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1. Conferences/Seminars

1.1. Library Research Seminar ll, Partners and Connections: Research and Practice

University of Maryland; Noverber 2–3, 2001

The Library Research Seminar II Planning Committee invites and encourages scholars, practicing professionals, and students to attend this second international dialogue on LIS research. Conference registration and hotel reservation forms are now available at the seminar web site: http://www.dpo.uab.edu/˜folive/LRSII/index.htm.

Library Research Seminar ll offers unique opportunities for learning about the latest research, discussing the research process, and investigating new and emerging methodologies of investigation in LIS practice. Proposals are solicited in a number of areas including methodological issues, interdisciplinary topics, and collaborative research. The deadline for proposals is February 1, 2001.

The conference format, which includes keynote speakers, juried papers, panel presentations, advisory clinics on research methodologies and funding, and round table discussions, is designed to foster maximum interaction among scholars, students and professionals. The seminar will provide a stimulating environment for participants to become involved in an international dialogue about the research needs of a changing profession.

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1.2. SIGIR 2001

Twenty-Fourth Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference
on Research and Development in Information Retrieval
September 7–12, 2001
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
For details see: http://www.sigir2001.org

SIGIR is the major international forum for the presentation of new research results and the demonstration of new systems and techniques in the broad field of information retrieval (lR). The Conference and Program Chairs invite all those working in areas

related to IR to submit original research contributions, posters, and proposals for tutorials, workshops, and demonstrations of systems. All contributions must be submitted electronically. See the Conference web site for further details: http://www.sigir2001.org.

Areas of interest

SIGIR 2001 welcomes contributions related to any aspect of IR, but the major areas of interest are listed below. For each general area, two area coordinators will guide the reviewing process.

– Formal Models, Language Models, Search Strategies, Fusion/Combination
– Machine Learning for IR, Text Data Mining, Clustering, Text Categorization
– Cross-Lingual Retrieval, Multilingual Retrieval, Machine Translation for IR
– Topic Detection and Tracking, Content-Based Filtering, Collaborative Filtering, Agents
– Web IR, Citation and Link Analysis, XML and Metadata, Digital Libraries
– Video and Image Access, Audio and Speech Retrieval, Music Retrieval
– Text Representation and Indexing, Information Extraction, Lexical Acquisition, Natural Language Processing for IR
– Performance, Compression, Scalability, Architectures, Distributed Search
– Interfaces, Visualization, Interactive IR, User Models
– Summarization, Question Answering
– Evaluation, Building Test Collections, User Studies, Experimental Design and Metrics

Important dates
January 29: Paper submissions due
February 28: Proposals for tutorials, workshops and posters due
April 20: Notification of acceptance for all submissions
May 25: Final camera-ready copy due

Authors are invited to submit research papers, not exceeding 5000 words representing original, previously unpublished work, on or before January 29, 2001. Papers must be submitted electronically, via the submission web page. Details on formatting are given at http://www.sigir2001.org/.

For requirements and details on submission of posters and on proposals for tutorials, workshops, and demonstrations of systems, please see the Conference web site at http://www.sigir2001.org. Submissions should be made to the appropriate Chair.

Mentoring program

As part of our efforts to broaden participation, SIGIR 2001 will feature a mentoring program to assist authors with their submissions to the conference. Authors who have not previously had a full length paper accepted to SIGIR, and who are unsure about how to best prepare a paper for the SIGIR audience, will be able to request feedback on

their work from an experienced SIGIR author in advance of the submission deadline. For details on this program, visit the web site at http://www.sigir2001.org or contact the Mentoring Chair, David Lewis (ddlewis2@worldnet.att.net).

Conference venue

The conference venue will be the Radisson Hotel at 1500 Canal Street in New Orleans (http://www.radisson.com/neworleansla), just four blocks from the French Quarter. It is a New Orleans landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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*1.3. Bridging Borders: Building Hispanic Library Education and Services in a
Global Perspective*

University of Wisconsin – Madison, 20–22 July, 2001

Building bridges and networks needed for recruitment of Hispanic library and
information professionals

- The role of border-crossing technologies to enrich information delivery and
  discovery: digital libraries, the Internet, and distance education
- Bridging the digital divide and enhancing library service to Hispanic communities
- Sharing across national borders to enrich Hispanic library education in the
  Americas

Both library educators and librarians with a commitment to creating a more diverse
profession will want to attend.

To suggest a program or speaker, or to be put on the mailing list for more information, contact
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The Institute is co-sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of
Library & Information Studies and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School
of Library & Information Science.

1.4. NIT 2001: The 21th International Conference on New Information Technology

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, May 29–31, 2001.
The theme of NlT 2001 will be:
Global Digital Library Development in the New Milleunium:
Fertile Ground for Distributed Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration

   This will be an exciting interdisciplinary conference. Because of space limitation, early consideration for participation is highly recommended. More detailed information on NlT 2001 as well as information on paper proposal and deadline, etc. can be found at the URL: http://web.simmons.edu/~chen/nit.
   Communications on NlT 2001 can be sent to:
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1.5. National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians

Preconference workshops, June 13, 2001, San Francisco.

Preconference 1: Leadership institute: recruiting and training apa leaders
June 13, 2001, 12:00 PM–6:00 PM

   Discover the leadership potential in you! Recruit and build leaders on your Asian Pacific American staff! An intensive half-day workshop on leadership skill development. Highlights on leadership qualities and challenges, with an appropriate balance between mastering leadership skills in general and the leadership issues among Asian Pacific Americans in particular. Presenters of the Institute are Maureen Sullivan, Consultant & trainer on leadership and management; past president ofACRL; 1999 recipient of the Elizabeth M. Futas "Catalyst for Change" Award from the American Library Association; and J.D. Hokoyama, President, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP); frequent lecturer and trainer on leadership, management skills and issues related to APA Leaders. Fee: $40 ($50 on-site) Limit: 50.

Preconference 2: Marketing research for your apa community
June 13, 2001,
12:OO PM–6:OO PM

   Who are library users among your APA communities? What do they need from your library? Effective marketing research helps libraries to provide the most desired and effective products and services for the targeted communities. This course incorporates current surveys on Asian American library users and gives practical skills in

conducting marketing research in libraries. The presenter of this beginner workshop is Dr. Christine Koontz of Florida State University; co-Principal Investigator of an IMLS National Leadership Grant Project on Marketing Research.

This workshop is partially supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Fee: $40 ($50 on-site) Limit: 40.

For questions and further information, please contact Ling Hwey Jeng at lh-jeng00@ukcc.uky.edu
Both workshops are held on Wednesday, June 13, 2001,
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Grand Hyat on Union Square, San Francisco.
On-site registration begins at 12:00 PM.

There will be a $15 non-refundable fee for cancellation by 5/15/2001. Full refund if the workshop is cancelled by organizer.

2. Associations

2.1. ASIS

The ASIS Board of Directors voted at its May meeting to change the name of our Society to the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). This action follows over a year of discussion among the membership in many forums. The new name better reflects the professional interests of the membership and positions the Society to compete and thrive in the future.

This spring, a mail ballot of the membership resulted in approximately 70%, approval to change the name of the society. With this direction from the membership, the Board at its May meeting approved amending the ASIS Charter to change the name of the Society to the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

This change is an important opportunity for us to take advantage of the new value being placed on information science, technology, and their applications.

We are very excited about the opportunities and challenges to be faced as the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). We count on you to help us achieve our objectives in the coming year. Let us know your thoughts about how we can work with you to accomplish our mission and your goals.
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