AIS Community Leaders Meeting Notes
ICIS 2020 – December 16, 2020

Welcome

Lakshmi Iyer, AIS VP of SIGs and Colleges, Helle Zinner Henriksen, AIS VP of Membership and Chapters, and Brian Fitzgerald, AIS President welcomed representatives from 19 Special Interest Groups (SIGs), 4 Colleges, and 16 Chapters to the AIS Community Leaders meeting coinciding with ICIS 2020.

Monica Garfield, AIS VP of Region1 (Americas) and Tilo Böhmann, AIS VP of Region 2 (Europe/Africa/Middle East) addressed the meeting participants including brief updates on summer 2021 conferences.

Matt Nelson, AIS AED, also briefly welcomed the participants to the meeting and to ICIS 2020.

Operational Updates

- Lakshmi complimented the Doctoral Student College on a productive first year and encouraged community leaders to learn more about the college. Lakshmi also shared that 2020 annual reports are due March 1, 2021 and will include questions about each community has addressed continued engagement with its members during the pandemic. (annual report information)
- Melissa Heeke, AIS Membership Director, reminded community leaders to submit officer changes to AIS headquarters upon completion of regular elections. (officer update form)
- Melissa also announced a new initiative supporting membership in Chapters and SIGs for 2021. The focus for January is to encourage community engagement in chapters by inviting AIS members who are in a chapter’s country but are not yet a chapter member to learn more about each chapter. In April and September, a similar initiative will take place with a focus on connecting those with relevant research areas with the appropriate SIGs. More information about the chapter initiative will be sent to chapter leadership in early January.

Research Resources

- Constantinos Coursaris, in his role as AVP of Research Resources, began his presentation by taking two minutes for the completion of the survey at https://bit.ly/aisresearchresources20. Survey results will be used to establish a benchmark of awareness and use of the existing research repository. He plans to ask for completion of the same survey next year at this time.
- Constantinos then introduced a new initiative building out an extensive repository of research resources for AIS. He informed the community leaders of the vision for the updated set of research resources and explained the 3-pronged approach to review the information architecture to make it more intuitive, work with the EICs of the Basket of
Eight journals and working with SIGs to submit their respective domain specific research resources for possible integration with this new repository.

**ImPACT IT NSF Grant**

- Eleanor Loiacono provided an overview of the *ImPACT: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Information Technology* grant with the following three goals:
  - Address the lack of gender equity within IS academia.
  - Increase the number of women, especially at the rank of full professor.
  - Catalyze action and foster accountability around supporting women’s efforts to advance to full.
- Eleanor’s slide deck is available here.

**Future Meetings**

- **ECIS 2021** – To be held June 14-16, 2021 (website) Tilo Böhmann shared that ECIS will most likely decide the format of its conference in February.
- **PACIS 2021** – Doug Vogel welcomed everyone to participate in the upcoming conference to be held June 20-24, 2021 (website).
- **AMCIS 2021** – Maric Boudreau and Yolande Chan announced that conference will be held virtually in August 2021, thanked conference committee members, and invited community leaders to participate in the conference (website).
- **ICIS 2021** – Ryan Wright welcomed everyone to participate in the December 2021 conference to be held in Austin, Texas USA (website).

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**Did you recently hold an election?**

Please take a moment to submit your officer updates here.

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**Thank you, Lakshmi!**

During our meeting, Lakshmi shared that this is likely the final Community Leaders meeting she will host as her term as VP of SIGs and Colleges is coming to an end in 2021. Community leaders and staff joined to express great appreciation for her service and contributions over the years. Lakshmi’s influence has shaped the AIS Communities program to ensure strong future generations of AIS SIGs, Chapters, and Colleges!