

ISEA International - 'Future Forum'

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Abstract

ISEA International is an international non-profit organisation that fosters interdisciplinary discourse and exchange among culturally diverse organisations and individuals working with art and emergent technology.

As we approach our 25th Symposium anniversary at ISEA2019, Gwangju, Republic of Korea. It is now time for the ISEA Foundation to reflect on our future strategies to maintain and support ISEA into a sustainable long term future and to remain relevant to emergent digital artists.

Keywords

Art, science, technology, interdisciplinary, creativity, emergent, international, sustainability, partnerships, diversity, future

Our Mission

To foster and promote high quality creative and academic work in art and emergent technology through a sustainable series of annual international symposia, held in different countries in all parts of the globe.

Primarily through these symposia, to encourage creative interchange between diverse groups of people interested in art and emergent technology. To ensure that the creative and academic contributions to each symposium are archived and made available to all in a sustained permanent way.

Framework

ISEA currently works within a dynamic and evolving framework that provides a structure within which its mission can be fulfilled.

The components of the framework are currently:

1. An annual Symposium that takes place in a different country each year, selected by the Board from competing bids.
2. Each symposium will: present a blend of high quality academic work and innovative quality art, ensure that the academic component includes papers that are double blind reviewed .
3. Publish or arrange to publish the material in a respected form.
4. Ensure that the exhibited work is documented in a sustainable way.
5. Seek to enable unaffiliated artists and students to attend ISEA.

6. Respect and encourage diversity.
7. Maintains an archiving system that ensures that past and future contributions are accessible and available from an on-line system.
8. An executive HQ that manages the day-to-day implementation of ISEA International's work as specified by the Board.

Future Strategy

ISEA International will:

- Strive for high quality in all it does by adopting the best review, selection and presentation policies.
- Ensure that the symposia archives are made available in a sustainable way by forming appropriate partnerships.
- Provide continuity from symposium to symposium by developing a supportive information recording and exchange mechanism.
- Curate more diversity and involvement of local practitioners and audiences.
- Reach younger audiences and practitioners who can refresh and bring new perspectives to ISEA and who can bring their ideas and energy and respect, their values and needs.

Core Values

1. ISEA is inclusive and encourages diversity
2. ISEA seeks to be transparent, honest and fair
3. ISEA supports collaboration and seeks to achieve strong partnerships
4. ISEA embraces creativity and encourages innovation
5. ISEA values uniqueness and respects individual differences

In conclusion

ISEA International is currently working on future initiatives to improve communication with its constituents, ease the migration of symposium content into the archives, and address integration of current technologies and social media trends into the organisation.

ISEA International welcomes all suggestions and comments about ISEA's 'future way forward'.
