Welcome

Lakshmi Iyer, AIS VP of SIGs and Chapters, Alan Dennis, AIS President, and Stacie Petter, VP of AIS Region 1, welcomed representatives from 23 Special Interest Groups (SIGs), 3 Colleges, and 12 Chapters to the AIS Community Leaders meeting coinciding with AMCIS 2020. The meeting was held online August 13, 2020 at 9:30am Mountain Daylight Time (Salt Lake City, Utah USA) to honor the initial location of the conference.

Operational Updates

Matt Nelson, AIS AED, shared the association’s responses to COVID-19 including:

- Consolidated AIS News & Updates AIS Coronavirus Resources one site
  - https://aisnet.org/page/AISCovidResources
  - Online Teaching Resources, Research Resources, Scholarship Programs, eLibrary
- Multiple Events Decisions & Negotiations to go Virtual
  - Annual Student Chapter Leadership Conf (SCLC)
    - Competitions were conducted virtual
  - AMCIS 2020, ECIS2020, PACIS2020
- e-Library Enhancements
  - Added author-video capabilities
  - Added discussion threading (OA intensedebate)
  - Building Community and P2P around every article
  - In a respectful, professional manner and without the 1000 pop-up ads, banner-ads, etc
  - Added more metrics “Plumx Metrics”
    - Tracking count of video streaming sessions, article abstract views, DL, social media posts, and more
- Blake, Richard, Munir and others… Covid-19 Discussion Forum (on HL platform)
  - https://communities.aisnet.org/covid-19andis/welcome
  - Covid-19 Learning Action Awards with matching grants to local Covid-19 charities (Munir)
• Covid-19 Panel at AMCIS (yesterday, will be posted) with Forum Founders
• Much more…

Priority… the Regional Conferences had over 1,000 accepted articles when Covid-19 shut the world down.

• It’s an incredible amount of research work, effort, peer reviews, track reviews, writing, etc
• How best to respect, honor, acknowledge their collective efforts in the middle of a global pandemic with the world shut down?
• This lead to a series of meetings over two months lead by AIS President and with chairs of ECIS, PACIS and AMCIS.
• This resulted in the formation of the AIS Summer 2020 Virtual Conference Series (VCS)
• 1 Registration = Access to ECIS, PACIS, AMCIS. No registration charge to Doctoral Students, UN developing countries, $50 for Academics.

**Virtual Conference Series Snapshot Metrics**

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**Lise Fitzpatrick**, AIS COO, offered an update on the logistics of the Virtual Conference Series on behalf of **Robina Wahid**, AIS Conference Director, who was actively engaged in the online administration of AMCIS during the meeting.

Important dates:

• August 26: Extended deadline for AMCIS 2021 track submissions (see Future Track Chair materials on page 4 of this document).
• September 7: Ancillary meeting deadline for ICIS 2020
Annual Reports

- 2020 Annual Reports are due March 1, 2021. Information will be sent to Community Leaders in early 2021.
- Lakshmi provided an update on the Annual Reports response for calendar year 2019 and spoke to some of the findings resulting from the addition of question about Diversity and Inclusion and the Grand Challenge. (More on the Grand Vison Challenge can be found here: https://aisnet.org/news/474400/The-25-for-25-Campaign-10-AIS-Grand-Vision-Challenge.htm)
- Lakshmi and Helle Zinner Henriksen, AIS VP of Membership and Chapters, congratulated the Outstanding Communities for 2019 (https://aisnet.org/news/506067/AIS-Honors-37-Outstanding-Communities.htm) and recognized the newest AIS Communities: Eastern Africa Chapter and SIGCNow – Changing Nature of Work with ICT

Community Success Highlights

- Hala Annabi from SIG Social Inclusion (SI) presented an update on how their SIG added new governance roles to provide project consistency from year to year.
- Lakshmi provided updates on the Diversity and Inclusion and Grand Challenge responses to the 2020 Annual Reports. Responses were shared in advance of the meeting and are also included at the end of this recap.
- Eleanor Loiacono and Lakshmi announced a new NSF grant to Increase the Participation and Advancement of Women in IT. The award is sponsored by Worcester Polytechnic Institute (with Eleanor as PI) and a sub-award is sponsored by Appalachian State University (with Lakshmi as PI).

Table Discussions and Community Updates

Meeting participants were seated at tables with like communities (SIGs, Colleges, Chapters) and conferences and held robust conversations pertaining to these three questions:

1. What are the challenges and best practices of creating sustainable leadership roles for your community?
2. What type of strategies have you incorporated to enhance diversity and inclusion in your community?
3. What initiatives is your community engaged in (or planning) related to the Grand Challenge?

Several leaders reported to the group about the topics of their table discussions and updates from their communities including:

- The AIS Women’s Network (AISWN) College is proud to sponsor the 1st International Research Workshop on Women IS, and Grand Challenges. Extended submission deadline: September 30 (CFP here)
- SIGHCI pre-ICIS Workshop submissions due September 13 (CFP here)
- ICTO2020 deadline for paper submissions August 20 (information here)
• **SIGDSA** pre-ICIS symposium ([information here](#)) – Please click on ‘submissions’ for CFPs in Research, Teaching, and Prototype tracks.
• **SIGED** Pre-ICIS conference ([CFP here](#))
• **Vijayan Sugumaran** suggested AIS award bonus points on the 2020 Annual Reports for collaboration across communities.
• **Carol Lee**, VP of the **Doctoral Student College**, would be happy to converse with SIGs and Chapters on potential areas for collaboration. ([information here](#))

**Future Meetings**

• **ICIS 2020** – Joey George welcomed everyone to the conference to be held online December 13-16, 2020 (Reminder: OAM deadline is September 7 – [OAM site here](#))
• **ECIS 2021** - Redouane EL Amrani welcomed everyone to the conference to be held June 14-16, 2021 ([Call for Papers here](#))
• **PACIS 2021** – To be held on June 20-24, 2021 in Dubai ([website](#))
• **AMCIS 2021** – Marie-Claude Boudreau and Yolande Chan welcomed everyone to the conference to be held August 5-7, 2021 in Montreal, Canada ([website](#)). The Future Track Chairs meeting was held earlier in the week ([meeting slides.pptx](#), **AMCIS 2021 Track Proposal Template.docx**). As a reminder, the deadline for track proposals is August 26, 2020.

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**Did you hold your AGM at AMCIS 2020?**

Please take a moment to [submit your officer updates here](#).
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Diversity and Inclusion activities and/or considerations incorporated by AIS Chapters

- One chapter worked towards establishing a scholarship to enable attendance of the annual conference they hosted. The aim of the scholarship is to enable participation for people from indigenous and rural communities.

- The issue of digital inclusion was the topic for one of the keynotes at the annual conference, with a focus on inclusive design of Web based IS so that they are accessible to user groups with impairments.

- Seminars and workshops involved speakers at different seniority levels (from Postdoc to Professor) from various regions (US, Australia, Singapore, and Germany).

- A major issue with doctoral students in developing countries is that of difficulty in writing, given that many of them go through K-12 in vernacular languages. As a first step, we have started a series of paper writing workshops, which focuses amongst many things such as structuring a paper, presenting ideas in an interesting manner, and on writing skills. We believe this an important aspect of trying to achieve greater inclusion. We hope to continue our work in this direction as well as identify ways of increasing diversity, especially gender and demographics.

- To increase discussion of new research ideas, we focused on increasing students' participation in the chapter's research workshop. To that end, a couple of programs were designed and implemented. First of all, we included paper development sessions (PDS) for students at the 2019 research workshop. As a result, students had valuable opportunities to discuss their papers with highly qualified researchers (who assumed SE or AE roles in the top journals, such as MISQ, ISR, JMIS, or JAIS). Secondly, we granted cash awards to several students to support their travel expenses so they could attend the research workshop. Thirdly, a nominal registration fee was set for students to reduce their financial burden to participate in the workshop. We believe that these efforts increased students' participation in the community, increasing diversity of research ideas.

- In regard to inclusion, we focused on those researchers who have difficulty in presenting their research idea in English. We believe that we should not exclude researchers simply because he or she is unable to communicate in English. In this regard, presenters had an option to present their paper in another language during the research workshop (if they preferred to do so). We believe that more researchers would consider participating in the research workshop in the future.

- We have a balanced number of men and women in our chapter, but realize that most Information Systems programs in the region are unbalanced in this sense.
There are many more boys than girls in our courses. We have started working together with a local computer society for the moment, to try and promote IS programs to girls to revert that. This may also happen by means of a video series in our channel.

- We organize workshops on how to publish a scientific paper, targeting small and less wealthy universities and colleagues in the region, we reserve half of the board of the chapter for women, and we encourage young, new researchers to co-publish with senior colleagues.

- We have organized a student track at the Information Systems Conference where students have the possibility to submit research papers, receive feedback and present their papers. As such, they have the chance to actively engage with and hence, become part of the scientific community. We believe that organizing the student track is an important means to give this audience a voice and include them and their ideas in our community. At the same time, the student track serves to promote young talent, which is especially important in the academic environment.

- Our region is considered multi-racial, so diversity and inclusion are core principles embedded into our community chapter. Diversity is clearly evidenced in our community, particularly in terms of career or employment status, academic rank, geographic location, age, biological sex, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, language, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, skin color, and socioeconomic status. We have members who are from different ethnic groups and our community has also accommodated members from other countries. In terms of inclusion, our events are opened to all local chapter members as well as others who are interested in joining in. One particular event gathers panels from both the academic, both public and private universities, and those from industry to discuss the Future Ready Information Systems Curriculum in the region. It was indeed an enlightening session and we intend to bring the outcomes of our discussion to relevant authorities so as to enhance the IS Curriculum. Diversity and Inclusion are also included in our chapter’s policies to ensure all Executive Committee positions and award winners fulfill diversity criteria of different races, gender and institutions.

- Our chapter’s activities were fully diverse and inclusive. In the five main activities that we had, we targeted communities from different international regions. These communities included students, academicians, industry, and even military researchers. Our community does not differentiate between gender or language; further, our actions take into consideration all opinions in the community.

- Our initiative specifically designed to increase diversity has involved working with the PhD Project. The PhD Project is dedicated to encouraging minorities to
pursue business-related academic careers (including Information Systems). We continue to work with them to improve participation of their students in the chapter and to encourage our membership to be involved in the PhD Project's activities.

- Balance between female and male members of the chapter.
- The Special Interest Group on Gender Equality has been active in the topic of diversity and inclusion, and three national projects have already been submitted: (1) to develop an app to educate against dating violence (grant received), (2) to study the gender issues facing the Information Systems graduates (waiting for evaluation results), and (3) to raise awareness about gender issues for employers in the region (waiting for evaluation results).
- Chapter conferences are open to everyone.
- To gain more external participants, the executive board introduced a scholarship program to support researchers outside the region to attend the conference in 2018. In 2018 no scholarships were granted, but in 2019 two scholarships were granted.
- The AIS Women's Network is underrepresented in the region. The chapter has sought to identify a champion from the region to promote networking and a system of mentorship for female academics. In 2020, we intend to establish a series of initiatives to better support female students and staff within the region.
- The chapter included extended abstracts for the 2019 conference. This decision was made to promote AIS as a working/friendly conference, with the hope of including more students and younger faculty who need feedback and support for early research projects.
- In our community, there is the need to build bridges between the different languages as our region has multiple official languages. This is an important issue that we consistently tackle to promote collaboration.
- Our small community has welcomed and been able to draw the attention of women and half of our chapter members are women.
- We have made an effort to build a diverse executive, with the current executive being balanced in gender and ethnicity.
- Focus on gender diversity and providing the support to help more women enter and succeed in the Information Systems field. We also welcome all members of the AIS community (male, female, or other) who support our vision. We recognize that diversity goes beyond gender and have made conscious efforts to reach out to potential members in different regions, from different cultures, and with different backgrounds so as to become stronger through our differences.
We have sponsored panel discussions at ICIS and included the topic of diversity, specifically related to the autism spectrum that may require different approaches. We intend to continue this discussion during another sponsored pre-ICIS workshop to be held in 2020.

Special Interest Groups Diversity & inclusion

- We want to include PhD students and mature scholars.
- We want to include participants from different geographies.
- We want to include participants with both qualitative and quantitative backgrounds.
- Waiver of membership fees so that PhD students are able to register without the need for funding. We have reduced participation fees for PhD students for the annual pre-ICIS event.
- When planning for the annual event, we were mindful to include editors from different geographies, with different backgrounds, and also included a presentation by a junior member.
- We invited research submissions from international and diverse groups. The submissions and presentations at the ICIS 2019 workshop and the chapter’s 2019 track reflect the diversity in our membership. Approximately 65% of the workshop presenters were women.
- Attended women networking social events.
- The leadership of the SIG is extremely diverse with a large number of female officers and board members. The organization also has majority officers that are ethnic and/or religious minorities. The events arranged by the group ensure the cultural sensitivities of its current and potential members. Even the industry panels organized by the SIG invite global experts of a diverse background. We ensure that everyone feels welcome to our group and we make continuous efforts to promote and embrace the diversity of the AIS community.
- We have elected a woman president for our SIG and 50% of our 10-member Executive Community are women.
- We intend to have more women in leadership positions and representation from all over the world. For our SIG 2020 executive members we have a woman President-Elect who will then take over as the President in 2021. We also have executive members from many parts of the world including Australia, Singapore,
Finland and the US. Hopefully, going forward, we intend to include members in leadership positions from Africa, China and India as well.

- We will continue encouraging participation of people from diverse regions and backgrounds. As we plan to run our next elections in May 2020, we will seek out candidates of diverse gender and cultural backgrounds to participate.

- We make an effort to sponsor academic events across the globe (rather than limit ourselves to select continents or regions), across communities (both academic and industry), and support early-stage scholars (with a large number of Posters and Research-in-Progress papers as part of our annual Workshop). Continuing from last year’s success, we report that we most likely have the most diverse membership group in the entire AIS due to the reach of our membership, which further increased by ~10% over the past year.

- We host social events at both AMCIS and ICIS so that individuals can get to meet their peers in a more relaxed setting.

- We held our annual meeting at ICIS and pushed our call for participation; in spite of it being at the end of a very long day, we had a full house (more than 40 in the room).

- We continued our effort to recruit new students into our membership. Accordingly, we extended free registration to any doctoral student who had a submission accepted for presentation at the Pre-ICIS Workshop, providing them with the opportunity to both attend and network. We also invited volunteers which also came with the benefit of free admittance.

- At the December Business Meeting, it was discussed to explore the possibility of creating Travel Awards for individuals from underrepresented regions. This is something the Board is currently exploring and will formally provide for ICIS 2020.

- We encouraged researchers in underrepresented groups, such women, first-generation college students, etc. We provided travel support to attendees who are economically disadvantaged.

- We have a diverse leadership team. We are from multiple parts of the country, but we also have different ethnic backgrounds.

- Inclusion of authors from multiple countries and from different ethnic backgrounds. Since leadership is a global issue, we highly emphasize the inclusion of people from all countries, and pursued a diverse track last year.

- Our SIG is committed to increasing the number of female members and international participation/collaboration. We have a female-elect Treasurer and after joining the leadership team she has brought a lot of visibility to the SIG internationally.
• Diversity of our membership is critical to the continued success of our SIG and the makeup of our membership reflects a varied number of ethnicities, nationalities, and representation of gender. We recognize that having diverse viewpoints in our membership will enhance the scholarship of our research focus and information systems research as a whole.

• Our leadership board includes male and female officers.

• Strategies for empowerment of excluded people.

AIS Diversity & inclusion Practices Summarized

• Work towards establishing a scholarship to enable attendance of the annual conference with the aim of enabling participation for people from indigenous and rural communities.

• Annual conference keynotes discussing the issue of digital inclusion with a focus on inclusive design of Web based IS so that they are accessible to user groups with impairments.

• Seminars and workshops involving speakers at different seniority levels (from Postdoc to Professor) and from various regions such as the US, Australia, Singapore, and Germany.

• Doctoral students in developing countries often go through K-12 in vernacular languages and have difficulty in writing and to increase inclusion, a series of paper writing workshops were developed, which focus on many areas such as structuring a paper, presenting ideas in an interesting manner, and writing skills.

• Increasing students’ participation in the chapter’s research workshop to increase diversity of research ideas.

• Paper development sessions (PDS) for students, which created valuable opportunities for students to discuss their papers with highly qualified researchers.

• Granted cash awards to several students to support their travel expenses so they could attend the research workshop.

• Nominal registration fee was set for students to reduce their financial burden to participate in the workshop.

• Focused on researchers who have difficulty presenting their research ideas in English and allowed presenters the option to present their paper in another language during the research workshop.

• Maintain a balanced number of men and women in the chapter.
• Collaboration with a local computer society, to try and promote IS programs to girls, which may also happen by means of a video series.

• Organized workshops on how to publish a scientific paper, targeting small and less wealthy universities and colleagues.

• Reserving half of the chapter’s board for women

• Encouraging young, new researchers to co-publish with senior colleagues.

• Organized a student track at the Information Systems Conference where students can receive feedback and present their papers to engage with and become part of the scientific community.

• Promotion of young talent, which is especially important in the academic environment.

• Membership from different ethnic groups and accommodation of members from other countries.

• Chapter events are open to all local chapter members as well as others who are interested in joining in.

• Events gathering panels from both the academic, both public and private universities, and those from industry to discuss the Future Ready Information Systems Curriculum with the intent of enhancing the IS Curriculum.

• Diversity and Inclusion are also included in chapter policies to ensure all Executive Committee positions and award winners fulfill diversity criteria of different races, gender and institutions.

• Target communities from different international regions including students, academicians, industry, and even military researchers with no differentiation between gender or language; furthermore, all opinions in the community are taken into consideration.

• Working with the PhD Project, which is dedicated to encouraging minorities to pursue business-related academic careers (including Information Systems).

• Receival of grant for submission of national project to develop an app to educate against dating violence

• Submission of a national project to study the gender issues facing Information Systems graduates

• Submission of a national project to raise awareness about gender issues for employers.

• Introduction of a scholarship program to support researchers outside the region to attend conferences.
• Identification of a champion from the region to promote networking and a system of mentorship for female academics.

• Inclusion of extended abstracts for the conference in order to promote AIS as a working/friendly conference

• Building bridges between different languages of a region with multiple official languages to promote collaboration.

• Efforts to build a diverse executive, with the current executive being balanced in gender and ethnicity.

• Membership in the College is based on academic leadership position or interest across all three regions, regardless of any other personal factors or considerations.

• Focus on gender diversity and providing the support to help more women enter and succeed in the Information Systems field.

• Conscious efforts to reach out to potential members in different regions, from different cultures, and with different backgrounds so as to become stronger through differences.

• Sponsored panel discussions at ICIS and included the topic of diversity, specifically related to the autism spectrum that may require different approaches.

• Waiver of membership fees so that PhD students are able to register without the need for funding to be more inclusive to PhD students and mature scholars.

• Reduced participation fees for PhD students for the annual pre-ICIS event.

• Inclusive of editors from different geographies, with different backgrounds, and also included a presentation by a junior member.

• Invitation of research submissions from international and diverse groups.

• Hosting social events at both AMCIS and ICIS so that individuals can get to meet their peers in a more relaxed setting.

• Attend women networking social events.

• Ensure the cultural sensitivities of current and potential members and ensure that everyone feels welcome to the group.

• Elections of women for presidents and in leadership positions.

• Membership from Australia, Singapore, Finland and the US with future intentions to also include members in leadership positions from Africa, China and India.
- Efforts to sponsor academic events across the globe, across different communities, and support early-stage scholars (with a large number of Posters and Research-in-Progress papers as part of the annual Workshop).

- Free registration to any doctoral student who had a submission accepted for presentation at the Pre-ICIS Workshop and invitation of volunteers.

- Exploration of developing Travel Awards for individuals from underrepresented regions.

- Encouragement of researchers in underrepresented groups, such women, first-generation college students and travel support to attendees who are economically disadvantaged.

- Diversity in leadership teams and ethnic backgrounds.

- Commitment to increasing the number of female members and international participation/collaboration.

- Strategies for empowerment of excluded people.
2019 AIS Annual Reports Open-Ended Responses

The AIS Grand Challenge was introduced in October 2019 - Please share any initiatives your community has undertaken or in the process of undertaking to address the AIS Grand Vision Challenge.

Chapter - Australasian (AAIS)

The Australasian Chapter supports the grand vision challenge by supporting the Sustainable Development Goals of ‘Quality Education’. Access to knowledge is fundamental to quality education and AIS supports this through support for Green Open Access for AIS Journals. The Australasian chapter is publishing the Australasian Journal for Information Systems as Open Access thereby making quality IS knowledge freely available on the Internet.

The AAIS actively engages in providing a platform on sustainability in the IS community. The keynote at ACIS by Prof Margunn Aanestad addressed how IS researchers may contribute to the necessary transition towards more sustainable ways of organizing our lives and societies. Digitalization holds great promise for supporting many of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, however, digitalization also runs the risk of exacerbating social inequalities and unsustainable impact on the environment. The talk will discuss some perspectives that may help us as a community develop a response to the challenges that lie ahead.

Chapter - Brazil (BRAIS)

The Brazilian Chapter (BRAIS) was officially initiated in May 2016, after several years of deep search within the Brazilian AIS community and together with a building process of relationship with headquarter of AIS since 2004. This relationship was created and maintained through CONTECSI, the Brazilian AIS community conference with the presentation, each year, of the acting AIS President since 2004. Since then, 16 AIS Presidents have been the keynote speaker for CONTECSI. IT should be noticed that all resources needed by the chapter are being supplied by TECSI and the Brazilian Association of IS/IT (ABRASTI), free of charge.

Chapter - Hong Kong (HKAIS)

Research seminars and workshops addressing Grand Vision topics will be on the priority list

Chapter - Korea (KrAIS)

To address the AIS Grand Challenge, we have initiated several community activities.

One of the examples is a special issue of the Asia Pacific Journal of Information Systems (APJIS) on Gender Differences in Information Systems Usage & Application. We believe that this initiative is tightly related to the fifth goal of the UN’s Sustainable
Development agenda (Gender equality). The special issue will be published in March 2020. (CFP is in http://www.apjis.or.kr/common/sub/s.asp)

Chapter - Latin America and Caribbean (LACAIS)

One thing that we have been discussing for quite some time and believe is in good alignment with this vision is an attempt to make IS better understood by society in general. In Latin America, most people do not understand what we research and work with. We plan to use our LACAIS Tube video channel on the web as a means of reaching more people.

Chapter - Lebanon (LAIS)

We will organize a special issue in Journal Enterprise Information management on sustainable and green IT.

Chapter - Malaysia (MyAIS)

One of the MyAIS Community events which can be categorized to address the AIS Grand Vision Challenge is our Future Ready IS Curriculum Round-table Discussion held on 15 June 2019. This initiative was taken because we saw a need to address the changing needs of pedagogy and research that utilizes IS to tackle a major societal issue in Malaysia. Technology changes and community must address those changes to be sustainable in its related discipline.

We invited panels consisting of 7 academics from the Public Universities, 4 academics from the Private Universities and also one panel from the industry to discuss the topic of Future Ready IS Curriculum.

Chapter - Midwest USA (MWAIS)

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Chapter - Portugal (PTAIS)

The opening of the SAP Next Gen Lab at University of Minho in interaction with another SAP Next Gen Lab at NOVA Information Management School constitutes an initiative to connect students, researchers, and startups with SAP customers and partners to develop new technology innovations to specifically address the United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Chapter - Southern USA (SAIS)

SAIS has scheduled a tutorial titled Developing Data Analysts for the 21st Century at the annual 2020 conference. This tutorial will walk participants through the process of using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a way for developing data analysts for the 21st century.

College - AIS Women’s Network (AISWN)
The AISWN College made two significant contributions to the AIS Grand Challenge program. First, the AISWN College was represented at the Sustainability Summit by co-chair, Jacqueline Corbett. The AISWN presented their efforts at promoting environmental sustainability within the IS Community. Second, the AISWN College organized a panel discussion at ICIS under the theme of "Research Opportunities in the Grand Challenges". We had three speakers present work related to women in IS, diversity and sustainability.

**SIG - Advances in Sourcing (SIGSourcing)**

We approached one of the major technology service providers (TCS) to discuss a possibility of an award (a prize or a small grant) for a PhD student working on a topic related to sustainability in sourcing of advanced technologies. The first feedback received was rather positive. We are continuing this discussion with aim to secure and announce the award in the coming 2-3 month. (It is not 100% secure yet but very likely, we are looking into amount of 2500 USD which could be used for data collection or support a student to present his research at major conferences.

**SIG - Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Applications (SIG AIAA)**

We plan on trying to emulate the AIS Grand Challenge, thanks for the idea.

**SIG - Decision Support and Analytics (SIGDSA)**

While other forums organized by SIGDSA provide the opportunity to develop cross disciplinary research cultures, SIGDSA is actively supporting research that utilizes analytics approaches to solve grand and global challenges.

For example, “Analytics for Addressing Grand and Global Challenges” is the theme for the forthcoming SIGDSA symposium to be held in conjunction with ICIS 2020 conference in Hyderabad, India. The focus of this meeting will be to provide a forum for analytics researchers to present their research on related topics and networking opportunities that could lead to fresh ideas among scholars of varied background and skills.

Another example of this is, addressing sustainability approaches for water management, protecting from misinformation threats, understanding the unintended consequences of AI, etc. Using AI approaches for water management. It is well known that India has a major groundwater management problem. Water tables are going down, leading to deeper water wells which lead to toxicity issues as well. Developing any recommended plans for improving groundwater management requires developing a good understanding of historical and current water levels, rainfall, etc. This entails collecting and analyzing data from millions of wells located in thousands of villages, a monumental task.

SIGDSA will assist Univ of Western Sydney with this analysis. Results of the projects will lead to not only an understanding of the aquifer status in the areas where the data
have been collected, but it will also lead to developing best practices that can be used in scaling this project throughout India and in other countries. The World Bank is interested in scaling this effort in many other places inside and outside India.

**SIG - Education (SIGED)**

SIGED has taken up initiatives to be more sustainable. For example, instead of using USB drive for conference proceedings, we moved to online proceedings; no poster or other material was printed; CFP was through online website and emails. Besides meetings held during the SIGED conference, all other SIGED meetings are held online using Zoom. Going forward SIGED intends to include a topic in the SIGED conference on "Education for Sustainable Development for IS Professionals". SIGED also provided slides for AIS SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2019.

**SIG - Green IS (SIGGREEN)**

We have launched the AIS Sustainability Summit at ICIS 2019 to kick-off the AIS Sustainability Initiative which is already part of the 25 for 25 campaign.

**SIG - Grounded Theory Methodology (SIGGTM)**

Our community is deeply engaged in research on social inclusion, green-tech, healthcare and many other issues. Grounded Theory Method is a great fit with dressing grand challenges through detailed studies of important issue.s

**SIG - Human-Computer Interaction (SIGHCI)**

We are in the late stages of an AIS Transactions on HCI (THCI) Special Issue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fairness, Trust and Ethics. At the core of this issue is the by now well documented technology-enabled discrimination that occurs from hiring decisions to information presentment. This effort is directly in support of Goal #10 to reduce inequality.

Also, we have discussed to support a larger AIS initiative and create an HCI repository. This will be in line with Goal #4 to provide opportunity to anyone with online access for lifelong learning opportunities for research.

**SIG - IS/IT Issues in Asia Pacific (SIGISAP)**

In 2020 SIG-ISAP workshop, we will encourage research papers that address sustainability issues in Asia Pacific, such as green technology, role of information systems in sustainable economy, etc.

**SIG - Leadership in IT (SIGLEAD)**

We created a new community/website. We added all our conference proceedings to the website. We are brainstorming how to get people involved in discussion. We are pursuing the addition of new Directors to serve in the roles of Membership and Communications where the second director would focus specifically on driving more
discussion among members. We have contacted Amy Connolly to get more information on how other SIGs use these director roles.

SIG - Services (SIGSVC)

We started to identify research priorities centered around digital service transformation and 'Society 5.0' at ICIS 2018, and ran a second session at ICIS 2019. In addition, our SIG sourced in-depth commentaries from leading Service/IS scholars, and we are currently finalising a manuscript to be submitted to JAIS. Our intention is to instigate a conversation within the IS community on how service-centric mindset can help tackle major societal issues and lead to a human-centred future society where digital and physical artefacts intertwine.