

Celebrating SIG-III



Leili Seifi,
SIG-III Chair

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Message from the Chair

Greetings Everyone! Happy Summer from Iran!

I am excited to share the latest on SIG-III's initiatives and accomplishments in this issue. I am proud of our successes over the last seven months, including opportunities for meaningful member engagement, introducing innovative initiatives, and offering events and professional development in collaboration with other SIGs and chapters, both within and beyond ASIS&T. As of June 2024, over 40 SIG-III officers and volunteers have enabled us to learn, advocate, meet, network, and socialize with like-minded researchers and colleagues worldwide. They have created value by providing access, fostering a sense of belonging, and focusing on community for its 330-plus members.

Safirotu Khoir and Vanessa Reyes continued to nurture relationships among members through interactive theme-based events at the International Café Meets. Namali Suraweera and the International Paper Contest jury did a wonderful job of planning and implementing the contest. I would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the winners of the IPC contest. Their contributions have greatly enriched the field of LIS, expanded the frontiers of knowledge and promoted practical solutions for the betterment of societies worldwide. Faiza Bashir and the InfoShare committee put great effort into selecting the InfoShare awardees. We are proud to have a diverse group of winners, and I welcome the fourteen new members to the SIG-III community.

The Research Wing initiative, led by Brady Lund and his team, put in a wonderful effort to select the Best Mentor of the Year and Best Project of the Year. I congratulate all the winners for their hard work and invaluable contributions. Vandana Singh and her team launched the highly anticipated ASIS&T SIG-III Global Mentor-Mentee Program. The program aims to foster collaboration and growth within the Information Science community, stimulating international collaboration and providing global networking opportunities. Over 40 mentors and mentees have been carefully matched and have started their collaboration.

To recognize the dedication and efforts of SIG-III volunteers, we announced a call for the Best Volunteer Award in early May. In early June, we announced Safirotu Khoir's selection as the recipient of the 2024 Best Volunteer Award. Congratulations to Safirotu!

We have collaborated with other SIGs and chapters, both within and beyond ASIS&T, to organize events. Nosheen Warraich, Co-Chair and Chair-Elect, arranged a research workshop in partnership with SIG-InfoLearn to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to conduct thorough systematic literature reviews and effective meta-analyses. We held our second international collaboration with IFLA New Professionals SIG and UNT ASIS&T Student Chapter on "Opportunities and Challenges in the Job Market". We also held our second collaboration with SIG-AI and the South Asia Chapter on "Developing a Responsible AI Strategy for Your Library," presented by Dr. Andrew Cox.

Additionally, we held the 2nd Humans of the Library event with ASIS&T Past Presidents. This event is an innovative way of sharing personal and professional challenges and solutions to build a community. The next Humans of the Library will be held on 8th July. In addition, our International Reception will take place on Sunday 27th October after dinner in Calgary, Canada. We look forward to meeting many of you at this special event to socialize and create lasting memories.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the officers and volunteers for their remarkable dedication and invaluable efforts in delivering exceptional work and innovative ideas to ensure that SIG-III remains as strong as it is today. I want to thank the members for their continued participation and enthusiasm in our community and the advisors for the incredible guidance, support, and advice they provide. Thank you all!

Please feel free to share your suggestions, thoughts, and comments with us anytime at sigiiiassist@gmail.com, as we highly value your feedback.

Laili Seifi, Chair, SIG-III



Join us for A Festival of Culture, Tradition, and Storytelling.

You are invited to the
12th SIG-III International Café Meet
of 2024

Save the date for Wednesday,
July 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM-11:00 AM EDT

This is a free event
Registration will be required.

Uniting the ASIS&T community to
embrace the many cultures and
traditions that tell the stories of our
members.

Register at

<https://www2.asist.org/ap/Events/Register/WqFBzdQHaCJCE>

Celebrating SIG-III Initiatives

2024 InfoShare Membership Award

The InfoShare Committee of ASIS&T and SIG-III is happy to announce 14 individuals as recipients of the 2024 InfoShare Membership Award, as listed on the following page. These recipients have been chosen following a rigorous selection procedure. We believe that these will be a really a great addition to ASIS&T and SIG-III family.

The purpose of the InfoShare Membership Award is to sponsor deserving library and information science (LIS) professionals from developing countries for a one-year complimentary ASIS&T membership, the financial burden of which would otherwise be prohibitive. To be considered for the Award, an LIS professional must be nominated by a current ASIS&T member.

In addition to receiving membership in ASIS&T and SIG-III, Award recipients will participate in a variety of ASIS&T activities during their award year, including attending ASIS&T webinars of their interest, inviting at least five LIS

professionals to join SIG-III, and helping the InfoShare Committee to organize at least one InfoShare event.

The 2024 InfoShare Membership Award recipients extend ASIS&T and SIG-III's geographic reach, giving us more perspective on LIS practice in developing countries. In particular, the 2024 cohort improves SIG-III's global representation by adding members in Argentina and Egypt, doubling our members in Brazil, tripling our members in Iran, and strengthening the SIG-III community in Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey, and Zimbabwe.

Congratulations to all of the 2024 InfoShare Membership Award recipients, and welcome to ASIS&T and SIG-III!

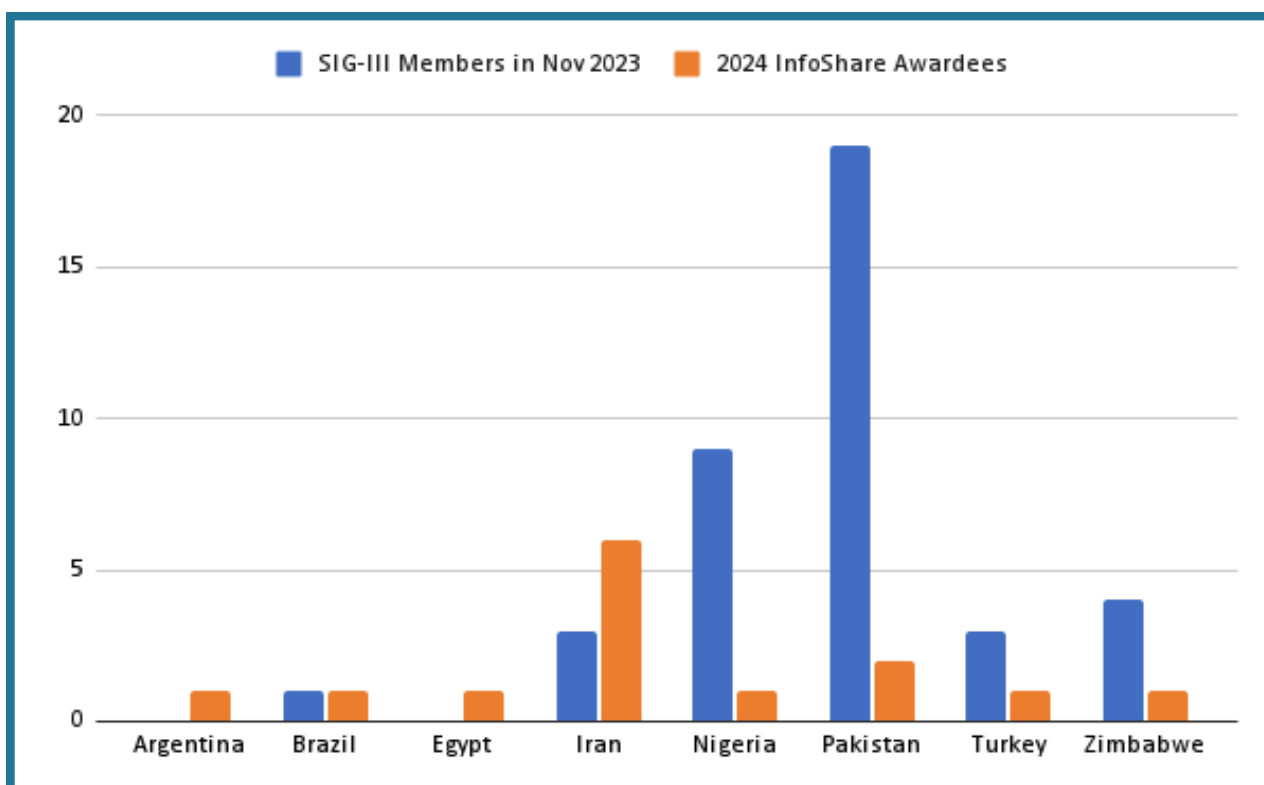
InfoShare Committee:

Faiza Bashir, InfoShare Chair 2024 (Pakistan)

Dharmveer Modi, InfoShare Member (India)

Massoomeh Niknia, InfoShare Member (Iran)

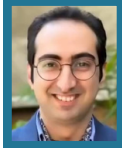
Elçin Ziya, InfoShare Member (Turkey)



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2024 InfoShare Membership Award

Congratulations to the 2024 Award Recipients!



Mohammadjavad Ashtari
Iranian Library and Information
Science Association
Iran



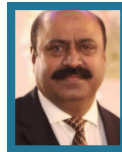
Dr. İdris Semih Kaya
Düzce Public Library
Turkey



Parisa Pasyar
National Library and Archives
of Iran
Iran



Tainá Assis
Brazilian Institute of Information in
Science and Technology (IBICT)
Brazil



Sher Afzal Malik
Quaid-e-Azam Library
Lahore, Pakistan



Dr. Heba Sayed
Director of Planning, Assessment &
Business Development
The American University in Cairo,
Egypt



Farnaz Daneshjoo
Iran



Dr. Sandra Gisela Martín
Universidad Católica de Córdoba
(Library Director)
Argentina



Hosea Tokwe
Library Administrative Assistant,
Midlands State University
Zimbabwe



Dr. Akram Fathian Dastgerdi
Islamic World Science &
Technology Monitoring and
Citation Institute (ISC)
Shiraz, Iran



Dr. Fatemeh Navidi
Tarbiat Modares University
Iran



Abeeda Zia
Senior Librarian, University of
Veterinary & Animal Sciences
Lahore, Pakistan



Dr. Hoda Homavandi
Researcher
Iran



Dr. Ifeyinwa Okonkwo
Lecturer, Nnamdi Azikiwe
University Awka
Anambra State, Nigeria



Dr. Vanessa Reyes,
International Cafe Meet Co-Organizer

The ASIS&T SIG-III has been a symbolic ground for my experience as an ASIS&T member. I want to take this moment before I begin to honor Dr. Leili Seifi's hard work and dedication to our SIG. Dr. Seifi has been a thoughtful leader, ensuring our members have a sense of belonging, continuing the legacy of many past leaders, and contributing to diversity and inclusion in our SIG. Among her many dedicated efforts, she has managed to organize a mass translation project for our SIG's website "About" section, where members can experience a description of our SIG in over 18 languages. This is a testament to her commitment and demonstrates the wide reach of our SIG. I was among one of the invited contributors to create the Spanish translation. Thank you, Dr. Seifi, for your thoughtful leadership.

My experiences as a SIG-III member have been quite meaningful. I have been involved in SIG-III member engagement efforts since 2021 when I ran for SIG Chair alongside the esteemed Dr. Bhakti Gala. In our election, we had a tie in the votes, and Dr. Gala resulted in winning the tiebreaker. During her term as SIG-III Chair, Dr. Gala led the SIG in such an impactful way that it inspired me to work alongside her and to continue my service to the SIG in several volunteer efforts.

One of the efforts I am still pursuing was initiated by Dr. Bhakti Gala and past SIG-III Chair Dr. Devendra Potnis, who invited me to join another engaged SIG-III colleague, Dr. Manika Lamba, to organize and create informal online spaces to encourage members to connect from anywhere in the world. As a result of these planning efforts, the SIG-III International Café Meet (ICM) was established. I cannot share enough how much I have learned from our members

through planning these sessions, and it has brought me to be part of other efforts. I have served on SIG committees, such as planning SIG-III's International Reception overseas in London, and I was honored with the opportunity to tell my story as a practitioner and researcher in the information profession during this year's Human of the Library series. It was a wonderful experience to share my stories with other prominent members of the SIG. I am looking forward to experiencing the next session.

It has been an absolute honor to support the SIG. This opportunity has allowed me to contribute to the legacy of research, collaboration, and mentorship that all SIG leaders, members, and volunteers have worked so hard to accomplish. I am grateful that during the last ASIS&T Annual Meeting, I was honored by SIG-III as one of their best volunteer award recipients. I highly value this award; it has a special place in my heart as it reflects the care, respect, and appreciation of my contributions to the SIG, and it truly feels wonderful to feel the mutual appreciation that has resulted from my efforts.

My term as a SIG-III ICM Co-Organizer with Dr. Safira Khoir has brought me a lot of joy and valuable collaborative relationships. I have met some of the best colleagues, who I consider to be family members, and I look forward to continuing our work, honoring our diverse research backgrounds, and supporting our professional goals no matter what stage we are in our careers.

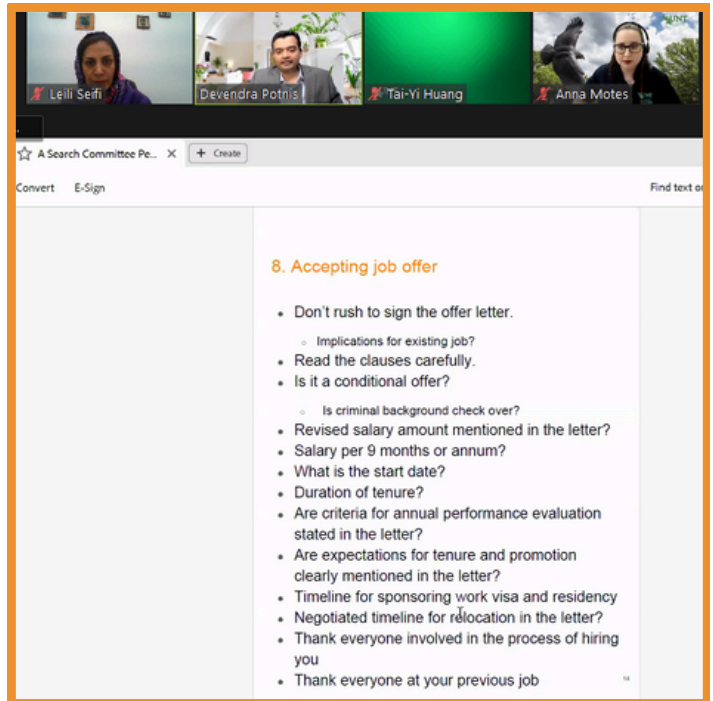
Opportunities and Challenges in the Job Market

Hosted by SIG-III, IFLA New Professionals SIG, and University of North Texas ASIS&T Student Chapter

On 28 March, panelists provided insights on the structure of resumes and CVs with practical examples. They also gave some tips for preparing an effective cover letter and shared the viewpoint of a search committee or hiring manager. Leili Seifi moderated the panel, and there were over 45 attendees from Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, US, Italy, India, Iran, UK, Pakistan, Egypt, and Colombia.

Panelists:

Dr. Tai-Yi Huang - Lecturer, College of Information, University of North Texas
 Ms. Anna Motes - Career Coach, College of Information, University of North Texas
 Dr. Devendra Potnis - Professor, School of Information Science, University of Tennessee at Knoxville



Developing a Responsible AI Strategy for Your Library

Hosted by SIG-III, SIG-AI, and ASIS&T South Asia Chapter

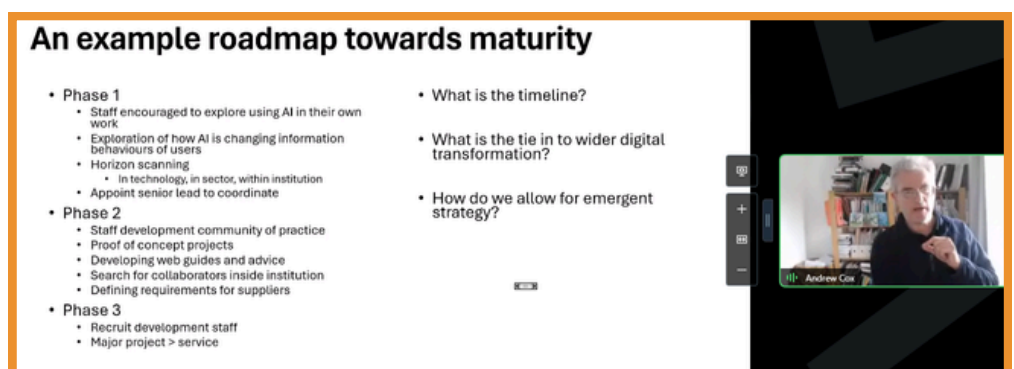
AI has potential uses in many aspects of library work, and supporting users in its effective use is also part of their remit. Given the complexity of AI itself and its many impacts, there is a need for clear strategic thinking about how to respond. This presentation on 29 April considered the potential impact of AI on library work; analysed the benefits and ethical challenges; and identified some strategy forming tools that can help give library responses a direction. Leili Seifi moderated the webinar with technical support from Kimberly Granados,

ASIS&T Deputy Executive Director. There were over 70 registered participants.

Presenter:

Dr. Andrew Cox - Senior Lecturer, Information School, University of Sheffield

A recording of the webinar is available [here](#).



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2024 International Paper Contest

ASIS&T SIG-III is delighted to announce the distinguished winners of the prestigious International Paper Contest (IPC). This year's contest highlighted outstanding research contributions from developing nations, emphasizing their crucial role in the progress of library and information science (LIS). This year, we received a good number of papers from China, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe.

The first-place winner of the IPC 2024 will receive the exceptional opportunity to attend the 87th ASIS&T Annual Meeting, which will take place in Calgary Alberta, Canada, from 25-29 October 2024, where they will present their innovative research. This prestigious gathering of global professionals provides a unique platform for exchanging knowledge, networking, and collaboration.

ASIS&T and SIG-III congratulate the winners and express deep gratitude to all participants for their invaluable contributions. The research papers submitted for the IPC 2024 have greatly enriched the field of LIS, expanding the frontiers of knowledge and promoting practical solutions for the betterment of societies worldwide.

For more information about the ASIS&T SIG-III International Paper Contest 2024 and the winners, please contact any member of the IPC Jury:

- **Namali Suraweera**, Chair, IPC 2024 (New Zealand)
- **Manika Lamba** (United States)
- **Naailah Parbhoo** (South Africa)
- **Priya Vaidya** (India)

IPC Winners

First Place

"Prompting Responses through Linguistic Cues: A Comparison of User and Chatbot Support for Consumers' Questions"
by Qian Wu
Xiamen University, China



Second Place

"Information Seeking Behaviour of Medical Professionals in Rural Hospitals in Sri Lanka: A Path Modeling Approach"
by Munasinghe Dilhani, Wathmanel Seneviratne, Chrishantha Abeysena, & S. Somaratne
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka



Third Place

"E-training Networks for Public Librarians"
by Heba Ismail
Egypt's Society for Culture and Development
Egypt



2024 SIG-III Best Volunteer Award



Safirotu Khoir,
International Cafe Meet Organizer
Universitas Gadjah Mada
Indonesia

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SIG-III ICM Gathers International Research Interest

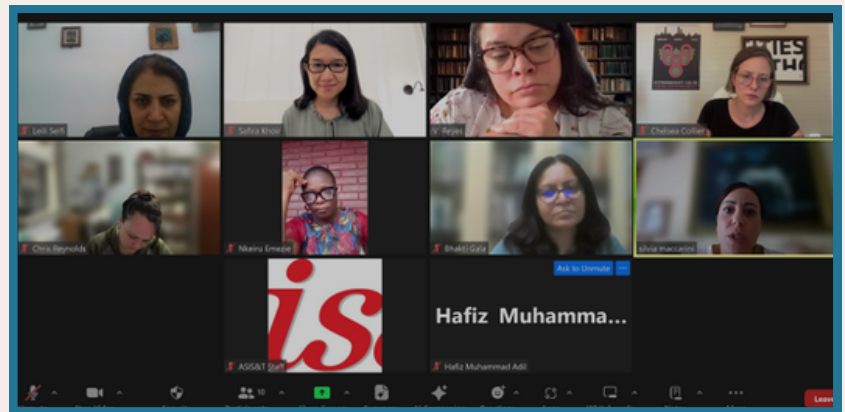
International Cafe Meet

On 15 May, the SIG-III International Café Meeting Organizers Drs. Safira Khoir and Vanessa Reyes hosted the 11th meeting around Engaging in Virtual International Research Collaborations. ASIS&T members from various parts of the world were present and participated in sharing their research experiences and what they would seek in an ideal international research collaboration. The organizers shared a series of icebreaker activities that allowed members to share their location and research goals.



Using Mentimeter interactive browser-based software, participants pinned their location to share with other attendees.

The session further encouraged members to find new research partners around the globe while taking into consideration some important factors that lead to healthy research relationships on an international scale. Among the factors that contribute to maintaining a stable collaboration, the session highlighted the importance of taking into consideration time differences, professional and cultural practices, and setting up mutual goals that would make for a successful virtual research relationship.



Dr. Vanessa Reyes, International Cafe Meet Co-Organizer

SIG-III Stories



Namali Suraweera, International Paper Contest Chair

Serving as the chair of IPC 2024 for SIG-III has been a profoundly enriching experience. Coordinating the calls for papers allowed me to engage with groundbreaking research from diverse, international perspectives, enhancing my understanding of global trends in library and information science. Working closely with reviewers to finalise the winners deepened my appreciation for rigorous academic standards and the critical role of collaborative peer review in advancing our field.

This role also honed my leadership and organisational skills, as I managed multiple aspects of the contest, from outreach to evaluation. The opportunity to interact with a vibrant community of scholars and practitioners has been enriching, fostering invaluable professional relationships and networks. My experience with SIG-III has been instrumental in my professional development, reinforcing my commitment to promoting excellence and innovation in LIS globally.

Research Wing

SIG-III's Research Wing facilitates informal but lasting and fruitful research collaborations and for capacity building of researchers in library and information-related disciplines. This goal is carried out through the annual mentoring program, now in its second year, which is open to faculty and students from around the world. The program matches mentors with mentees to complete a variety of projects, such as preparing a research article or presentation, completing a dissertation or other manuscript, or applying for scholarships or post-Doctoral positions.

11 mentors and 33 mentees signed up to participate in the 2024-2025 mentoring program cycle. All were successfully matched based on availability, the type of guidance needed, and alignment between mentor expertise and mentee research interests. Some mentors will be supporting multiple mentees, and all projects will be completed between 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025.

This project term opened with a launch event

on 27 May which discussed goals of the program, outlined mentor and mentee responsibilities, and provided time for project teams to plan their collaboration. The mentoring cycle will conclude with a research showcase in late May 2025 at which all teams will present their projects. Based on these outcomes, awards will be granted for 2024-2025 Mentor of the Year and 2024-2025 Project of the Year.

16 countries are represented in this year's Research Wing mentoring program. Mentors come from Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Sweden, and the United States. Mentees come from Bangladesh, Botswana, China, India, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Uganda, and the United States. SIG-III wishes all of the research teams a successful collaboration over the coming year.

Vandana Singh, Research Wing Chair (USA)
Emmanuel Udoh, Research Wing Officer (USA)
Alia Arshad, Research Wing Officer (Pakistan)
Devendra Potnis, Research Wing Advisor (USA)

Inaugural Research Wing Award Recipients

2023-2024 Mentor of the Year:

Bhakti Gala, for her guidance of Sourav Debnath, resulting in the publication of a paper that received the best paper award at the National Conference on Evidence Based Library Transformations



Bhakti Gala

Central University of Gujarat
India



Sourav Debnath

Indian Institute of Technology
(Indian School of Mines)
India

2023-2024 Project of the Year:

Devendra Potnis and Subaveerapandiyan A., for the thoroughly designed and executed project "Factors influencing video-based journal publications"



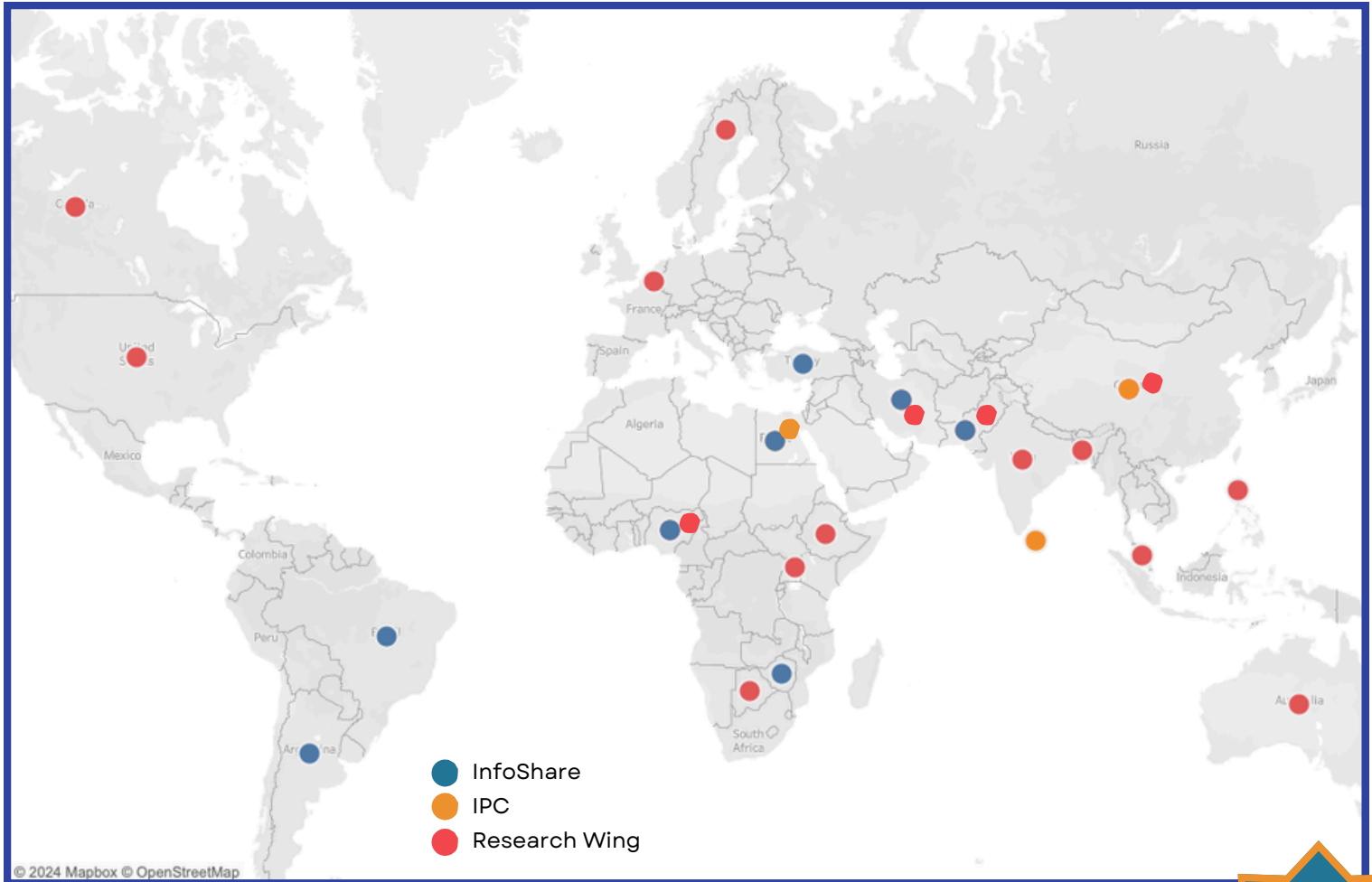
Devendra Potnis

The University of Tennessee
at Knoxville
USA



Subaveerapandiyan A.

Sai University
India



SIG-III Stories



Dr. Syamili C,
SIG-III Member

Finding my voice and community with SIG-III:

I recently embarked on a new journey by joining SIG III. Joining a professional organization with experts excited me, though I was unsure what awaited. Yet, SIG-III's warm welcome surpassed all expectations from the start.

One of the most impactful experiences so far was participating in the Human Book program. As I sat down to share my story, I felt a mix of vulnerability and anticipation. Would my story resonate with others? Would I feel heard? To my delight, the response was overwhelmingly positive. It was a powerful moment of connection, affirming that SIG-III is more than just a professional organization; it's a supportive community valuing each member's journey. I've found myself constantly learning

and growing, surrounded by individuals who are passionate about information science and technology.

The connections I've made through SIG-III have been one of the greatest benefits. Networking events and discussions have allowed me to meet amazing professionals from around the world. One of the most supportive aspects of SIG-III is the mentorship opportunities. I've had the privilege of meeting mentors who have generously shared their knowledge and experience with me.

To new members, I urge you to fully embrace what SIG-III offers. Engage with the community, seek connections, and embrace mentorship. I'm grateful for SIG-III's positive environment and eagerly anticipate contributing further to this wonderful community.

3rd Humans of the Library

8th July 2024 at 10:00 AM EDT



Dr. Elaine Toms

2019 ASIS&T President, Professor and
Chair in Information Innovation and
Management, Sheffield University
Management School, UK

A Serendipitous Journey



Dr. Lynn Silipigni Connaway

2017 ASIS&T President, Executive
Director, Research at OCLC, Inc. USA

The Different Paths of an LIS
Researcher



Dr. Diane H. Sonnenwald

2012 ASIS&T President, Emerita Professor
and Emerita Chair of Information &
Communication Studies at the School of
Information and Communication Studies
at UCD, Dublin, Ireland

Reflections on the Journey



Dr. Gary Marchionini

2010 ASIS&T President, Professor,
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, USA

My Book of Library Life

Register for the Third Humans of the Library at
<https://www2.asist.org/ap/Events/Register/7IH5lNxfQHQCd>

Celebrating SIG-III Research

SIG-III Sponsored Paper to be presented at the 87th ASIS&T Annual Meeting

*Factors Influencing Professional
Associations' Member Engagement Online:
An "Information Practices" Approach*

Potnis, Devendra (USA); Gala, Bhakti (India);
Seifi, Leili (Iran); Warraich, Nosheen Fatima
(Pakistan); Lamba, Manika (USA); Reyes,
Vanessa (USA)

<https://www.asist.org/am24/2024-annual-meeting-papers/>

Member engagement can benefit professional associations, their members, and the profession. Rarely do any studies adopt the "information practices"

approach to identify the factors influencing professional associations' member engagement. The experiences, epiphanies, and the frequency of 11 information practices of six SIG-III officers and volunteers when planning and implementing 184 activities of eight initiatives from 2020 to 2023 helped this auto-ethnographic study identify 99 sub-factors influencing member engagement online. Information production, dissemination, recording, use, and discovery emerge as the top 5 information practices of officers and volunteers, in the same order, for influencing the SIG member engagement. Managing member attendance, sharing knowledge, managing member attention, meeting member needs, and building trust serve as the top 5 factors, in the same order, for affecting the member engagement. We propose a theoretical model and provide guidance to associations to enhance and sustain member engagement.

SIG-III Stories



**Bethany Morton-Jerome,
Newsletter Officer**

I joined ASIS&T in August 2023 while I was in the middle of completing a Master's degree in Library and Information Science to make a career change. My Master's program was based in California - 10 time zones away from where I live - so it was very difficult to attend virtual events that the School of Information hosted or to get involved in student activities. Shortly after I joined ASIS&T and SIG-III, I saw a call for volunteers from multiple time zones to help with the Winter School for Enhancing Research Skills. This was exactly the kind of opportunity that I wanted but had been missing out on due to my location. SIG-III fixed that problem!

Connecting with the Winter School planning team quickly gave me a sense of the energy and community that are typical of SIG-III's initiatives. When Dr. Leili Seifi asked me if I would be willing to serve as SIG-III's Newsletter Officer for the 2023-2024 term, I was glad to accept. This has given me the opportunity to communicate with a dynamic and dedicated group of professionals from many places and practices while exercising my creativity and organization and developing my design and visualization skills.

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[X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)



[SIG-III Website](#)

2nd Humans of the Library Highlights ASIS&T Past Presidents

Humans of the Library is an innovative way of sharing personal and professional challenges and solutions to build a community. The 2nd Humans of the Library was held on 7 June. Five past ASIS&T presidents shared their personal and professional stories with attendees.

We had over 40 registered members from the USA, Canada, India, Iran, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UK, Philippines, Sweden, Italy, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and South Africa. Leili Seifi current chair of SIG-III moderated the event.

The following were the Humans of the Library who shared their stories with participants:

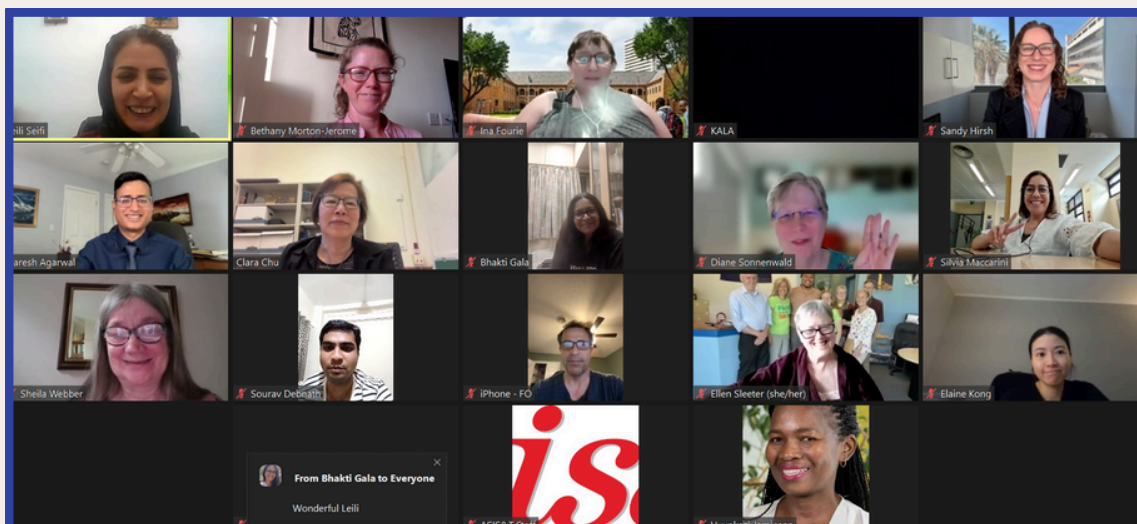
Dr. Abebe Rorissa, 2023 ASIS&T President
Professor & Director, School of Information Sciences
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Communication and Information
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA
Story: "My Professional and ASIS&T Journey"

Dr. Naresh Agarwal, 2022 ASIS&T President
Professor & Director, Information Science & Technology Concentration, School of Library and Information Science
Simmons University, Boston, USA
Story: "Synthesizing Contradictions"

Dr. Clara M. Chu, 2020 ASIS&T President
Director and Mortenson Distinguished Professor,
Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Story: "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): Information Matters"

Dr. Nadia Caidi, 2016 ASIS&T President
Professor & Director of International Student Experience, Faculty of Information
University of Toronto, Canada
Story: "Understanding and Challenging the Politics of Citation"

Dr. Sandra Hirsh, 2015 ASIS&T President
Associate Dean for Academics, College of Professional & Global Education
San Jose State University, USA
Story: "Unlocking Career Opportunities: The Power of Professional Networks"



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University of Birjand, Iran



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Rightpoint Information Services Ltd, Kenya



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Vandana Singh
The University of Tennessee at Knoxville, USA



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University at Albany, USA



Alia Arshad
University of the Punjab, Pakistan



InfoShare Chair:
Faiza Bashir
Higher Education Department of the
Government of Punjab, Pakistan



Co-Chair & Chair-Elect:
Nosheen Warraich
University of the Punjab, Pakistan



Treasurer:
Sourav Debnath
Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of
Mines), India



International Paper Contest Chair:
Namali Suraweera
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand



International Paper Contest Jury:
Priya Vaidya
Aligarh Muslim University, India



Nailah Parbhoo
University of Pretoria, South Africa



Manika Lamba
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The University of Tennessee at Knoxville, USA



Nominating Committee Member:
Shaharima Parvin
East West University, Bangladesh



Past Chair:
Bhakti Gala
Central University of Gujarat, India



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Laurie Bonnici
University of Alabama, USA



Shalini Urs
University of Mysore, India

SIG-III Volunteers



InfoShare Committee Members:
Massoomeh Niknia
Iranian Grid Management Company, Iran



Elçin Ziya
Hacettepe University, Turkey



Dharmveer Modi
Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, India



International Cafe Meet Organizer:
Safirotu Khoir
Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia



International Cafe Meet Co-Organizer:
Vanessa Reyes
East Carolina University, USA