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Dear ASIS&T Family,

I hope you are safe and enjoying sound health!

I am excited and honored to publish this special issue as the purpose is to celebrate the historical achievement of SIG-III for getting three awards in a row, particularly, to celebrate 'Publication of the Year Award' for SIG-III Newsletter.

It was a dream since I joined SIG-III as a Newsletter Officer in 2019. Thank God my efforts were in the right directions.

Dear SIG-III community members, please join us at 2020 Annual Meeting to celebrate the shared success!!!

Stay Safe!

Saira Hanif Soroya

Newsletter Officer

Message from the Chair



Greetings to all!

The year 2020 has come with some worries and some excitement for us. At the start of this year, the COVID-19 pandemic had affected our lives so much,

and we had to adopt a new way of living and working. Nowadays, the world is seeing its second wave and there is a significant increase in the number of reported cases, particularly in Europe and the Americas. The Director-General of the World Health Organization has highlighted that there were no shortcuts, and no silver bullets to deal with this pandemic. Rather, the answer is a comprehensive approach, using every tool in the toolbox.

So, it is not easy to defeat the COVID and we may need to learn to live with this pandemic for a long period.

On the other hand, 2020 has been good for SIG -III. We bagged three awards in a row!

- SIG of the Year Award
- Member of the Year Award (Devendra Potnis, our IPC Committee Chair)
- Publication of the Year Award (For SIG-III Newsletter)

This is really a milestone in the history of SIG-III. These awards are the result of the hard work of

our team and members of the community. Over the years, many officers and members contributed to SIG-III success. So, I dedicate the 'SIG of the Year Award' to all the past chairs, officers, and members including the Founding Chair, Michel Menou who planted this SIG back in 1982.

My compliments to Devendra Potnis for winning 'SIG Members of the Year Award' for his contribution to the SIG-III's International Paper Contest (IPC) Committee. He has chaired the IPC Committee for three consecutive years. Apart from his efforts to involve IPC committee members from various countries, he proposed a new criterion of limiting the paper contest to the researchers and practitioners living and working in developing countries alone.

Let me congratulate Saira Hanif Soroya, our Newsletter Officer, on her dedication and efforts which brought our newsletter to the limelight and won the 'Publication of the Year' Award. Saira has been instrumental to make the newsletter much attractive by giving it a vibrant look through innovative design, interesting content, and comprehensive coverage of SIG-III activities. She also marketed it very well and shared it with a larger audience at a time when the whole world was facing COVID-19.

Unfortunately, we wouldn't be able to celebrate our success in a physical environment at the International Reception at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2020. But we can celebrate it in our own way!!!

Ashraf Sharif

International Paper Contest (IPC) 2020 Announcement

Due to COVID-19, participation in the International Paper Contest (IPC) was affected significantly. The IPC jury members from China, India, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Turkey, and Zimbabwe followed the double-blind peer review process to evaluate all the submissions. Here is the list of winners of the IPC.

- First place winner: Visibility of Library and Information Science and Scientific Communication in Iran (Golnessa Galyani-Moghaddam, Allameh Tabataba'i University, and Zahra Ojagh, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran)
- Second place winner: Children as Individual Subjects through Digital Competency (Seran Demiral, Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar Üniversitesi, Turkey)

- Third Place Winner: A Comparative Study of Public Libraries of Nagaland, Patna (Bihar) and Vadodara (Gujarat) of India (Pichano Kikon and Sourabh Suman, Central University of Gujarat, India)

Devendra Potnis, Chair of IPC, individually communicated the qualitative feedback provided by the IPC jury members to all participants. Kendra Albright, one of the advisors of SIG-III, asked Devendra to invite the winners to submit their revised papers to *Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Studies*. Golnessa Galyani-Moghaddam, one of the first-place winners, is going to virtually present their award-winner research paper in the form of a poster at the 2020 ASIS&T conference.

Devendra Potnis
IPC Chair

International Paper Contest (IPC) 2019 Winners' Reflections

First Place Winner

International Paper Contest (IPC) conducted by The Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG-III) of ASIS&T is a great opportunity for young researchers from developing countries to participate and get recognition for their intellectual work. Winners of the contest are offered free membership of ASIS&T to participate in a series of professional development activities to keep themselves updated with the modern trends in the profession. Being a first-place winner of IPC 2019, I would like to recommend the LIS community from developing countries to get ready and participate in the upcoming IPC award 2020.

Good Luck!

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Third Place Winner

I joined ASIS&T in 2015 when I was a Ph.D. student, and presented my paper in ASIS&T AM. After that every year I join and present papers in ASIS&T AM. It becomes my professional platform to meet with great people in my discipline. I'm grateful to Naresh (President-Elect) who was my mentor in a project of opening the South Asia (SA) Chapter of ASIS&T.

I could recall all the memories when I first got involved with SIG-III as Treasurer in Washington at ASIS&T 2017 AM. I was happy to see people around me were from different corners of the world which helps me to break the ice, and I truly feel it as an international platform. I add two wonderful feathers in my flock at ASIS&T. One is New Leader Award and others; I was one of the winners of the International Paper Contest Program of SIG-III.

I aim to engage more with this SIG in the coming days. For me, ASIS&T is a place to learn and grow with wonderful people.

Long Live ASIS&T!

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InfoShare News (2020)

I am pleased to share the details about the InfoShare award 2020. The InfoShare 'Call for Nomination' was sent in the month of April 2020 and the last date of application submission was 15th June 2020. This year special efforts were carried out to spread the call for the InfoShare award and in this regard following three approaches were used particularly:

1. The call was disseminated through personal and professional social media pages/groups.
2. A list of faculty members/librarians/library association officials representing different developing countries was prepared by the undersigned and nominations were invited through emails.
3. SIG-III website/social media and mailing lists were used to spread the invitation.

As a result, this year despite the COVID 19 emergency, we received nominations from various developing countries i.e. India, Iran, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Romania.

Here is a list of the award winners:

- 1. Arjun Sanyal**
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Email: arjun1234.sanyal@gmail.com
- 2. Fatemeh Pazooki**
Librarian, Alzehra University, Tehran, Iran
Email: pazooki.f@gmail.com
- 3. Humphrey Lance Kombe Keah**
Knowledge manager, Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: humphreykeah443@gmail.com
- 4. Jlouk Yahya**
Knowledge and data engineering student, ESI in Alirfane, Rabat, Morocco
Email: yahya.jlouk22@esi.ac.ma
- 5. Mayank Trivedi**
University Librarian & Senate Member, Smt. H M Library, The Maharaja Sayajirao, University of Baroda, Gujarat-India.
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6. Nicoleta-Roxana Dinu

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Bucharest, Romania.
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7. Nkeiru Amauche Emezie

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8. Omobolade Adeagbo

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Saira Soroya
InfoShare Chair

InfoShare (2019) Certificates Distribution



SIG-III Election: Call for Nominations

SIG-III is going to hold its election for Officers for the year 2020-2021. We are requesting to send nominations for the vacant positions for the coming year. The nominations are open till October 20th, 2020.

Please have a look at the by-laws at <https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/sig-iii-bylaws/>, which describes the roles and responsibilities of the SIG-III Officers. The list of current Officers can be seen here at <https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/officers/>.

Please remember we appreciate diversity. The SIG should ask for nominations from various cultural backgrounds and geographies, especially for IPC and InfoShare posts. Please nominate yourself or share names who are interested. The nominator and the nominees should be current members of ASIS&T.

Nominations with missing information wouldn't be entertained. We are open to take any suggestions we should follow for the election. The online nomination form is available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbXmihvCWLhkwizR9rcdBfd0sXd3AzXef13s3yY9kC8hdYLA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>.

Annual Business Meeting & Virtual Raffle 2020

The Annual Business Meeting of the SIG-III will be held on October 28th, 2020 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT. Here is further information:

- Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/join/>
- Meeting ID: 843 8759 5784
- Passcode: 597359

I would request all to attend this virtual meeting.

Hope to see you all there!

SIG-III is excited to invite you to participate in a virtual raffle that replaces the silent auction typically conducted during the in-person ASIS&T conferences. Please use [this link](#) to buy tickets by October 31. Lucky three winners will receive the ASIS&T membership for one year.

We appreciate your participation!

Ashraf Sharif
SIG-III Chair

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