he precise that he spent most of his day tweaking code, not doing something about taxonomies or findability or the like, though he needs to keep them in mind as tools in the fabric of information stucture that comes out of the systems he's helping to develop.

He affirms sure more systems would benefit from having a heavier analytical point-of-view representative but the practicalities don't always allow for that.

And you ? What is your point of view ?

The schedule of other topics are :

1st December : Mabrouka : talking about knowledge management and digital libraries

January and February : Johnathan and Imma

If there some topics that interest you and you want people to discuss about, please send us email and your suggestions... be active !

2. Hello LIS Students of Europe!

Maja Croatian student presented LIS education in Croatia:

She presented different department in Information Sciences in Croatia present in major towns of the country: Zagreb, Zadar and Osijek. She also presented a major and important conference and meeting for Asist Europe Chapter and of course for our chapter too – the LIDA conference in Dubrovnik each year.

We want each of our student members to present LIS research and education to their country.

AGENDA OF CONFERENCES ON INFORMATION SCIENCES

LIDA6 in Dubrovnik & Mljet (Croatia) : 29th may-4th june 2006

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deadline 10th january 2006, for more information in : <http://www.ffos.hr/lida>

SDC 06 : week of knowledge (Semaine de la connaissance) in Nantes (France) 26th-30th june 2006
for more information : <http://sdc2006.org/isko2006>

SDN : conference on electronic document, in Fribourg (Switzerland) September 2006
For more information in : <http://diuf.unifr.ch/event/sdn06/>

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