

International Incubator Sessions

ASIS&T will celebrate the diversity of cultural perspectives that we each bring to 82nd Annual Meeting in a new series called International Incubator Sessions. These invited sessions will be facilitated by global thought leaders who will galvanize the ASIS&T community around critical information problems such as sustainability, youth engagement, social media bubbles, global data sharing, ethical AI, and mobilizing ASIS&T chapters. Each session will identify future activities to showcase how Information Science and Technology can be leveraged to address critical 21st century challenges.

Monday, 21 October 2019

4:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

INTERNATIONAL INCUBATOR SESSION 6: MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL ASIS&T CHAPTERS

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Outside of North America, ASIS&T has a number of international chapters – Taipei, Asia Pacific, Europe, and the newly established chapters of Brazil and South Asia. The facilitators of this session comprise officers of the South Asia chapter, representing different countries, many of whom have also been active in the Asia-Pacific chapter. The facilitators will talk about the number of schools and current state of Library and Information Science (LIS) in their respective countries, how they currently collaborate, and what are the opportunities and barriers. They will discuss the opportunities provided by the new South Asia chapter, and still existing barriers. Participants will be asked to discuss the opportunities and barriers they face in their respective chapters and countries. The facilitators and participants will brainstorm ways for different international chapters (as well the North American chapters) to better collaborate with each other, and to form a synergy, for better mobilization of the international chapters. The outcome will be a set of strategies or events to co-organize during the coming year. The session may also encourage some members from the audience to start their own chapters in represented regions. We want to acknowledge of the work of Bhakti Gala, Kanwal Ameen, Ruwan Gamage and Aminath Riyaz who assisted with the preparation of this incubator session but are unable to attend the conference.