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Welcome to iSchools News

iSchools News is a quarterly newsletter keeping heads of schools apprised of developments in the iSchools organization.

iConference Updates

iConference 2018 early registration ends Friday, Jan. 19. Rates increase 20 percent on Saturday. More at <http://ischools.org/the-icongress/registration/>

During the conference, the organization will hold several important meetings of school heads; meeting times are listed below. All meeting participants must purchase a registration for the conference.

Sunday, March 25

13:30-15:30 iSchools Regional Meetings

16:00-17:30 Open School Heads Forum

Monday, March 26

19:00-onward, Private School Heads Reception (open to *all* heads of schools; does not include dinner)

Tuesday, March 27

15:30-18:30 iSchools Business Meeting

19:00 onward, Conference Banquet (all conference participants will participate)

View the entire 2019 program schedule at <https://www.conftool.com/icongress2018/sessions.php>

2018 Doctoral Dissertation Award Winners Announced

We are pleased to announce the winner of the 2018 Doctoral Dissertation Award is Dr. Galen Panger of the [School of Information, University of California, Berkeley](#). The runner up is Dr. Paul Cleverley of [Robert Gordon University, Department of Information Management](#). Details on this year's winners, as well as past honorees, can found on our website: <http://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/dissertation-award/dissertation-award-past-winners/>

We will begin accepting nominations for next year's award in June 2018. All iSchools members are encouraged to submit a nomination.

Showcasing Your School on the iSchools Website

The iSchools [Research Blog](#) and [Alumni Cases Studies](#) are a great way for our members to showcase the achievements of their researchers and graduates. Information on submitting your stories can be found at the links below.

Research Blog: <http://ischools.org/stories/research-blog/>

Alumni Success Stories: <http://ischools.org/stories/careers/>

Milestones

The iSchools welcome the following new member-schools:

- [University of Montreal, l'École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information](#) (Canada)
Director: Clément Arsenault
- [University of South Carolina, School of Library & Information Science](#) (USA)
Director: David Lankes
- [Linnaeus University, Information Institute](#) (Sweden)
Head of School: Koraljka Golub

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

- The [University of Copenhagen: Royal School of Library and Information Science](#) is now the [University of Copenhagen: Department of Information Studies](#), with new URL <http://informationstudies.ku.dk>
- France's [Telecom Bretagne](#) is now [IMT Atlantique](#), and its [Department of Logic Uses, Social Sciences and Information](#) has new URL <http://departements.imt-atlantique.fr/lussi/>

- Allen Renear has announced his intention of stepping down as [Illinois iSchool](#) dean in August 2018. The school will launch a search for his replacement.
- Diane Kelly is the new director of the [iSchool at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#). She takes over from Interim Dean Dania Bilal.
- Kendra S. Albright is the new director at the [Kent State University iSchool](#), taking over from Interim Dean Jeff Fruit.
- The new chair at the [National Taiwan Normal University iSchool](#) is Yuen-Hsien Tseng, taking over from Mei Mei Wu.
- The new head of school at the [University of Strathclyde iSchool](#) is Neil Ghani; he replaces former head Ian Ruthven



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