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President's Corner

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After a long, grey winter here in the Northeast, it's exhilarating to see signs of spring popping up! The days are getting longer, flowers are in full bloom, and there's a general sense of anticipation and excitement in the air. There's plenty to look forward to, especially among the NASIG community!

The upcoming NASIG Conference is shimmering on the horizon. We're looking forward to gathering together in-person June 3-7th in Spokane, WA. If you haven't had a chance to look through the program, it's available on Sched: https://nasig2024.sched.com/ We received impressive session proposals, and the Program Planning Committee (PPC) has done a phenomenal job curating sessions that offer both variety and depth and speak to the ever evolving range of topics that scholarly communications practitioners deal with: collections overlap analysis, SeamlessAccess, digital preservation, BIBFRAME, Open Access, evaluating Discovery layers, and more.

In 2023, NASIG introduced workshops as part of the main conference programming. The positive feedback we received from 2023's excellent workshops was wonderful to hear, and I'm thrilled to say we are once again including workshops with conference registration (no additional charge) for 2024! We have a marvelous line-up this year, featuring practical deep dives into topics such as cataloging serials and developing policies to address content challenges.

We're also looking forward to welcoming Dr. Francesa Tripodi as this year's Vision Speaker. Her talk, entitled, "Data Voids and Echo Chambers: The transformative journey of search and its consequences," is sure to be timely, informative, and provocative.

To register for Spokane, please visit this page: https://www.nasig.org/event-5489149

And please use the hashtag #NASIG2024 to follow and post about the conference happenings. I'm sure we will all be sharing session tidbits and takeaways. I always enjoy seeing the social side of NASIG, too, as folks share their site seeing and culinary adventures! The Conference Planning Committee (CPC) is doing a fantastic job of organizing lively, engaging events and activities to make the attendee experience both informative and fun. This blogpost outlines some of the social festivities to choose from during the conference: https://nasig.wordpress.com/2024/04/05/nasig-annual-social-events/

While NASIG is gearing up for the upcoming conference, it's also a good time to remember that our organization is more than a conference. Conferences are great opportunities for us to come together, share knowledge, make connections, and get inspired, but NASIG is more than a singular event. Our work continues year-round, and NASIG committees are always engaged in important and impactful work.

The Nominations & Elections committee recently completed the successful Board nomination and election process:

https://nasig.wordpress.com/2024/04/10/nasig-2024-election-results/

Many thanks to the committee and all our candidates! Every year, during the election cycle, I feel grateful to be part of an organization that brings together so many talented and generous people. As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, we deeply appreciate each and every one of NASIG's dedicated committee and board members.

We look forward to welcoming Jacque Brellenthin, Matt Jabaily, Madeline Kelly, and Matthew Ragucci to the Board and onboarding new committee volunteers this summer! NASIG Committee Volunteer Form.