

Editor's Notes

Welcome to this double issue of the IASSIST Quarterly: volume 33 (number 4, 2009) and volume 34 (number 1, 2010).

The IASSIST Quarterly (IQ) has now published several double issues focusing on a particular theme. Often the issues have arisen from one or more sessions at an IASSIST conference or from workshops and other professional gatherings. Furthermore, the focused issues are often used in workshops and serve as a welcome collection of relevant and related papers for presentation and discussion.

The special issues of the IQ normally have guest editors. On this occasion we are happy to have Bobray Bordelon from Princeton University Library as our guest editor. The special theme is: *The subject content and how researchers use the data*. Bobray comments that we spend much effort concentrating on various technical aspects of data management and procurement; this special issue however looks into the actual subject matter of the data.

As editor in chief of the IQ I know that encouraging authors to turn their presentations into papers and pulling them together for publication can be a long-winded process with many repetitive steps. So much greater the contentment when the finished product surfaces. Special thanks to Bobray Bordelon and also thanks to Kristin Partlo, Amy West, Walter W. Giesbrecht, Mary Tao, Kristi Thompson, Michele Hayslett and Lynda Kellam for the compilation of this IQ publication.

Articles for the IQ are always very welcome. They can be papers from IASSIST conferences, other conferences, from local presentations or papers especially written for the IQ. If you don't have anything to offer right now, then please prepare yourself for the next IASSIST conference and start planning for participation in a session there. Chairing a conference session with the purpose of aggregating and integrating papers for a special issue IQ is much appreciated as the information reaches many more people than the session participants and will be readily available on the IASSIST website at <http://www.iassistdata.org>.

Authors are very welcome to contact me via e-mail: kbr@sam.sdu.dk, and should you be interested in compiling special issues for the IQ as guest editor(s) I'd be delighted to hear from you.

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