2016-2017 Annual Report
Digitization and Educational Technology Special Interest Section

This was the first year of activities and operations under our new name “Digitization and Educational Technology Special Interest Section.” We revised content on, and added new content to, our website to better reflect our current mission to provide a forum for, and educational programming in, presentation and production using educational technology as well as the preservation of materials through digitization. It’s interesting that our historical expertise with the legacy microform format remains important for librarians grappling with microform management and disposition issues, as evidenced by the large audience at our 2016 Annual Meeting SIS-sponsored program Managing a Legacy Collection: What Do I Do with All These Microforms. We also continue to advise librarians on digitization issues, and are considering the development of a “best practices for digitization” guide. But we are particularly excited to see that our new focus on educational technology is clearly attractive to AALL members. Membership has increased, and we enjoyed large audiences at the 2016 Annual Meeting program Creating Interactive Videos to Enhance Instruction and our 2017 Annual Meeting SIS-sponsored program Effective Educational Technology Products for VARK Learning Styles. Our SIS Chair participated in the review and updating of the taxonomy on the AALL Knowledge Center, and presented “Educational Programming and Events” at the 2017 SIS Leadership Training. Finally, as usual, we were pleased to participate in the CONELL Marketplace and Activities Area at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
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