

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/>)

News

Report from ASIST Annual Meeting 2006

Sunday night (Nov. 5th) was the student party, considered by all to be a great success. Approximately 65 students showed up at the hotels presidential suite thanks to Michael Leach. By the way, Edie Rasmussen will take over as the next ASIST President. I had a chance to meet Hamid Jamali from University College London and Monica Lassi and Hanna Maurin from Sweden and discovered that there are European members that have not subscribed to ESC listserv and are not even aware of its existence.

On Nov. 6th, I went to the Student Chapter Advisors meeting. The activity of each chapter was reported and discussed. I brought up our trouble in getting the roster. Candy Swartz, previous chair of the Student Chapter, said that we should be able to access the list through authentication. This is something that is easily fixed, however, it is not clear whom we can contact to get the password.

The Student Chapter is moving toward the adoption of a wiki to serve as a tool for student communication. It will be used primarily for updates on scholarships, conference proceedings, funding opportunities, directories of programs, etc. They plan to have it up running within the next semester. I shared the fact that this was also our intention.

We could certainly take advantage of their settings, unless we decide to start our wiki independently. Deborah Swain is in charge of the wikis development and I can keep in touch with her. The general feeling is that listservs are good for general announcements but it is difficult to keep them alive and they seem not to work well as active online forums. Wikis are a viable alternative. From the conversations I had with students, physical connection and being able to put a face to a name it is really the key to participation and building a more cohesiveness chapter. We are at a particular disadvantage because of distance that separates us, but having a regular meeting point would definitely help.

Candy indicated that a new type of award for students, beyond the standard chapter award, is likely to be instituted next year. It will probably be based on student activities and having "innovation" as the main evaluation criterion.

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I was very pleased to meet Tatjana Aparac- (recipient of the IS Teacher of the Year). She is very active in the effort to create strong international connections. We discussed the development of our chapter and the possibility of making LIDA our ESC annual meeting point. [Note not for newsletter: Having been a jury member, she also gave us an insiders tip regarding the chapter award she said it was important for the chapter to submit a good report of each chapter activity].

Finally, the SIG III International Reception held an auction to raise money to bring ASIST members from developing countries to the conference.

Cristina Pattuelli

CONFERENCES

LIDA : <http://www.ffos.hr/lida/>

Annual conference in Croatia , very important to us as there is the ASIST ESC phd forum

ESWC : <http://www.eswc2007.org/>

The 4th European Semantic Web Conference site. ESWC 2007 will take place from 3-7th, June 2007 in the Tyrol region of Innsbruck, Austria.

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