

International Council for Scientific and Technical Information, ICSTI

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Abstract:

The International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) is an institutional membership organization that brings together national and international scientific and technical information (STI) stakeholder organizations from around the world. In spite of pandemic-related challenges, we remain committed to supporting the international exchange of experience, expertise, and understanding amongst and beyond our members. In this poster, we will share the developments of 2021 as well as plans for 2022. This year, ICSTI developed a new website, hosted a successful virtual general assembly, and collaborated on a virtual conference with the FORCE11 organization. In 2022, we will continue to offer virtual events that explore major developments in STI, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning use cases, science communication, and more. We also plan to resume our in-person General Assembly meeting and we will develop other programs offering further opportunities for our members to learn from one another. An additional major development for 2022 is a planned merger with the WorldWideScience Alliance (WWSA), an organization that was developed out of ICSTI's network in 2009 and that has remained closely affiliated. By subsuming the responsibilities of governing WWSA, ICSTI will expand its network and create new opportunities for international partnership and collaboration. The need for international cooperation on scientific and technical challenges has been made incredibly apparent over the last two years, and with it, the need for strong national and international STI infrastructures. ICSTI, now combined with WWSA, functions as a convening body that provides needed support for organizational networking and collaboration amongst STI stakeholder organizations facing the challenges of the future.