ASIST

ASsociation for Information Science & Technology

formerly American Society for Information Science & Technology

old site: www.asis.org
new site: http://root.asist.org

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Major dates

- 1937: ADI (American Documentation Institute)
- 1968: ASIS (American Society for Information Science)
- 2000: ASIST (American Society for Information Science & Technology)
- 2013: ASsociation for Information Science & Technology
- 2014: 77 years!
- Archives of ASIST (website, materials) indexed by the Library of Congress
- More : http://root.asist.org/about/history/

Some pioneers

- Eugene Garfield
  - founder of ISI (Institute for Scientific Information)
  - bases ISI (property of Thomson Reuters now)
    - Current Contents
    - Web of Science
    - Science Citation Index
    - Social Science Citation Index
    - Arts & Humanities Citation Index
    - Evaluation metrics (JIF: Journal Impact Factor), authors (Author Citation Analysis)
  - 2000 : Past president of ASIST
  - http://www.asis.org/pastpresidents.html

Publications

- JASIST: Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology
  - Premier journal in the field (indexed in ISI, Scopus, etc)
  - Commercial editor: Wiley
  - Scientific editor: ASIST (Blaise Cronin) http://root.asist.org/publications/jasist/
  - IF (Impact Factor): 2.23
  - ISI Journal Citation Reports © Ranking (2013):
    - 9/83 (Information Science & Library Science);
    - 17/135 (Computer Science Information Systems)
  - Free for ASIST members (online and/or paper versions)

Publications

- ASIST Bulletin:
  - bi-monthly news magazine: opinion, and news of people and events in the information science community
  - inside news from ASIST,
  - special issues (Information Policy, Health Informatics, Altmetrics, …)
  - Work in progress
  - Free access for members
  - http://root.asist.org/publications/bulletin/

Publications

- ASIST Annual Meetings (Conference proceedings)
- **2016: Copenhagen** hosts the 1st ASIST conference outside North America

- Information Today
  - Information Today Inc is the official publisher of ASIS&T books and monographs
  - Scientific editor appointed by ASIST
  - http://books.infotoday.com/asist/

Governance

- Board of Directors :
  - President
  - President-elect
  - Directors-at-large
  - SIG Cabinet Director
  - Chapter Assembly Director
  - http://www.asis.org/Board/boardmembers.html

- Special Interest Groups (SIGs): +20
  http://root.asist.org/find-your-groups/sigs/
- Regional Chapters : + 20
  http://root.asist.org/find-your-groups/regional/
- Student Chapters + 40

ASIST conference themes

- 2014: Connecting Collections, Cultures and communities
- 2013: Beyond the Cloud: Rethinking Information Boundaries
- 2012: Information, Interaction, Innovation: Celebrating the Past, Constructing the Present and Creating the Future
- 2011: Bridging the Gulf: Communication and Information in Society, Technology, and Work
- 2010: Navigating Streams in an Information Ecosystem
- 2009: Thriving on Diversity: Information Opportunities in a Pluralistic World

- +600 attendees from all over the world (Europe, Asia, Americas, Africa,..)

ASIST conference themes

- user studies
- information behaviour
- impact of ICTs on culture and society
- information ethics and policy
- social media studies
- philosophy & epistemology of science
- history and foundations of Library & Information Science
- …

Rapprochement between Information, Communication and Media Studies

- More iSchools are sharing departments with Schools of Communication, Media Studies & Journalism
  - Florida State University: School of Communication & Information http://cci.fsu.edu/
  - Michigan State University: College of Media & Information (http://tc.msu.edu/)
  - University of Oberta, Catalunya: School of Information and Communication Science
  - School of Communication and Information, Rutgers, New Jersey http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/
  - College of Information and Communication, University of Kentucky https://ci.uky.edu/ci/
  - College of Communication and Information, Kent State University http://www2.kent.edu/CCI/
- Many faculty specialise in communication, media studies, cultural heritage, …

Rapprochement between Information, Communication and Media Studies

- College of Communication and Information, Kent State University

« Four academic programs united in July 2002 to establish the College of Communication and Information at Kent State University. **The Schools of Communication Studies, Journalism and Mass Communication, Library and Information Science and Visual Communication Design** joined in one college to create a unique learning community and to begin a pioneering effort in integrative research and professional practice.»

- http://www2.kent.edu/CCI/

- Common doctoral programs

– PhD in Information & Communication at Kent School of Library & Information Science
http://www2.kent.edu/slis/programs/phd-in-communication-and-information-slis.cfm

Globalisation of ASIST

- Name change in 2013: dropped the « american »
- Possibility of exchange programs for Masters & PhD students,
- Visiting professors/researchers
- International consortia for funded projects …

Globalisation of ASIST

- President elect (2014-2015) is Nadia Caidi from : http://caidi.ischool.utoronto.ca/
  - Linguistics (DEUG, Universite Lumiere Lyon 2, France)
  - Communication Studies (MST, Universite Grenoble 3, France)
  - Her research interests:
    - information policy
    - community informatics
    - cross-cultural and comparative studies
    - influence of culture on production, distribution and use of information and its technologies

My involvement in ASIST

- 2015-2017: elected Member of Board of Directors
- 2014-2015: Chair of SIG History & Foundations of Information Science (http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGHFIS/)
- 2012-2015: Chapter representation of the European Chapter of ASIST (http://www.asis.org/Chapters/europe/)
- 2011-2012: Chair European Chapter of ASIST
- 2011-2013: New Leader Awardee
- Member of committees:
  - International Relations Committee
  - Leadership Development Committee