



# A TALE OF TWO COMMUNITIES

THE ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE  
RESEARCH DATA ACCESS AND PRESERVATION SUMMIT

2016-2017 REPORT

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# ASIS&T

- *Mission*

- The mission of the Association for Information Science and Technology is to advance the information sciences and related applications of information technology by providing **focus, opportunity, and support to information professionals and organizations.**

- *Vision*

- Establish a new information professionalism in a world where information is of central importance to personal, social, political, and economic progress by: Advancing knowledge about information, its creation, properties, and use; Providing analysis of ideas, practices, and technologies; Valuing theory, research, applications, and service; Nurturing new perspectives, interests, and ideas; Increasing public awareness of the information sciences and technologies and their benefits to society.

# ASIS&T ANNUAL MEETING, 2016

- Copenhagen, Denmark
- October 14-18, 2016
- First international ASIS&T conference
- Theme: Creating Knowledge, Enhancing Lives through Information & Technology

# ASIS&T ANNUAL MEETING, 2016

- Highlights

- Meeting European colleagues
- Plenary Speakers
  - Greg Welch – Bridging the Telepresence Valley
  - Markus Bundschus – Text and Data Mining Meets Biomedical Research
- Data sessions

# ASIS&T GOING FORWARD

- 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, October 27 – November 1
- Many special interest groups and regional chapters to get involved in!
  - <https://www.asist.org/find-your-groups/>
- Many ways to get involved!
- Strong interest in bringing practitioners into the organization

# ASIS&T AND RDAP

- The Research Data Access and Preservation Summit is currently (usually) co-located with the Information Architecture Summit, an ASIS&T event
- This year it conflicted with ACRL, so RDAP was held later in Seattle

# RDAP 2017

- Seattle, WA
- April 19-21
- 2 days of panels, 1 day of workshops
- Theme: Meeting challenges in the data world

# RDAP 2017

- <https://www.asis.org/rdap/>
- Registration reduced by more than half
- About twice as many attendees
- 1 track
- Time for networking

# RDAP 2017

- 6 Panels
- Institutional Snapshots session
- “What’s your problem?” tables
- Future of RDAP session

# RDAP GOING FORWARD

- Growing community – lots of ways to get involved (no membership required)!
- Summit is in Chicago next year, March 21-23
- Watch for CFP for panels, lightning talks, and posters