

May 22, 2003

Jury of the 2003ASIST Research Award  
Awards & Honors Committee  
American Society for Information Science and Technology  
1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 510  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Jury and Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate Dr. Peter Ingwersen, Research Professor of Department of Information Studies, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark for the 2003 ASIST Research Award.

This nomination packet includes

1. Nomination Statement
2. Curriculum Vitae of Peter Ingwersen
3. Bibliography of Selected Publications
4. Three supporting documents:
  - a. ARIST chapter
  - b. Information Retrieval Interaction (Dr. Ingwersen has made this book free to all readers since 2002 at <http://www.db.dk/pi/iri/>)
  - c. The seminal paper in JDoc 1984
5. Letters from nomination supporters:
  - a. Marcia Bates, Professor, University of California at Los Angeles  
Recipient of ARIST Research Award
  - b. Nick Belkin, Professor, Rutgers University  
Recipient of ARIST Research Award
  - c. Tefko Saracevic, Professor, Rutgers University  
Recipient of ARIST Research Award
  - d. Kalervo Jarvelin, Professor, University of Tampere, Finland

Sincerely yours,

Peiling Wang  
Associate Professor

## Nomination Statement

Dr. Peter Ingwersen has made significant contribution to information science, especially in the conception of information from the cognitive and multi-dimensional viewpoint in connection to interactive information retrieval (IR). IR is one of the most challenging areas in information science. Dr. Ingwersen is a rigorous researcher and scientist of original mind; he has been innovative and quick to identify and explore new ideas as well as to extend existing ideas to new purposes in new contexts. Due to space limit, I will highlight briefly the development of his IR theory and models. His landmark study (published in the *Journal of Documentation* 1982, *Online Review* 1984, etc.) pioneered naturalistic approach to investigation of user-intermediary interaction in real world situations. Through sustained and systematic research, Dr. Ingwersen developed a theoretical model for IR named the cognitive model of IR interaction as articulated in his class book *Information Retrieval Interaction*, 1992<sup>1</sup>. This model is further advanced to a the model interactive IR (IIR) published in the *Journal of Documentation* in 1996. His works have inspired and guided many researchers taking a user-centered approach to empirical studies in information seeking and retrieval. Dr. Ingwersen is a visionary; he has been instrumental in bridging user-centered approach with system-based approach for advancing IR research through his vigorous collaborations with international researchers and conferences from both communities. The selected publications (attached) includes his significant publications on cognitive and interactive IR. As his vita (attached) shows, Dr. Ingwersen has real good balance between theoretical research and practical application in IR.

Another line of his research, bibliometrics, also deserves recognition. As the selected publications indicate, he has worked systematically with his colleagues in this challenging area. In 1997, he coined the notion *Webometrics*, which has formulated a new IR research area. His conceptualization of the phenomenon of Web as a global communication system has been recognized in the field: a special issue on *Webometrics* has been scheduled by JASIST. This special issue is also in memory of his protégé Thomas C. Almind, whose life was shortened by a tragic car accident.

Dr. Peter Ingwersen is one of the most prolific contributors to publications in journals, books, and conferences world-wide (please see the publication section of his Vita). His impact to the field is evident by the citation count in Citation Indexes. The number of citations to works that Ingwersen is either first or second author has reached 470 (excluding self citing). In addition to publication impact, Dr. Ingwersen is a beloved mentor and advisor and a dynamic teacher to many young researchers, doctoral students, and students of his courses.

He has been selected to many editorial boards of prestigious scholarly journals (such as *J.Doc*, *IPM*, *JASIST*, *ARIST*, etc.). He is also an internationally recognized scholar and a frequently invited speaker and key-note speaker. His honors and awards include Fellow of the Library Association, UK, 1990; Jason Farradane Award, 1993; and the 1994 ASIST/New Jersey Distinguished Lectureship Award.

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<sup>1</sup> His book *Information Retrieval Interaction* has sold more than 2000 copies world-wide; it is also published in Japanese translation, 1995 and in Korean translation, 1998. Since 2002, he has provided free access to the English edition at <http://www.db.dk/pi/iri/>.