

ASIS&T and SLA Announce Merger Negotiations to Explore Unified Future for Information Professionals

The Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) and the Special Libraries Association (SLA) announced that they have entered into negotiations

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ, UNITED STATES, May 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Association for Information Science and Technology ([ASIS&T](#)) and the Special Libraries Association ([SLA](#)) today announced that they have entered into formal negotiations to pursue a merger of the two organizations. This initiative reflects a shared commitment to strengthening the future of the information professions and delivering expanded value to members of both communities.

The boards of directors of ASIS&T and SLA have unanimously agreed to begin discussions aimed at creating a combined association that would serve a diverse, global membership of information professionals across academic, corporate, government, and nonprofit sectors.

"Both ASIS&T and SLA recognize the evolving landscape of information science and specialized librarianship, and the opportunities that greater collaboration can offer to members of both organisations," said Ian Ruthven, President of ASIS&T. "Our common goals are evident in the ways our members promote information access for all, support industry in productive information use, and work towards an informed society. Our discussions are about how we can best position our members, our profession, and our organizations for a dynamic, impactful future."

"Our organizations have long shared complementary missions and values," added Hildy Dworkin, President of SLA. "Entering into these negotiations allows us to thoughtfully examine how a unified association might offer enhanced resources, expanded networking opportunities, and a stronger collective voice for our members around the world."

While the plan for merger evolves, both associations are committed to a transparent, inclusive process that will actively involve members in shaping the future organization. Key areas under consideration include member services, programming, advocacy initiatives, and organizational identity.

Further information will be shared with members as the merger plan develops, with opportunities for input and feedback throughout the process. Both ASIS&T and SLA remain fully operational and continue to deliver their planned programs and services. For updates on the merger, please contact Lydia Middleton at ASIS&T or Hildy Dworkin at SLA.

About the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)

Founded in 1937, ASIS&T is a global leader in advancing the information sciences and promoting the professional growth of information researchers and practitioners.

About the Special Libraries Association (SLA)

Established in 1909, SLA is a nonprofit international organization that supports information professionals in specialized environments through education, advocacy, and community building.

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