

**2019 SIG Activity Report : Entry # 74709**

**Special Interest Group (SIG):**

Digital Libraries (SIG-DL)

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**Fiscal Year:**

FY19 = July 2018 - Jun. 2019

**Current SIG Chair:**

Tamarack Hockin

**Current SIG Chair-Elect:**

Ekatarina Grguric

**Do you wish to be considered for the SIG-of-the-Year Award?**

Yes

**Did your SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting?**

Yes

**How many SIG members attended?**

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**Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last ASIS&T annual meeting?**

Nushrat Khan

**Describe any efforts your SIG made especially designed to recruit new ASIS&T members or retain existing ASIS&T members (e.g., welcome letters, calls or visits, etc.).**

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Over the past year, SIG-DL has encouraged new membership with an emphasis on regional diversity and international inclusivity. With an executive team for the 2018-19 year including Canada, the U.K., Pakistan, and Italy, SIG-DL recruited a new U.S. member to join SIG-DL as Secretary for SIG-DL's Executive, Alessandra Seiter.

SIG-DL's online presence is our primary effort to recruit and engage members. SIG-DL maintains an active twitter account and website, where news about upcoming ASIS&T webinars, developments in the field of study and practice of digital librarianship are shared and promoted. Encouraging activity in the SIG-DL and ASIS&T communities, our executive strives to maintain an open channel for communication and recruitment. While the outcomes of this effort are less directly linked to individual recruitments, SIG-DL's online presence provides a consistent annual voice that welcomes members with opportunities to engage in dialogue.

New member recruitment is also active through SIG-DL's awards. Once again, SIG-DL has offered a student award to supplement travel costs to ASIS&T's Annual Meeting in Melbourne in 2019, and this award attracts applicants who are seeking deeper engagement with the association, and with SIG-DL specifically. As counterpart, the Deborah Barreau award is offered this year to recognize an existing member who demonstrated significant contributions through service, projects, research or professional development initiatives that enrich the SIG-DL community. Promoting and recruiting for these awards fosters involvement in SIG-DL, seeking both to recruit new membership and retain existing members. (Both of these awards are still open at time of submission of this report).

**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, webinars, 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.**

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, SIG-DL presented "Digital liaisons panel: connecting diverse voices to support an ethical and sustainable information future in digital libraries". This year, the Digital Liaisons panel brought together a digital poster presentation session and moderated live Twitter chat, and included a presentation from SIG-DL's student poster competition winner. Digital Liaisons highlighted the work of early career practitioners, Ekatarina Grguric (McGill University Library, Canada), Nushrat Khan (University of Wolverhampton, UK), Alyson Gamble (Simmons College, Graduate School of Library & Information Science), Tamarack Hockin (Fraser Valley Regional Library, Canada), Yukan Yang (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, U.S.A.), and Jelina Haines (School of Information Technology & Mathematical Sciences, University of South Australia), winner of SIG-DL's student poster competition. The session was well attended, and there were no associated costs outside of the AM.

SIG-DL has created and offered two additional webinars, administered through ASIS&T's webinars (cost associated is \$50 for each). "Wikidata For Fans of Digital Libraries" was presented by Lane Raspberry, the Wikimedian in Residence at the Data Science Institute at the University of Virginia. "CollectionBuilder: Creating and Teaching Digital Collections with Minimal Infrastructure" was co-presented by Evan Peter Williamson, the Digital Infrastructure Librarian at University of Idaho Library, and Olivia Wikle, the Digital Initiatives Librarian at the University of Idaho. Both webinars were well attended, and although the recording of the second failed through ASIS&T, SIG-DL continues to share and promote access to "Wikidata For Fans of Digital Libraries".

As a distributed SIG with strong international membership, SIG-DL does not host in-person meetings, but focuses efforts on online collaboration and meetings. During the 2018-2019 years, SIG-DL has hosted regular monthly meetings of the executive team. All SIG-DL members are encouraged and welcome to attend; attendance averages 3-7 members each month. These meetings serve to conduct the administrative business of the SIG, but are also a way that SIG-DL offers an opportunity for members to connect and network.

**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.**

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SIG-DL has channeled publication efforts to our website (<https://www.asis.org/SIG/sigdl/>) and Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/sigdl>). Unfortunately, SIG-DL lost our Communications Officer mid-year, but the rest of the executive has worked together to promote SIG-DL and discussion in the field.

### Describe ways in which your SIG engaged with other SIGs or Chapters (including student chapters) this year.

This year SIG-DL has sought partnerships with other SIGs in ASIS&T to cross-promote our activities and extend our reach. Agreements to cross-promote webinars offered was reached with SIG-VIS and SIG-III. Both SIG-VIS and SIG-III agreed to promote SIG-DL's spring webinars on their channels and to their membership, in exchange for which SIG-DL promoted SIG-VIS's "App'lying Mobile Technology to Visual Research Methods" and an upcoming event from SIG-III (not finalized at time of submission of this report).

### Describe below your plans for the coming year to engage with other SIGs as well as Regional and Student Chapters:

In the coming year we would like to strengthen our connections with other SIGs and Student Chapters through ongoing cross-promotion of activities and other opportunities for awards or publication. This year's partnerships with SIG-VIS and SIG-III could be expanded to include a more consistent network of cross promotion. SIG-DL intends to continue to encourage new LIS graduates to join ASIS&T and SIG-DL through opportunities such as the Digital Liaisons Twitter chats (#SIGDLChats) and annual Student Award for ASIS&T Annual Meeting attendance.

### 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.).

In addition to participating in SIG-DL meetings and organizing two successful webinars, Ekatarina Grguric co-organized and hosted SIG-III's International Auction at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Both Ekatarina Grguric (SIG-DL's Incoming Chair), and Nushrat Khan (Treasurer and Past-Chair) are active members in SIG-III, attending meetings and participating in other administrative duties.

### Do you wish to be considered for the SIG -of-the-Year Award?

No

### SIG Publication of the Year Description.

Due to the loss of our Communications Officer this year, SIG-DL will not be applying for Publication of the Year.

### Do you wish to be considered for the SIG Member-of-the-Year Award?\*

Yes

### SIG-Member-of-the-Year Award Description

Ekatarina Grguric should be considered for SIG Member of the Year for her tireless efforts to recruit new membership and build the reputation of ASIS&T and SIG-DL. Eka has recruited SIG-DL's current Chair, Tamarack Hockin, who was a New Leader for 2017-2019, encouraging Tamarack to assume a position of responsibility in the SIG despite being a new ASIS&T member and working outside of the academy. Eka has been the driving effort behind both of SIG-DL's successful and innovative webinars, "Wikidata For Fans of Digital Libraries" and "CollectionBuilder: Creating and Teaching Digital Collections with Minimal Infrastructure". However, Eka has not taken on these responsibilities in isolation; she communicates her ideas with the executive team, soliciting feedback and engagement. Eka is extremely conscious of ASIS&T as an international association, as evidenced in her active membership with SIG-III in addition to her role on the executive with SIG-DL. This year, Eka tried to work with Rodneikka at ASIS&T for a solution for offering webinars at multiple times to accommodate our international membership, as she is aware that live participation can offer more value for our members outside of North America.

### Please upload any awards documentation that you would like to be considered.

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

Building on the goals of SIG-DL from 2017-18 for a more inclusive and diverse SIG, this year saw a change in SIG-DL leadership, and successfully expanded international representation in our membership. SIG-DL's consistent engagement of existing active members through monthly meetings and discussion keep the executive busy planning for stability and succession of the SIG. However, our executive has used this foundation of regular meeting to plan and executive successful programs and webinars to attract new members and foster dialogue in our field.

We have ample documentation of our efforts, as we continue to maintain a shared group Google Drive for all of our activities.

Thank you for your consideration of our Annual Report.