

**Call for Papers**  
**2022 International Paper Contest**  
**ASIS&T SIG-III**

Dear All,

The Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) invites research papers from the library and information science (LIS) professionals of developing countries for the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Paper Contest (IPC). The winners of the IPC-2022 will be awarded in the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ASIS&T, which will take place in Wyndham Grand, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, from October 29-November 1, 2022. The theme of the Annual Meeting is: "Crisis, Transition, Resilience: Re-Imagining an Information-Resilient Society" For more information, visit: <https://www.asist.org/am22/>

The purpose of this contest is to encourage researchers from developing countries and to share their work globally. It also focuses to push advancements in information, people, and technology in contemporary societies in the context of developing countries.

Papers submitted to this contest can discuss research problems, policies, new methodologies, and case studies highlighting practical issues in or outside of LIS work settings, and case studies on any aspect of the 2022 ASIS&T Annual Meeting theme from a local, regional, and/or international perspective.

**Topics include, but are not limited to the following core areas:**

- Combat “infodemic” in this time of misinformation and disinformation to protect society from future information crises
- Role of quality and reliable information in a resilient information environment
- Role of information changes in economic, social, scientific, political, and personal behaviors
- Role of information/information stakeholders in Post COVID-19 era
- Production, storage, sharing, preservation, management, and consumption of data and information for benefitting individuals, communities, organizations, or society
- Role of the place, time, and how data/information/knowledge is communicated in empowering individuals, communities, organizations, or society
- Information and individuals: Information behavior, information retrieval, human-computer interaction, social media use, information literacy, digital literacy, etc.
- Information use in, for, or by organizations: Information architecture, knowledge management, competitive intelligence, linked data and big data, digital curation, records and archives management, etc.
- Information society: Digital citizenship, cultural engagement, archival preservation, policy development, copyright, intellectual property, info-metrics, information access, etc.
- Information and emerging technologies: Cloud computing, digital libraries, automatic indexing, social tagging, classification, semantic web, database design, web usability, etc.

**Judging Criteria:** The IPC papers will be judged using the following criteria.

- 1 The originality of the research question
- 2 Ability to situate problem statements against existing literature
- 3 Rigor in research methods
- 4 Novelty and significance of research findings
- 5 Theoretical and/or practical implications and/or contributions
- 6 Quality of presentation and the overall organization of information
- 7 Consistency in citations, references, and grammar

**Eligibility & Information for Authors:** All authors should be citizens of and reside in a [developing nation](#). Winners of the 2015-2021 contests are not eligible. The papers should be original, unpublished, and submitted in English. We encourage submissions from librarians, information and network specialists, and educators involved in the creation, representation, maintenance, exchange, discovery, delivery, and use of digital information.

**Style format:** Submissions should follow the Initial Submission Instructions at:

<https://www.asist.org/am22/submission-types-instructions/>.

To format the paper, please this link:

<https://growthzonesitesprod.azureedge.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/946/Template-Instructions-Final-12-14-21.pdf>.

**ASIS&T Copyright Policy:** ASIS&T will have the non-exclusive right to publish any of the papers submitted on its website or in print, with ownership and all other rights remaining with the author.

**Deadline:** Authors are invited to submit manuscripts, not to exceed 5,000 words, by **April 30, 2022**, via email to [Nosheen.im@pu.edu.pk](mailto:Nosheen.im@pu.edu.pk) as a Microsoft Word attachment.

**Notification:** Winners will be notified by **May 28, 2022** via email.

**Winners and Award:** The IPC Committee will select three winners. We encourage all three winners to attend the 2022 ASIS&T Annual Meeting for sharing their research. The first-place winner will receive a maximum of US \$1,500 for offsetting the cost of attending and presenting their research poster at the 2022 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, USA. In addition, all three winners will receive a two-year individual membership in ASIS&T. In the case of multiple authors, the first author will be awarded the ASIS&T membership.

**Publishing opportunities:** All three winners are welcome to submit their papers to “*LIBRI: International Journal of Libraries and Information Studies*” and “*PJIM&L: Pakistan Journal of Information Management and Libraries*” for publication subject to the peer-reviewing process. All submissions will go through a peer-review process in those two journals.

**Poster Presentation:** The first-place winner will be expected to present a poster (48" by 36" inches) based on their research paper at the SIG-III Reception at the 2022 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. Please feel free to distribute this call for papers widely to your colleagues in developing countries. Thanks!

Sincerely,

**International Paper Contest Committee**

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