From the Chair

Welcome to the 31st year of New Jersey ASIS&T! As your incoming chair for 2006, I greet the New Year with enthusiasm and excitement and invite you to become a part of it.

Our chapter events provide great opportunities for you to network with other information specialists in the New Jersey area – and there are many already planned for this year. We will kick-off this year’s activities by looking back at 30 years of information science in the Garden State on February 13 at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick. We hope to have several esteemed past chairs in attendance as well as the current president of ASIS&T, Michael Leach – please see http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/nj-asis/events.html for registration details and join us for a fun evening at a great venue.

On March 8, in conjunction with New Jersey SLA, we are planning a primer on OpenURL with Eric Hellman of OpenlyInformatics and on March 31, Dr Anthony Breitzman will talk about patent application analysis to identify specific technology expertise of corporations.

I welcome all of you to become a part of the governance of our chapter – it’s a great environment to hone your leadership skills and to influence the reach of the chapter. Please feel free to drop me an email at g.grenier@ieee.org with your ideas – and I hope to see you all on February 13.

Sincerely,

Gerry Grenier
2005-2006 NJ-ASIS&T Chair
NJ-ASIS&T 30th Anniversary Celebration “Thirty and Thriving”

Michael Leach, President of ASIS&T, Joins NJ-ASIS&T Past Chairs


A very special guest that evening is Michael R. Leach, Director of the Physics Research Library and Head of Collection Development of the Cabot Science Library at Harvard University. At the ASIS&T annual meeting in November, he succeeded Rutgers University LIS Chair Dr. Nicholas Belkin as President of the international organization.

He is also an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College. Throughout his twenty plus years of librarianship in the sciences, Michael has actively worked to join the new technology with innovative management techniques and programs. With this, he has provided state-of-the-art research and collection services to students, faculty and other researchers alike. Michael has shared his experience by speaking at LIS conferences and through involvement in organizations such as ASIS&T, SLA and the ALA. He is also produced over 40 continuing education programs for his fellow librarians over the last seven years.

To reserve your space at this special event, visit:
http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/nj-asis/events.html
Grenier, Pavlosky Assume Top Spots at NJ-ASIS&T

In December 2005, **Gerry Grenier** became Chair of NJ-ASIS&T, and **Dr. Lilia Pavlovsky** was elected Program Chair/Chair-Elect.

Gerry is currently Staff Director of Publishing Technologies for the IEEE. He leads the technical development and operation of IEEE Xplore -- a digital library containing 1.3 million journal articles, conference papers and standards in electrical engineering and computer science.

He began his publishing career 25 years ago at medical publisher Alan R. Liss, Inc. When Liss was acquired by John Wiley & Sons in 1989, Gerry joined Wiley and served in several management positions in the Journals publishing division.

From 1993-1997, as Director of Publishing Technologies, he led Wiley’s transition to electronic publishing, implementing the transition to SGML-based publishing. From 1995-1997 Gerry was a member of the technical implementation team for the Red Sage project -- an electronic publishing collaboration between publishers, AT&T Bell Labs and the University of California at San Francisco.

In 1997 Gerry was named Director of Development for Wiley Interscience, where he was a key member of the team that launched Wiley’s flagship electronic journals service – a service that put Wiley’s 400 journals online.

Gerry is currently on the Board of Directors of CrossRef, a multi-publisher organization whose mission is to create a citation-linking network and is a member of the Society for Scholarly Publishing.

Lilia’s early work experience includes research and data management in brokerage and investment banking institutions. After completing her MLS degree at Rutgers, she was involved in the management and development of information resource centers in research, management consulting and telecommunication industry environments.

She received her PhD from Rutgers University, School of Communication, Information and Library studies (SCILS), where she is currently an Assistant Professor. Lilia’s research interests focus on the social aspects of information system design; virtual learning environments; and information use. In fact, she presented this month at the ALISE annual meeting in San Antonio the results of a case study exploring asynchronous learning environments and the nature of active learning and social interaction within a distance education programs.
Microsoft Researcher Susan Dumais
2005 NJ-ASIS&T Distinguished Lectureship

The 19th annual Distinguished Lectureship award, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of information science, was given to Susan Dumais, Senior Researcher Adaptive Systems and Interaction Group at Microsoft Corporation. Her research ranges a wide variety of information access and management issues, including personal information management, web search, question answering, information retrieval, text categorization, collaborative filtering, interfaces for improved search and navigation, and user/task modeling.

Susan’s presentation at the afternoon colloquium focused on “Personal information management: Helping finders become keepers” and how Microsoft is at the forefront of personal information management (PIM). The objective of PIM is to organize information in such a way that the right information can be found at the right time, in the right place, in the right form. New tools and advanced technologies can help alleviate the more mundane tasks and problems of information management (such as filing – and misfiling).

The event dinner and presentation at the IEEE focused on “Information retrieval in context,” or how you can personalize search capabilities, using knowledge of an individual’s previous interactions with information to produce results that are more relevant to the individual.

According to Dumais, “The greater your understanding of when, why, and how people search, the better you can improve their results within their chosen application.” The difficulty lies in determining which contexts are most important, how to specify and control them, and how to preserve user privacy and rights.
NJ-ASIS&T Spring Calendar

NJ-ASIS&T 30th Anniversary Celebration
with Guest Speaker Michael Leach, ASIS&T President
and Many of NJ-ASIS&T's Past Chairs

Monday, February 13, 2006
5:30pm to 9:00 pm

The Rutgers Club
199 College Ave, New Brunswick NJ

Buffet Dinner. Cash bar. Reflections from our past chairs.
Networking and good conversation!

For directions and registration form:
http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/nj-asis/anniv_event.pdf

OpenURL and LinkServer Basics

Presented by: Eric Hellman, Director of OCLC Openly Informatics
http://www.openly.com/company

Wednesday, March 8, 2006
1:30 to 3 pm

IEEE
445 Hoes Lane
Room Ada C
Piscataway, NJ

For additional information, registration form and directions:
http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/nj-asis/OpenlyURL.pdf

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Dr Breitzman will introduce and validate a method for identifying technologically similar organizations, industries, or regions by applying the techniques from information science for term similarity to international patent classifications. Several applications of the method will be explored, including identifying hidden competitive threats, finding potential acquisition targets, locating university expertise within a technology, identifying competitor strategy shifts, and more.

Cost: ASIS&T Members $20, Students, retirees $15, non-members $25.

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