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Re:inventing Information Science in the Networked Society

The International Symposium of Information Science (ISI) is a biannual gathering of scholars, researchers and students from information science 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 (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) will take place in Zadar, Croatia, from May 19 to May 21, 2015 and will be organized by the Department of Information Sciences at the University of Zadar. The printed conference proceedings will be published by Verlag Werner Hülsbusch (vwh Verlag). Furthermore, all accepted articles will be available in the ZENODO and INFODATA open digital repository.
ISI 2015 takes place at a time of ongoing changes in today's networked society. Recent Internet developments have made it possible to access ever rising amounts of data and efficient analysis tools empower users to identify patterns which extend their human mind. Easy-to-use web services also allow users to be producers of information, a development which is subsumed under the term social web. Social tagging systems, for instance, provide users with the opportunity to enrich data. Furthermore, science makes extensive use of collaboration, information sharing and information distribution which are available through network technologies (big data). Finally, Digital Humanities has emerged as a new research domain in recent years. These changes have a strong effect on both information science and practice which are to be discussed at ISI 2015.

On May 18, 2015, there will be two pre-conference workshops on:

- **Digital Humanities and the technologies of the semantic web** organized by Gordon Dunsire (Consultant, Edinburgh, UK), Mirna Willer and Marijana Tomic (University of Zadar, Croatia), and Manuel Burghardt (University of Regensburg, Germany)
- **Decolonizing description: critical approaches and innovations** organized by Anne J. Gilliland (University of California at Los Angeles), Mirna Willer and Marijana Tomic (University of Zadar, Croatia)

After ISI 2015 (May 22\textsuperscript{nd} - 23\textsuperscript{rd}), a workshop will be held by ASIS&T European Chapter in Osijek. Bus transfer from Zadar to Osijek will be organised after the end of the conference.

**Submissions**

Particularly desirable are papers that deal with the following topics, although contributions covering other subjects in the wider field of information science and neighbouring disciplines are welcome as well:

1. **Information Science - Interdisciplinary Aspects and Cross-disciplinary Fertilization**
   - Information Science: so broad - so small!
   - Information science vs. Web science
   - Meeting humanities through the digital medium
   - Digital humanities research across disciplines and cultures
   - LIS schools and digital humanities syllabi - convergence issues in information science education

2. **Information Science in Today's Networked Society**
   - Changing face of information science professions
   - Digital Collections and Connections
   - Changing Users

3. **Information Science and “Big Society”**
   - Information science vs. data science
   - Semantic data meets big data
   - Information retrieval, information discovery, visualizing and mapping tools and approaches
   - Privacy concerns – the “vitreous user”
   - Danger of “information monopolies” – the winner takes it all?
• New required competencies of information specialists

4. Changes in Scholarly Communication

• Everything open: access, data, reviewing
• New forms of scholarly publishing: blogs, tweets, wikis, crowdsourcing
• Use of social media in scholarly communication: social reference management systems, social networking cites, etc.
• Altmetrics (readership/bookmarks, mentions, likes, etc.) as alternatives to citations in research evaluation?

5. Decolonizing description: critical approaches and innovations

• Description in liminal spaces: subverting systems to liberate description
• Moving across diverse standards
• Archives, libraries, museums integration through metadata
• Decolonising international/national standards
• Social tagging and participative metadata practices: alternative and/or welcomed practices and their impact on catalogue/finding aids (authority, trust, authenticity)

The conference language is English.

Submissions can be made in the following forms:

1. Long papers (max. 12 pages)
2. Short papers (max. 5 pages)
3. Posters (max. 2 pages)
4. Panel suggestions (max. 2 pages, incl. naming of a panel chair, participants and a topic plan)
5. Student presentations
6. Doctoral thesis presentations

Besides these submission options, there is a special call for the Gerhard Lustig Master Thesis Award.

1./2. Long papers / short papers

Papers must be submitted in English and be original work. Proposed submission will be reviewed by at least two members of the programme committee.

Format guidelines for the papers are available at www.isi2015.eu
Deadline for the submission of long or short papers: January 10, 2015
Notification of acceptance: beginning of February 2015
Deadline for the submission of revised manuscripts: February 28, 2015
All submissions must be made online at www.isi2015.eu
3. Poster Exhibition

In addition to the presentation of papers, it is possible to display A0 posters in portrait orientation featuring research and development plans for discussion. A text not longer than 2 pages formatted according to the ISI 2015 format template must also be submitted to complement the poster. This will be considered by the programme committee and will upon approval be included in the conference proceedings.

Deadline for the submission of posters: January 10, 2015

Notification of acceptance of posters: beginning of February 2015

Deadline for the submission of revised posters: February 28, 2015

Poster presentations must be submitted online at www.isi2015.eu

Contact for the poster exhibition and chair: Assoc. Prof. Ivanka Stričević, Ph.D. (istrocev@unizd.hr)

4. Panel Suggestions

There will also be the opportunity to submit suggestions for a panel which should include a panel chair, title and topics. Panel discussions should generally last 1.5 hours. The total number of panels is limited according to the length of the session.

Deadline for the submission of panel suggestions: January 10, 2015

Notification of acceptance of panels: beginning of February 2015

Panel Suggestions should be submitted online at www.isi2015.eu.

Contact: Prof. Dr Christa Womser-Hacker (womser@uni-hildesheim.de)

5. Student Presentations

A programme of student sessions will be organised by students of the information sciences. We offer students of information science and related disciplines the chance to present their views, work, projects or works in progress on the topic of Re:inventing Information Science in the Networked Society.

Participation in the student programme requires either a presentation (approx. 10-15 min) or a poster to present your ideas. Proposals (sketches, 2-3 pages) should be submitted online: www.isi2015.eu until January 10, 2015.

Notification will be sent by beginning of February 2015. Deadline for the submission of a full-length version (max. 5 pages) for inclusion in the conference proceedings: end of February 2015

We can gladly offer help with questions or organisational issues.

Contact for the student programme: Hanna Knäusl (hanna.knausl@sprachlit.uni-regensburg.de) and Ivana Halužan (ivhaluzan@student.unizd.hr).
6. Doctoral Thesis Presentations

A programme of short presentations detailing current doctoral theses will again feature at the symposium.

Presentation format: Poster session for doctoral students with the opportunity to discuss and briefly present during a session set aside for doctoral students (presentations 10-15 min).

Submission: A poster as well as an accompanying short paper outlining the core ideas as well as the methodological approach of the doctoral thesis with a max. length of 5 pages and formatted according to the ISI 2015 format template. The poster can be attached as a .pdf document.

Submission deadline: January 10, 2015

Poster and Sketch should be submitted online at www.isi2015.eu

Chair of the doctoral students’ workshop: Prof. Dr Christian Wolff (christian.wolff@ur.de)

Gerhard Lustig Award: Prize for the best Master Thesis in Information Science 2013-2014

At former ISI conferences, the presentation of the master theses was one of the highlights of the conference. The participating master theses are proposed by their supervising professors. All institutions with study programmes relating to the information sciences (in the broader sense) are invited to submit master theses which have been finished (approved) in 2013 or 2014 for the Gerhard Lustig Award. Only one entry may be submitted per institution. A jury will select approximately six theses from those submitted for presentation at ISI 2015. Among these six theses, the best three students will be awarded on the basis of the quality of their master thesis and their presentation.

Submission deadline: January 10, 2015

Notification will be given by the end of February 2015.

Recommendations should be submitted online at www.isi2015.eu

Contact / Chair of the Gerhard Lustig Master Thesis Award: Prof. Dr. Bernard Bekavac (bernard.bekavac@htwchur.ch)

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