

Newsletter

ASIS&T Special Interest Group for International Information Issues



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Message from the Chair

Dear SIG-III Officers, Members, and Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the second issue of the SIG-III Newsletter for 2025! This year has been vibrant and inspiring as we continue to foster global engagement, scholarly exchange, and professional development within our community.

Earlier this April, SIG-III had the pleasure of co-sponsoring a lively event with the ASIS&T Europe Chapter. The Information Science Pub Quiz offered a fun and interactive opportunity for members to connect and test their knowledge. Participants competed across four spirited rounds, strengthening bonds across chapters and continents.

In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, SIG-III also proudly partnered with the University of the Punjab, Lahore, to host a thought-provoking panel discussion, "Empowering Women for Leadership: Bridging

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Message from the Chair

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Opportunities and Overcoming Barriers for ALL Women and Girls." This event brought together diverse voices to reflect on leadership pathways, underscore the importance of inclusivity, and inspire action toward gender equity within our field and beyond.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to highlight two exciting upcoming initiatives:

- SIG-III Doctoral Seminar Series – Call for Proposals

We are proud to announce the launch of the SIG-III Doctoral Seminar Series, designed to support PhD candidates and early career researchers. Throughout 2025, we will host four online webinars providing a valuable platform for emerging scholars to present research, receive constructive feedback, and build international networks.

The first seminar will be held virtually on May 22, 2025, featuring a keynote address by Diane Kelly, Wilson Distinguished Professor at the UNC School of Information and Library Science. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for further details and a call for proposals.

- International Café Meeting – Celebrating World Book and Copyright Day

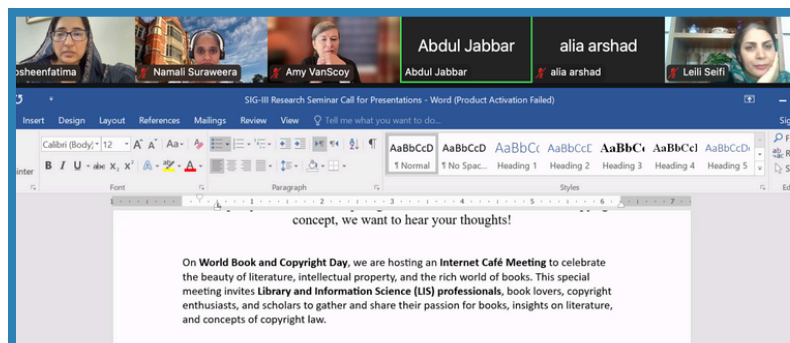
In recognition of World Book and Copyright Day, SIG-III invites you to join an engaging session dedicated to celebrating the richness of literature, the importance of intellectual property, and

the timeless power of books. We look forward to welcoming LIS professionals, book enthusiasts, copyright scholars, and avid readers to share favorite books, explore literary insights, and discuss evolving copyright challenges.

Moreover, SIG-III is proudly advancing its flagship initiatives – the International Paper Contest, InfoShare Membership Award, and Research Wing – empowering voices across the globe, nurturing innovation, and inspiring a new generation of scholars and practitioners to shape the future of information science.

We remain committed to nurturing a supportive, dynamic, and inclusive community. I encourage all of you to stay engaged, participate actively, and continue to contribute your valuable knowledge and passion to our shared mission. Thank you for being an essential part of SIG-III. Let us continue to connect, share, and grow together!

Warm regards,
Prof. Nosheen Fatima Warraich
Chair, SIG-III



SIG-III Officers and Advisors discuss event plans during the April business meeting

DOCTORAL SEMINAR SERIES

Call for Proposals

SIG-III is pleased to announce the launch of its Doctoral Seminar Series, an exciting initiative designed to support PhD candidates and early career researchers. This series offers a platform to present ongoing research, receive constructive feedback, and engage with a vibrant international scholarly community.

Throughout 2025, the series will feature four online webinars to promote a strong research culture and encourage meaningful interaction and collaboration between emerging and established researchers. Each session will cover various doctoral research areas, fostering intellectual engagement and professional growth.

The first seminar will be a 90-minute virtual event on 22 May 2025, under the theme: "Exploring Knowledge: A Seminar for Emerging Scholars." The program will include an introduction, a keynote address, four selected research presentations, interactive Q&A sessions, and concluding remarks by the Chair of SIG-III. We are excited to share that Diane Kelly, the Wilson Distinguished Professor at UNC School of Information and Library Science (SILS), will be our keynote speaker in this first seminar.

We invite PhD candidates and early career researchers to submit a proposal (up to 500 words) to be considered for presentation.

 **Submit your proposal to [this link](https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/international-paper-contest/) by Wednesday 14 May 2025.**

Join us and showcase your research to a global audience!

LAST CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

2025 International Paper Contest

Applications are due by Wednesday 30 April 2025. All details and the submission form are available at this link - <https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiii/international-paper-contest/>

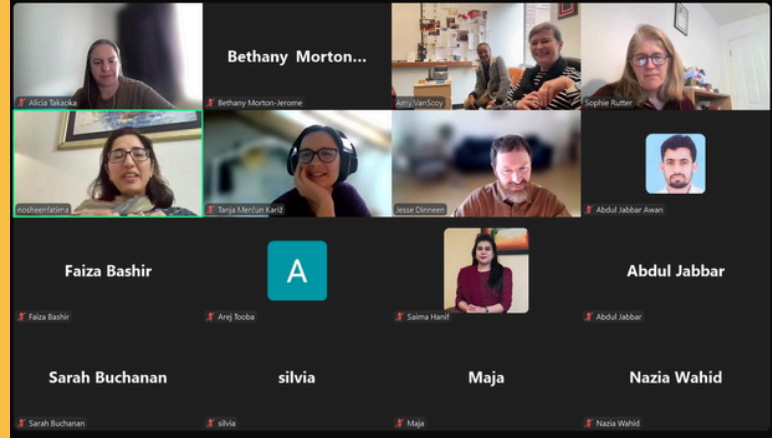
INTERNATIONAL CAFE MEETING

In recognition of World Book and Copyright Day, we are pleased to invite you to our International Café Meeting, a special gathering dedicated to celebrating the richness of literature, the value of intellectual property, and the enduring power of books.

This interactive session welcomes Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, book lovers, copyright enthusiasts, and scholars to come together to share their favorite books, discuss literary insights, and explore key concepts and challenges related to copyright laws. Join us for an inspiring conversation as we honor the worlds of literature and intellectual creativity!

Stay tuned! The date and registration information will be shared soon on iConnect.

Pub Quiz Puts Information Science Knowledge on Display



SIG-III co-sponsored a lively trivia event on Thursday 3 April. The ASIS&T Europe Chapter organized an Information Science Pub Quiz that allowed members to socialize and test their knowledge. The quiz, which used Mentimeter to manage questions and scores, consisted of four rounds of questions.

The first round tested participants' knowledge of information science organizations, with questions including 'How many regional chapters does ASIS&T

have?' and 'What year was SIG-III established?' In round two, participants had to identify the correct meanings of a series of acronyms, such as RDF, IFLA, and HCAI. Round three consisted of photos that represented information science models or cities where the ASIS&T Annual Meeting has been held, and the final round highlighted women in computer science.

Certificates were awarded for the most points earned, the funniest alias, the best wrong answer, and the biggest comeback.

Which library among these has remained mostly unharmed?

3 ✖ 3 ✖ 4 ✔ 1 ✖

Hadrian's Library Raglan Library Bibliothèque nationale de France Krasinski Library

What is the top level of this pyramid?

Wisdom ✔ 123 ✖ Knowledge ✖

Exercise ✖ pointy ✖ activity ✖

smile ✖ Human ✖

The correct answer is: wisdom

Call for Nominations

InfoShare Membership Award

Responsibilities:

Award recipients will be asked to submit a report on their activities by next year's Annual Meeting, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Join SIG-III.
- Attend at least 3 ASIS&T webinars of their interest in a business year (July 1 to June 30).
- Serve as a volunteer for at least one SIG-III event.
- Promote ASIS&T and SIG-III within their professional circle.
- Sponsor lecture(s) on Library and Information Science topics (according to local needs) in their geographical area on behalf of ASIS&T & SIG-III.
- Build a relationship between ASIS&T and national/regional organizations.
- Conduct seminars at the local and/or national level to highlight the role of ASIS&T and SIG-III.
- Write a brief on their experience with ASIS&T and SIG III at the end of the ASIS&T business year and send this to the SIG III Newsletter Officer for publication in the newsletter.
- Join a SIG-III annual business meeting (physical or online).

Nominators may mentor the award recipients for the above activities.

SIG-III is sponsoring another group of deserving information professionals from developing countries for complimentary ASIS&T memberships (the financial burden of which would otherwise be prohibitive) for 2025. We are soliciting nominations of candidates for the InfoShare Membership Award and look forward to welcoming new members to ASIS&T from across the globe, especially from countries that have never been ASIS&T members or have limited ASIS&T membership.

Eligibility:

Only current ASIS&T members may submit nominations. Nominees must not be current ASIS&T members and must not have been an InfoShare Award winner within the past five years. Preference will be given to candidates belonging to Tier 1 countries as the candidates from the Tier 2 countries can get free membership for two years.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 30 May 2025.

Award recipients will be announced on 30 June 2025.

Nominations:

Please include a one-page curriculum vitae and a one-page description of why this person is deserving of membership, including their willingness to promote ASIS&T within their networks and build relationships between ASIS&T and the national/regional organizations. All curriculum vitae will be kept private, accessible only to SIG-III officers. Send your nominations of deserving candidates to Dr. Muhammad Tariq at tariqnajmi@cuilahore.edu.pk.

Empowering Women for Leadership

In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, the University of the Punjab, Lahore, in collaboration with SIG-III, hosted an insightful panel discussion on "Empowering Women for Leadership: Bridging Opportunities and Overcoming Barriers for ALL Women and Girls." This event was part of a series of initiatives aimed at recognizing and advancing the role of women in leadership.

The panel featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. Amatual R. Chaudhry (Former Dean of Arts, PU), Prof. Rafia Rafiq (Director, Institute of Applied Psychology), Prof. Uzma Ashiq Awan (Chairperson, Social Work Department), Ms. Benish Fatimah Sahi (Director General, Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture), and Ms. Faiza Ahsan (Additional Secretary, Punjab Women Development Department). The



discussion addressed key issues such as economic empowerment, psychological resilience, work-life balance, and the role of men as allies in fostering gender equality.

The session, moderated by Prof. Nosheen Fatima Warraich (Director, Women Development Centre, PU), aligned with this year's IWD theme: "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." Attendees, including a large number of students, engaged enthusiastically with the discussion and expressed strong interest in similar future initiatives.

The event concluded with thanks from the Director of the Institute of Information Management, reaffirming the university's commitment to promoting leadership, inclusivity, and opportunities for all women and girls.



Thanks to the Committee Members Who Manage SIG-III Initiatives

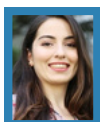
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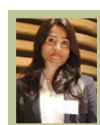


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