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iSchools News



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Welcome to the first issue of iSchools News

Welcome to the inaugural issue of iSchools News, a recurring publication that will keep you apprised of new developments in the iSchools Organization. The newsletter is sent to all heads of schools delivered via MailChimp.

New Web Feature Tells the Stories of the iSchools

The iSchools website has a [new feature](#) that tells the stories of our organization and its members. It includes a [research blog](#) showcasing the work of our young scholars, profiles of [successful graduates](#), and content pertinent to our specific [regions](#). Each sub-section provides instruction on how members can contribute content. Look for the new feature under the [Our Stories](#) tab in our website's main navigation. [MORE>](#)

New iDeans Info Section Delivers Resources and Benefits

The [iDeans Info](#) section of our website provides deans and heads of schools with access to organizational resources and member benefits. This includes an [orientation page](#), [past minutes and reports](#), [downloadable logos](#), and an [address book](#) you can use to contact your colleagues. The section was recently moved to our public-facing website for easier access. [MORE>](#)

Submit Your School's Nomination for the Doctoral Dissertation Award

Each year, the iSchools [Doctoral Dissertation Award](#) recognizes the most outstanding dissertation

across our organization. All members at any level are encouraged to make a nomination. This year's deadline is October 16, which is coming up fast. [MORE>](#)

Annual Business Meeting Date is now Official

The next iSchools annual business meeting will take place during [iConference 2018](#) in Sheffield, UK. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, which is the third day of the conference. The exact time and room location will be confirmed soon, but we wanted to let everyone know the date now, so they can begin making travel plans. The iSchools business meeting is open to the heads of *all* member schools, regardless of membership level.

Call for Host Proposals: iConference 2020

As you all know, [iConference 2018](#) will take place in Sheffield, UK, and iConference 2019 will take place in Washington DC, USA. Where will iConference 2020 be held? Maybe in your town! The iSchools now invite proposals to host iConference 2020. Members at any level may submit a proposal, and joint proposals are encouraged. Please refer to the [iConference Proposal Manual](#) and [iConference Proposal Template](#) in the iDeans Info section. [MORE>](#)

Milestones

The iSchools welcome the following new member-schools:

- [University of New York at Buffalo: Department of Library and Information Studies State \(USA\)](#), headed by Dean Heidi Julien
- [Wayne State University: School of Information Sciences \(USA\)](#), headed by Dean Stephen Bajjaly

We also acknowledge the following changes, with a heartfelt goodbye to our outgoing colleagues and a warm welcome to new arrivals.

- Harry Bruce has retired from the [iSchool at Washington](#). Carole Palmer will serve as interim dean until Jan. 2018, at which point new dean Anind K. Dey will assume the reins. Harry served as iCaucus Chair, 2010-2012.
- Ron Larsen has stepped down as dean of the [iSchool at the University of Pittsburgh](#); Larsen remains iCaucus Chair and will serve out the remainder of his term, which expires in March 2018. The Pitt iSchool has been reconstituted as the School of Computing and Information (SCI), under founding dean Paul Cohen.
- Steven Miller has moved on from dean of the [Singapore Management University iSchool](#) to assume the role of SMU vice provost. SMU's new iSchool dean is Pang Hwee Hwa.
- Jens-Erik Mai assumed the leadership role at the [University of Copenhagen iSchool](#) in September, taking over from long-time head of school Per Hasle.
- Andrew Dillon is now on sabbatical, having stepped down as dean of the [iSchool at the University of Texas, Austin](#). The interim dean is Randolph Bias.
- Tula Giannini has stepped down as dean from the [Pratt Institute iSchool](#); the interim dean is Anthony Cocciolo.
- Eduardo Vendrell Vidal has changed his role at [Polytechnic University of Valencia](#) to that of vice-

rector for studies. Antonio Molina assumes interim iDean duties until a successor can be named.

- Franz Mäyrä is now the iDeans contact at the [University of Tampere iSchool](#), replacing Mika Grundström.



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