

Submission for Chapter of the Year Award 2014-2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Chapter

The European Chapter of the Association for Information Science and Technology

Year covered by the report:

2014-2015

Name(s) and Signature(s) of the Individual(s) submitting the report and the Chapter Offices they hold.

Lai Ma, Chair

The date the report was submitted (completed)

15th August, 2015

Is this package is being submitted as (select one): a. Your required activities report only b. Your self-nomination for Chapter-of-the-Year and activities report

BOTH

PART I. MEMBER-RELATED CRITERIA 5 points

What is the number of members active locally (serving on chapter committees or working groups)?

117 members (24 student members) + 3 institutional members, based on membership June 2015
mainly academics and faculty

Comparison to 2014:

34 new and transfer-in members, 42 dropped and transfer-out members. Of the members who transferred-out, 6 have addresses in Australia (and their transfer is thus likely connected to the formation of the Asia Pacific Chapter). 4 of the dropped/transfer-out members are institutional.

The members are distributed geographically as follows:

No of members/Country

22 Germany

21 UK

9 Sweden (8+1 institutional member)

8 Denmark (7+1)

7 Croatia, France, Italy and Netherlands

5 Spain (4+1)

4 Switzerland and Turkey

3 Belgium and Ireland

2 Austria, Norway and Slovenia

1 Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia and Serbia

List names of members who the chapter would recommend to serve in ASIST national positions. (committees, taskforces, etc. - recommendations should be based on the quality of the individual's work for the chapter)

Katrina Byström

Birger Hjørland
Isto Huvila
Loet Leydesdorff
Jens-Erik Mai
Diane Sonnenwald
Mike Thelwall
Elaine Toms
Julian Warner
Diane Pennington

PART II. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 40 points

Describe the programs employed by the chapter for the purpose of member recruitment. Also describe activities the chapter engages in to welcome new and potential members and foster their participation in the chapter.

A. Meetings

Meetings are real-time, short-duration (from 1 hour to a few days) events that allow participants to interact Face-to-Face. In our high-tech world these face-to-face interactions may be aided by technology (i.e. video and audio conferencing).

Types of Meetings:

[Social - Primarily providing an opportunity for attendees to enjoy each other's company;
Business - Primarily geared towards conducting the business of the chapter; Conference - A single or multi-day, multi-session program offering information on a range of related issues/topics; Presentation - An informational presentation by a single speaker or panel of speakers; CE - A program to provide training on a specific topic. Other - please describe]

List all meetings. Include dates, a description of the meeting and or its purpose, the name of any co-sponsor(s), the amount of and financial surplus (excess of revenue over expense) or deficit (excess of expense over revenue), the number of first time attendees, the number of non-member attendees (guests) and the total number of attendees. Indicate the type of meeting using the categories above. (SUGGESTED FORMAT: create a table using the data items as column headers)

- (1) Chapter Assembly Meeting at ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2014, Seattle, USA
 - Conference / Business
 - Julian Warner represented the EC in the Chapter Assembly Meeting
- (2) Chapter Meeting at ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2014, Seattle, USA
 - A chapter meeting was held during the AM in Seattle (Appendix 1)
- (3) Informal Meeting at ISI Conference in Zadar, Croatia
 - May 20, 2015, 10 people, no non-ASIS&T members
- (4) Social dinner / informal meeting at European Chapter Workshop in Osijek, Croatia

B. Projects and Services

[In addition to meetings, chapters may engage in projects and services. Projects are typically one-time activities that last one year or less and address a particular issue or need (i.e. developing a networking resource manual to help chapter members get help from other members). Services are on-going activities that address a particular issue or need. Types of projects and services include (but are not limited to): career guidance or other job related services; apprenticeship programs; service to institutions; promotion of ASIST, the chapter or

information science; community assistance; consulting services; referral services; activities held in conjunction with ASIST annual or mid-year meetings; projects or services aimed at providing support to students or student chapters; group purchasing services; mentoring programs; etc.]

List the chapter's projects and services by name, provide a brief description, indicate the number of members involved in organizing and providing the project/service, indicate the number of members and non-members served by the service.

1. ASIS&T European Chapter Workshop 2015

ASIS&T European Workshop (AEW) is a general information science and technology conference with an aim of bringing together European based scholars and practitioners of information science in order to discuss current developments and European perspectives of information science research and practice.

The general theme of the conference was "Information, Technology and the User".

Participants of the panel "Towards Unified Approach to Information Science in Europe": Tatjana Aparac-Jelusic (moderator) (University of Zadar), Lai Ma (UCD School of Information & Library Studies), Fidelia Ibekwe (Aix-Marseille University – Marseille, France), Kornelija Petr Balog (University of Osijek), Anna Maria Tammara (University of Parma).

More information about AEW 2015 meeting you can find at: <http://web.ffos.hr/aew2015/en/index.php>

Benefits of the workshop:

- connecting ASIS&T EC with business sector in Croatia; especially bringing together scholars and practitioners of information and computer science
- participating a large number of students in ASIS&T EC Workshop (participation with a presentation as well as participation in a discussion)

the number of members involved in organizing the workshop: 6

the number of members participate in the workshop: 8

the number of non-members participate in the workshop: 49

the number of accepted papers: 14

the number of attendees: 57

2. ISI Conference 2015

The International Symposium of Information Science (ISI) is a bi-annual gathering of scholars, researchers and students from Europe and beyond who share a common interest in critical information issues in contemporary society. The conference series originated in the German-language information science community but has become more and more international in recent years. Since 1990, conferences have been hosted in Potsdam (open digital repository, www.isi2013.de), Hildesheim (www.isi2011.de), Graz (Austria), Chur (Switzerland) and Prague (Czech Republic), among other notable places. This time, the 14th International Symposium of Information Science (ISI 2015; <http://isi2015.de/?lang=en>) took place in Zadar, Croatia, from May 19 to May 21, 2015 and was co-organized by the Department of Information Sciences at the University of Zadar and the German Academic Association for Information Science (Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft e. V.), in association with the Association of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

The European Chapter had an informal meeting with about 15 members also participating in the ISI conference.

3. Planning for the 2016 ASIST Annual Meeting in Europe

In 2016 the ASIST Annual Meeting will take Copenhagen. Chapter members are encouraged to engage in planning activities by contacting the Chair of the 2016 Meeting, Diane Sonnewald.

4. Maintenance of social media for the chapter

- led by Isabella Peters and Tamara Heck
- all chapter members are served

5. Website maintenance

- led by Tomislav Jakopce
- ongoing updates have been maintained, new contents including academic and professional conferences and events in Europe, as well as job listings, are to be added in the near future
- all chapter members are served

6. Extend and deepen cooperation with other sister associations and societies

- support of ISI Conference 2015 (International Symposium for Information Science) in Zadar, Croatia, which is organized by the HI (Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft), the association of institutions of higher education in information science in german-speaking countries

7. Collaboration with Student Chapter

- 'Movie Meets Science' Joint Program
- Feedback on ASIS&T website

8. Student Membership Awards

The European Chapter has received an anonymous donation of \$500 for student membership:

- Students publishing in JASIS&T, prestigious regional publications and participation in chapter events would receive special consideration
- Nominations
 - Each country representative nominate one student;
 - EC Chair and Chair-elect nominate one student; and
 - Chair of Student Chapter can nominate one student

Call-for-nomination was emailed to the country for a period of one month (June 30th - July 31st). A total of seven nominations received and awarded to:

- Leonidas Papachristopoulos, PhD student in the Department of Archives, Library and Museum Studies, Ionian University, Greece
- Peter Kraker, University of Graz, Austria
- Liliana Melgar, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain
- Farhan Ahmad MSc., doctoral candidate at Åbo Akademi University, Finland
- Agnes Mainka (PhD Student), Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany
- Maria Henkel, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany
- Ivana Dejanović, Faculty of Philosophy, Osijek, Croatia

9. Sponsorship of ReQuest Challenge 2014

The ReQuest Challenge 2014 (<https://www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/infowiss/informationen-zum-studiengang/schwarzes-brett/einzelanzeige-schwarzes-brett/request-wettbewerb-in-duesseldorf-3389/> and <http://request-wettbewerb.de/>) is a challenge for future knowledge managers. It took place in Düsseldorf, Germany, in January 2014 and invited German-speaking students to share their ideas and business strategies on a real-world scenario which was provided by a company. Because of the broad audience and high number of students present during the award ceremony EUChap sponsored the ReQuest evening reception.

10. Member survey in 2015

As part of the ASIS&T New Leader programme a chapter member, Stephann Makri, developed - together with chair-elect and mentor Isabella Peters - a member survey which was sent out end of July 2015 and ran until August 11. (please see below for the details on the survey). The aim is to learn what members like most about the chapter, what the chapter could improve on and how ASIS&T can increase its European membership. The survey was distributed via email to members of the chapter as well as via the chapter's Facebook page.

The results of this survey are not yet available and should be discussed during the next business meeting in St. Louis.

---- Details of the survey----

1. I am...

*Male

*Female

*And my age is...

2. I am a...

*Student

*Academic

*Practitioner

3. Were you already aware that, as a European ASIS&T member, you are also a member of ASIS&T's European Chapter (EUChap)?

*Yes

*No

*If yes, how did you become aware of this?

4. What information that you receive from EUChap do you find useful?

5. What information that you receive from EUChap do you NOT find useful?

6. What do you like most about EUChap?

7. What could EUChap most improve on?

8. How do you think ASIS&T could increase its European membership? Feel free to suggest both general ideas and ideas that involve capitalising on ASIS&T 2016 being held in Copenhagen.

9. What difficulties does/might ASIS&T face in increasing its European membership? How might we overcome these difficulties?

10. Can we contact you to arrange a 20 min. Skype/Google Hangout to discuss some of your comments? If yes, leave your e-mail. If no, leave blank.

PART III. COMMUNICATION 5 points

A. Chapter Communications

Attach copies of any flyers, ads or other promotions

Means of communication intended to inform and link chapter members and public:

- ASIS&T European Chapter Mailing list: <http://mail.asis.org/mailman/listinfo/eurchap/>
- ASIS&T European Chapter website: <http://www.asis.org/Chapters/europe/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ASISTEuroChap>

Means of communication intended to inform and link chapter members:

- Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/asistec/>
- ASIS&T wiki: <http://www.asis.org/wiki/chapters-sigs/index.php/Europe>

EUChap is working on the expansion of the content available on the wiki as well as on the adoption of the new ASIS&T corporate design for its website.

B. Public Relations

Describe any activities the chapter engaged in to inform the public about ASIST, the chapter and/or information science issues.

Activities are mainly performed online:

- Postings on its website (<http://www.asis.org/Chapters/europe>) and via its mailing list
- Posting of events on the main ASIS&T website
- Sponsoring and shared hosting of conferences and conference tracks (e.g., ASIS&T European Workshop, ISI, ISSI, TPDL)
- Postings on social media accounts (i.e. Facebook)
- Interview with Lai and Isabella featured in Get-to-know-series on ASIS&T blog: <https://www.asist.org/get-to-know-european-chapter/>

Do you send your newsletters to ASIST National HQ?

n/a

Not yet on a regular basis. We try to publish them on website and wiki to provide constant access.

Do you send your newsletters to the Chapter Assembly Director?

n/a

Not yet on a regular basis. We try to publish them on website and wiki to provide constant access.

Do you send your newsletters to other chapters?

n/a

Not yet on a regular basis. We try to publish them on website and wiki to provide constant access.

PART IV. FINANCIAL 5 points

Please list and describe key factors and activities that have affected the chapter's fiscal health in the last 4 quarters. Indicate whether the impact has been positive or negative.

The current chapter balance is [An inquiry has been sent to HQ and Chapter Assembly]

PART V. AWARDS 5 points

List any awards received by the chapter. Include the name of the award, The date the award was received, the name of the award sponsor, and a description of the nature of the award. (SUGGESTED FORMAT: create a table using the data items as column headers)

N/A

APPENDIX 1

Minutes European Chapter Meeting @ASIS&T AM, Seattle

November 2nd, 2013, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

- 1) People attending: 10 members
- 2) ASIST AM 2016 in Copenhagen
 - a. General information
 - i. HQ does all the scheduling and logistics
 - ii. Probably the Dublin Core Metadata Conference will be held in conjunction with the AM
 - iii. The hotel where the conference will take place is not in the city centre
 - b. We talked about whether EUChap should send a letter/statement to the HQ show willingness to support the organization as well as to propose activities the EUChap would like to see (e.g. combination of sightseeing/cultural elements and topical discussions)
 - c. We also talked about EU funding opportunities for such events
 - i. Does anybody know of such funds (e.g. Schloss Dagstuhl, <http://www.schlossdagstuhl.de/>)?
 - d. “We want to make the conference European!”
 - i. Overall goal: attract more members from Europe for ASIST
 - ii. How? Idea: the 2017 AM offers discounts for EU people
- 3) Agnes Mainka (<https://www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/infowiss/mitarbeiter/wissenschaftliche-mitarbeiter-hilfskraefte/agnes-mainka>) reported on the European Students Chapter activities (http://www.asis.org/wiki/chapters-sigs/index.php/European_Student_Chapter or <http://www.asis.org/Chapters/Student/esc/>)
 - a. Student chapter organizes several webinars on where to study information science and what you can do with it
 - b. They also want to use the webinar to promote the AM16
 - c. They also plan to apply for the student chapter of the year award
 - d. Diane Sonnenwald proposed to give 10 free student memberships per Chapter for evaluation of the new ASIST website (in order to get the global view on usability etc.)
 - e. Ideas for ASIST AM 2016 organisation
 - i. Student chapters could organize video conferencing and recording of AM
 1. Europeans could organize the recording onsite
 2. Livestream/Video events could be organized at all universities so that students can attend the AM although they couldn’t travel to Copenhagen
 - ii. Include iSchools in organization, half day get-togethers before AM, goal: students get to know each other
 - iii. organize one session like an unconference or barcamp to increase participant involvement

4) ASIS&T New Leaders

- a. Agnes Mainka, doctoral student at Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf. Mentor: Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Professor, Aix-Marseille University, France, Placement: European Student Chapter
- b. Stephann Makri, Lecturer (Associate Professor), City University, London, Mentor: Isabella Peters, Professor, Christian Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany, Placement: European Chapter
- c. Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Mentors: Dianne Sonnenwald, Professor University of Copenhagen & Christian Schloegl, University of Graz, Austria, Placement: International Relations Committee (IRC)
- d. Stephann Makri (<http://www.city.ac.uk/people/academics/stephann-makri>) who would like to work in the EU Chap, his interest lies in approaches to increase membership
 - i. He would like to interview EUChap members concerning their expectations toward the EUChap? What does EUChap offer?
 - ii. Maybe Helena Francke (membership records officer; helena.francke@hb.se; <http://www.adm.hb.se/~hfr/index.htm>) can get in touch with Stephann to discuss opportunities
 - iii. As a starting point we could check participants lists of ASIST events and of the ASIST organization whether there are Europeans attending the conferences or joining ASIST committees → then invite them to become chapter members (i.e. actively check whether they were correctly allocated) or share experiences/ thoughts
 1. Could be done in the wiki: http://www.asis.org/wiki/chapters-sigs/index.php/Main_Page
 2. Send Welcome Email to new members? (http://www.asis.org/wiki/chapters-sigs/index.php/Chapter_Assembly) → refers to 4)
- e. Hans-Christoph Hobohm (<http://www.fh-potsdam.de/person/person-action/hans-christoph-hobohm/show/Person/>) plans to intensify the relationships between different European Information Science societies for the ASIST AM 2015 (e.g. Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft and ASIST)
 - i. Maybe Hans-Christoph can report on his plans in more detail via email

5) There is still the need for a practical, always updated member database → talk to HQ

6) Open Questions: What shall we post on the wiki? <http://www.asis.org/wiki/chapters-sigs/index.php/Europe>

7) Outreach

- a. Jonathan Levitt and Emil Levine reported on the outcome of the Business Meeting at LIDA 2014 in the ASIST Bulletin, October/November 2014 (page 9; <http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Oct-14/>)
- b. Emil Levine reported on LIDA 2014 in Information Today, 31(7), September 2014: <http://www.infotoday.com/IT/sep14/index.shtml>