Dear TAL 2018 participants,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to Berlin and Beuth University. I am proud to say that we had a total 60 submissions, 51 of which will be ultimately presented at the meeting. I was able to recruit four keynote speakers who will certainly present interesting topics from different areas between physiology, phonology and phonetics of tones.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed their scientific work, and of course special thanks go to the members of the local team and the scientific committee. I am also indebted to my colleagues at Beuth University who helped with the preparation of this conference.

Many of you will already have visited Berlin, my home town, which has seen an eventful past. It goes without saying that you are in a city that breathes history on each corner, but also attracts with a young and modern cultural scene. I hope you will enjoy your stay and find an opportunity to explore.

The district of Wedding where Beuth University is located has working class roots and was strongly shaped by the industrial development towards the end of the 19th century. It may not be the most beautiful, but definitely one of the most diverse areas of Berlin.

In parallel with the Wedding district Beuth University developed out of several engineering schools founded around the turn of the 20th century that were eventually unified under a common roof in 1971 as the Technische Fachhochschule Berlin which was subsequently renamed Beuth Hochschule für Technik in 2009. Our conference venue – BeuthHall – originally housed an experimental machine laboratory. On your walks around town, look out for the brick, glass and cast iron cathedrals that the industrial age has left us, in my mind they better represent Berlin’s identity than the historicized recreation of the Stadtschloss (city palace) that is still underway near the Fernsehturm (television tower), the inevitable icon of our conference.

Although this is a rather bureaucratic detail, the electronic Proceedings of TAL 2018 bear the ISBN 978-3-00-059687-2 and will soon also be published on the website of the International Speech Communication Association (ISCA) that is sponsoring this symposium.

I sincerely hope that this meeting will be fruitful and memorable for all of you.

Hansjörg Mixdorff, Chair

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