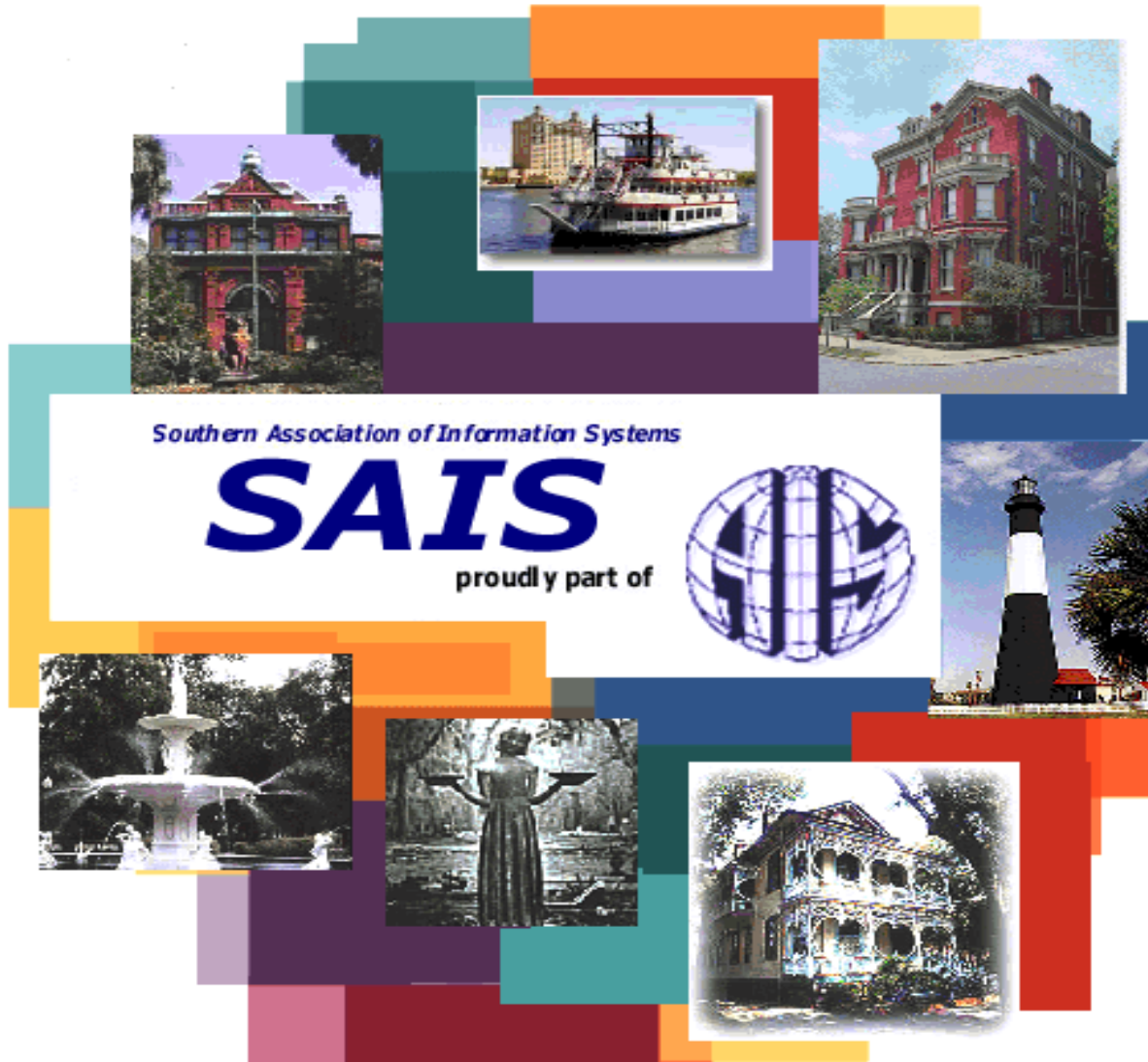


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Welcome

2005 marks the 8th anniversary of the Southern Association of Information Systems (SAIS). As the first regional affiliate of the Association of Information Systems (AIS), SAIS continues to set the standard for regional affiliates and has grown dramatically over its short life span. This year we will once again be in beautiful, historic Savannah, Georgia. SAIS, like the Southern U.S., prides itself for its collegial, friendly environment and continues in its mission to attract researchers, educators and graduate students.

This year we have more than 50 submissions covering a wide array of topics and methods including ERP, e-commerce, computer forensics, pedagogy, learning outcomes, testing and ethics, academic integrity issues, online education and web-based teaching. The diversity of topics mirrors the geographic diversity, with authors from Florida to Canada and even as far as Macau!

We are honored to have Rick Watson, president of AIS, give this year's keynote address. Please join us at the Friday luncheon for what promises to be an interesting talk on redesigning the publication system.

In a departure from previous years, 2005 marks the introduction of Cash Awards for Best Student Papers. At lunch on Saturday, there will be awards for first prize and first and second runner-up. In addition, we will also recognize the Best Paper of the conference at the Friday luncheon, as is customary.

Please also join us for the Faculty Workshop and SAIS Board meeting on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to get more involved with SAIS, please attend the Board Meeting and get to know us.

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