Introduction
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EDITOR’S SUMMARY

New Orleans was the site of the 3rd ASIS&T Summit on Research Data Access & Preservation (RDAP), held March 22-23, 2012. This Bulletin features articles reflecting the major themes of the summit, including challenges and opportunities for future RDAP efforts. Data citation is highlighted as a critical aspect of RDAP. The RDAP12 website describes the program and additional resources, and presentation slides and some poster material are available on SlideShare. Plans are underway for RDAP13, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, in April 2013. A community planning email listserv is open to all.

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The 3rd ASIS&T RDAP Summit was held in New Orleans, March 22-23, 2012. For this special section of the Bulletin, we asked organizers of the RDAP Summit to highlight some of the critical issues they see in the areas of research data access and preservation. These authors provided feature articles as well as summaries of a few related panels to offer those who could not attend insight into the content of an RDAP Summit. We’ve also included a summary of the program, links to presentations and a selection of posters on slideshare, as well as information on how to learn about next year’s RDAP13 Summit. A special thanks goes out to the 2012 Summit chair Michael Giarlo and to Joe Hourclé for helping to organize this issue.

Of the articles, the first by Karen M. Wickett, Xiao Hu and Andrea Thomer provides an excellent overview and summary of many of the major themes of the Summit. The other two articles by Joe Hourclé and Matt Mayernik focus on data citation. In addition to the articles, we also have session summaries provided to us for the panels on data citation from Joe Hourclé and Matt Mayernik and training data management practitioners by Xiao Hu.

For further information on RDAP12 and plans for RDAP13, please refer to the following resources:

- Slides from presentations and a selection of some posters from the Summit are available on slideshare: www.slideshare.net/tag/rdap12
- Visit the RDAP12 website for more information on Summit themes and program: http://rdap12.posterous.com/pages/program
- Join the RDAP community’s on-going conversation and stay updated on RDAP13 event information by signing up for our email listserv: http://mail.asis.org/mailman/listinfo/rdap

Congratulations to incoming Summit chairs Jordan Andrade and Stacy Konkkel. We hope to see many of you in Baltimore in April 2013 for the 4th Annual RDAP Summit.