

Winners of the 2007 ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG III) is pleased to announce the following winners of its **eighth** International Paper Contest:

Rank	Name	Email	Country	Paper Title
1	Shampa Paul	shampa_paul@yahoo.com	India	A case study of e-governance initiatives in India
2	Soumitra Sharma	soumitra.sharma@evaluateserve.com	India	Exploring best practices in public-private partnerships (ppp) in e-government through select Asian case-studies
3	Rama Devi	ramadevi_tella@yahoo.com	India	Towards promotion and dissemination of IK. A case of NIRD
4	M.Masoom Raza Amar Nath	masoomr@yahoo.com	India	Use of IT in University Libraries of Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh : A Comparative study
5	a. Elsa Barber b. Silvia Pisano c. Sandra Romagnoli d. Verónica Parsiale e. Gabriela De Pedro y Carolina Gregui	Elsa's email address: elsabarber@grebyd.com.ar	Argentina	User Interface of Web Opacs in Mercosur Member and Associate Countries
6	Medha Joshi	joshim@tmc.gov.in	India	Digital resources for information accessibility at the point of care: an overview of Library Information System at Tata Memorial Hospital

The theme of this year's contest was "**Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science.**"

The principal authors of each of the six winning papers will be awarded a two-year individual membership to ASIST. In addition, the leading two winners, **Shampa Paul** and **Soumitra Sharma** will be awarded a minimum of \$1,000 each to attend the October 18-25, 2007 ASIST Annual Meeting, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

These winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by Elsevier's International Information and Library Review, which is edited by Toni Carbo.

Thanks to the generous donations from participants of the October 6 2006 Kenya Embassy Fundraiser, Elsevier, and many of our previous organization and individual donors. Your efforts have enabled us to continue with this International Contest. Further fundraising

effort is underway and we welcome donations as well as entries to [the ongoing raffle](#) to support the contest. Updates will be provided periodically as we get closer to the conference.

Congratulations to the winners!

The Contest Committee worked really hard in selecting the winning papers. The paper contest was organized by Julian Warner (Chair) and Judy Jeng (co-Chair).

The judges were:

Julian Warner, The Queen's University of Belfast, School of Management and Economics. Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Judy Jeng, New Jersey City University, Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library, Jersey City, New Jersey, USA.

Yin Zhang, Kent State University, School of Library and Information Science, Kent, Ohio, USA.

Yunfei Du, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

We thank the jury members for their selfless effort and our donors for their compassion which makes it possible to develop and sustain this international network of digital scholars and experts on digital libraries and information technology in developing countries.

More information about the paper competition is available from the SIG III website (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>) under **Paper Contest**.