SIG ACTIVITIES REPORT

SIG: SIG-DL
Authorizing Person: Kevin Comerford
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Budget Fiscal Year: FY15

Current Chair: Kevin Comerford
Other Officers: Eka Grguric, Chair-Elect; Lizzy Rolando, Secretary/Treasurer; Virginia Dressler, Communications Officer, Lyne da Sylva, Membership Officer; Matthew Murray, Webmaster

Sig-of-the-Year Award consideration? NO

1. Did your SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting? YES

2. Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last AM?
   Kevin Comerford

3. Names of New Leaders of your SIG that may be interested in getting involved in other areas of ASIS&T:
   Eka Grguric

4. Describe any efforts your SIG made especially designed to recruit new members or retain members (e.g., welcome letters, calls or visits, etc.).:
   SIG-DL Recruiting Efforts At the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle, Kevin Comerford, SIG-DL chair attended the New Members Brunch and introduced the activities and benefits of SIG-DL to the attendees. He also attended several receptions and discussed membership benefits and opportunities. Virginia Dressler, SIG-DL Communications Officer, has ensured that the SIG-DL Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/sigdl/), Twitter account (https://twitter.com/sigdl), and LinkedIn Group (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/ASIS-T-SIGDL-1209207/about) have been actively maintained throughout the year. SIG-DL has also worked to recruit new members through our various events. For example, SIG-DL Secretary/Treasurer Lizzy Rolando has been actively involved in the RDAP Summit, which SIG-DL has helped sponsor for the last several years. And this year, Virginia Dressler, SIG-DL Communications Officer, has taken over as editor of the RDAP column.

5. What programs, including those presented at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, did your SIG sponsor or cosponsor during the fiscal year? (e.g., continuing education programs, regional meetings, promotional activities for your SIG or ASIS&T, career guidance, ongoing services, etc.). Please list the name of the program, speakers involved, date and location, estimated attendance, revenue and expenses, a brief description of each program, and other participating organization or ASIS&T units, if applicable.
   This year SIG-DL worked hard to maintain its ongoing program series, despite several key personnel losses. ● Digital Liaisons 2015: SIG-DL proposed another Digital Liaison student lightning talk and poster session for the annual meeting,
however the proposal was rejected. We attempted to re-organize the session as a Workshop, but found the costs too prohibitive for the SIG budget. • SIG-DL 2015-16 Webinar Series Eka Grguric, the SIG-DL chair-elect has recently started organizing webinar speakers for programs we will offer later this fall. The first webinar will be offered directly after the Annual Meeting. The webinar series was delayed this year because the previous webinar coordinator completed her tenure in this position. • SIG-DL Offers Deborah Barreau Memorial Award SIG-DL is once again offering the Dr. Deborah Barreau Memorial Award this year – the award honors ASIS&T SIG-DL members who have made significant contributions to the Digital Libraries Special Interest Group through service, projects, research or professional development initiatives that enrich the SIG-DL community. The award is intended to encourage active engagement of SIG-DL members, recognizing outstanding service to the SIG. In addition to recognition of exceptional contributions to SIG-DL, awardees also receive a modest monetary award which will be presented in a brief ceremony during the SIG-DL business meeting held at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting. Only ASIST SIG-DL members are eligible to be nominated, and current SIG-DL Executive Committee members are not eligible. The application deadline for this year’s award is October 1, 2015.

6. Describe the publications your SIG produced during the activity period (e.g., newsletters, technical publications, pathfinders, joint publications, etc.). Briefly describe those publications here, indicate the publication frequency and intended audience, and enclose a copy of each publication (or provide the URL) with this report.
• SIG-DL Quarterly Newsletter SIG-DL published two newsletter issues this year. Unfortunately the SIG-DL Newsletter Editor, Gina Chattin was unable to continue in this role, so the SIG has not been able to publish further issues this year. The SIG tried several times this year to recruit a new editor, without success. Recruitment efforts will continue at this year’s annual meeting. • SIG-DL News, October 2014 Issue • SIG-DL February 2015 Issue • SIG-DL has edited the Bulletin’s RDAP column for the past three years. This past year, Lizzy Rolando served as editor for the column; next year, Virginia Dressler will serve in this role. The articles published last year were: • RDAP Summit Special Edition (August/September 2015) • Data Management Plans as a Research Tool (June/July 2015) • Unlocking and Sharing Data in Astronomy (April/May 2015) • An Introduction to the Joint Principles for Data Citation (February/March 2015) • Archivist! Data Librarian! Asset Manager! Do the Differences Really Matter? Reflecting on Breakout Discussions at the Society of American Archivists 2014 Annual Meeting (December 2014/January 2015) • SIG-DL Social Media Presence The good news this year is that SIG-DL’s Social Media membership has increased by 183 followers. The SIG continued to maintain an active social media presence on its Facebook and Twitter accounts, and through the SIG-DL LinkedIn page. Virginia Dressler, SIG-DL Communications Officer ensured that there were periodic postings through each media channel to keep SIG members informed and to publicize the group’s activities. SIG-DL saw a significant increase in the number of followers on each of its social media accounts: • Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/sigdl/ ○ (276 members – an increase of 47 members over last year) • LinkedIn Page: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/ASIS-T-SIGDL-1209207 ○ (389 members – an increase of 16 members over last year) • Twitter Page: https://twitter.com/sigdl ○ (581 followers - an increase of 120 followers over last year)

7. Describe your SIG’s participation in other noteworthy activities during the period (e.g., participation in a public effort, such as, legislative hearing, standards committee, representation at meetings of other organizations, etc.). Once again, SIG-DL helped sponsor this year’s RDAP summit. Lizzy Rolando, SIG-DL Secretary-Treasurer was also extensively involved in this year’s event: She co-edited the RDAP Summit special edition of the Bulletin, presented a group poster entitled “Local ICPSR Data Curation Workshop Pilot Project,” and participated in two panels at the summit: “The Role of Assessment in Research Data Services,” and “Beyond metadata: Supporting non-standardized documentation to facilitate data reuse.”

8. Please include any other comments you would like to make about your SIG’s activities during the period.