Agenda

1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly (Dresden)
2. President’s report – Haizhou Li
3. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
5. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members
Minutes of the 2015 ISCA General Assembly

Minutes of the 2015 ISCA General Assembly held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at 17.30 (5:30 pm), Maritim International Congress Center, Dresden, Germany.

1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2014 General Assembly (Singapore) – unanimous approval by the members present
2. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
   - unanimous approval by the members present (a few abstained)
3. President’s report – Tanja Schultz
   – unanimous approval by the members present
4. Future of ISCA and ISCA goals for 2015-2016 – discussion
5. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members
ISCA Board 2016-2017

Haizhou Li
President

John Hansen
Vice President

Douglas O’Shaughnessy
Secretary

Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
Treasurer

Gerard Bailly
SIGs (Topic)
Workshops

Kay Berkling
Communication

Sebastian Möller
Conference (2016-19)

Martin Cooke
Publication, Archive

Hynek Hermansky
Education, Training

Keikichi Hirose
Conference

Kate Knill
Fellow, Industry

Lori Lamel
Student, TC

Satoshi Nakamura
SIGs (Lang.)
DL

Torbjørn Svendsen
Grants/Awards

Wolfgang Hess
Archive

Chris Wellekens
ISCApad

Tanja Schultz
Past-President

Emmanuelle Foxonet
ISCA Admin
Secretary
ISCA Advisory Council (27)

Chair: Haizhou Li
Life Members: Hiroya Fujisaki, Joseph Mariani

Jerome Bellegarda [31/12/2016]
Sadaoki Furui [31/12/2016]
Julia Hirschberg [31/12/2016]
Lin-shan Lee [31/12/2016]
Prem Natarajan [31/12/2016]
Yoshinori Sagisaka [31/12/2016]
Dirk Van Compernolle [31/12/2016]
Steve Young [31/12/2016]

Abeer Alwan [31/12/2018]
Michiel Bacchiani [31/12/2018]
Björn Granström [31/12/2018]
Dilek Hakkani-Tur [31/12/2018]
Shrikanth Narayanan [31/12/2018]
Elizabeth Shriberg [31/12/2018]
Richard Stern [31/12/2018]
Chiu-yu Tseng [31/12/2018]

Frederic Bimbot [31/12/2018]
Jean-François Bonastre [1/12/2018]
Piero Cosi [31/12/2016]
Johanna Moore (EiC, Speech Com, non-voting member) [31/12/2016]
Roger K. Moore (Editor, CSL, non-voting member) [1/12/2018]
Tanja Schultz (Past President) [31/12/2020]
Richard Sproat (INTERSPERCH 2012 General Chair) [31/12/2016]
Isabel Trancoso (ISCA Past President) [31/12/2016]
ISCA Opening Ceremony of INTERSPEECH 2016

ISCA Membership since 2001

![ISCA Membership Graph]

- Student
- Retiree
- Institute
- Full

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ISCA Finances since 2001 (k€)

Income
Expenditure
Assets

2001 | 78
2002 | 46
2003 | 90
2004 | 72
2005 | 66
2006 | 83
2007 | 74
2008 | 112
2009 | 150
2010 | 208
2011 | 243
2012 | 320
2013 | 258
2014 | 270
2015 | 272

Income
Expenditure
Assets
ISCA Fellows

Mary P. Harper
Helen Meng
Shrikanth Narayanan
Steve Renals
Tanja Schultz
Chiu-yu Tseng

Kate Knill
ISCA Board Coordinator
Li Deng
Fellow Committee Chair

57 Fellows since 2008
1/3 % of membership per year
ISCA Medal 2016
for Scientific Achievement

For leadership and extensive contributions to speech and language processing

John Makhoul

• 22 Medalists since 1989
Distinguished Lecturers

Distinguished Lecturers for 2016-2017
- Hiroya Fujisaki, University of Tokyo, Japan
- Valerie Hazan, University College London, UK

Distinguished Lecturers for 2015-2016
- Helen Meng, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Shrikanth Narayanan, University of Southern California

Distinguished Lecturer Selection Committee
- Chair: Isabel Trancoso, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Members:
  - Anne Cutler, The MARCS Institute, University of Western Sydney, Australia
  - Maxine Eskenazi, Carnegie Melon University, USA
  - John Hansen, The University of Dallas, USA
  - Lin-shan Lee, National Taiwan University, Taipei
  - Mari Ostendorf, University of Washington, USA
  - Nestor Becerra Yoma, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Chile, Chile
  - Catharine Oertel, KTH, a representative of ISCA Student Committee
ISCA Workshops

- Three workshop types
  - ITRW: remote place, tutorial day …
    - ISCA sponsored events: SIG events, IS satellites, challenges…
  - ISCA supported events

- May be co-sponsored by other organizations
  - ACM, IEEE, IPA, …
  - In case of co-sponsoring: Be aware of copyrights: ISCA promotes free access to resources (archive)
ISCA Workshops

- Online application / Guidelines for Workshops
- Google Agenda
  - „ISCA-endorsed events“
- 2016 vintage
  - 8 IS satellite workshops
    - WOCCI, LTLT, SIGDIAL, SSW9, MPSLP, YRRSDS, SECNS, SLPAT
  - 10 ISCA-sponsored conferences & workshops
    - PQS (Berlin), ODYSSEY (Bilbao), SLTU (Yogyakarta), ISAPh (Nagoya), IWSDS (saariselkä), JEP (Paris), Speech Prosody (Boston), SPECOM (Budapest), ExpLing (St PETERSbourg), CHiME (LA)
ISCA SIGs (Topic & Language)

- 12 topic SIG
- SIG-HIST

- 7 language SIG (Chinese, Italian, Indian languages, Iberian languages, Russian, Minority languages)

- Organize workshops & challenges, share resources, raise discussions
- ISCA web pages: direct access to SIG pages, discussion lists...
- SIG assets & cashflow for workshops
ISCA Supported Educational Events

WiSSAP 2016 on Speech Prosody, Chennai, India
Provides a forum for students, researchers and professionals to enhance their background and get exposed to research areas in speech and audio signal processing. - ISCA contribution 2000 Euro (winter school)

Summer School on Prosody, Aix-en-Provence,
Offering an opportunity to PhD students, post-docs and early career researchers to acquire advanced knowledge and practical experience in the field of prosody. - ISCA contribution 2600 Euro

The Speech Synthesis Courses, Crete, Greece,
Targeting to teach graduate students and researchers the latest advancements of speech processing covering theory, exchanging ideas, sharing experiences and vision. - ISCA contribution 2600 Euro (summer school)

Speech Source Modeling and Its Applications, Gandhinagar, India
The first summer school of its kind in India, focused on significance of speech source modeling and its applications. - ISCA contribution 2600 Euro (summer school)
INTERSPEECH 2016 is now available on the ISCA archive

Digital Object Identifiers
- All INTERSPEECH 2016 full papers
- Full papers in ISCA workshops (so far: Speech Prosody, Odyssey, Perceptual Quality of Systems)

Ongoing enhancements
- fresher simpler look
- support for tablets and smartphone
- direct links to pdfs
- bibtex entries

Send comments and suggestions to Martin Cooke (m.cooke@ikerbasque.org)
Grants and Awards

- **Students & Young Scientist Travel Grants**
  - 60 awarded out of 150+, €650 each

- **3 Best Student Papers**

- **Best CSL Paper**

- **Best Speech Com Paper**
ISCA Membership

JOIN ISCA! JOIN ISCA! JOIN ISCA!

1) Search ISCA Member Database for One’s Membership Status (click here).
2) It takes 48 hours for online membership applications to take effect!

For Members

1. To update your membership record or to renew your membership: Click here
2. You can also renew by submitting the membership form to ISCA Administrative Secretariat.
3. If you wish to renew your membership at a discounted rate, or you have a specific request, please remember to submit your supporting documents to ISCA Administrative Secretariat.
4. To retrieve your Membership Number (ISCA No.), Username and Password Click here.
5. To search ISCA membership database for your membership status Click here.
ISCA Student Advisory Committee

Current Members

**Catharine Oertel**
General Coordinator
KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden

**Angel Mario Castro Martinez**
Volunteers Coordinator
University of Oldenburg, Germany

**Cyrielle Chappuis**
Media Coordinator
University of Geneva, Switzerland

**Mátyás Jani**
Website Coordinator
Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

Term Completion

**Andreas Windman**
Bielefeld University, Germany

**Student Volunteers:**

**Jeanin Juegler**
Universität des Saarlandes, Germany

Lori Lamel
Student, TC
ISCA SAC Activities

- ISCA-Student website: www.isca-students.org
- “Students meet Experts ++”, 9th of September
  - 15:30 – 17:30, Conference Hotel
  - 100 participants (80 students, as well as experts and industry representatives)
- ”Doctoral Consortium”, 8th of September
  - 9:00-16:00, ICSI
  - 10 selected papers by peer review (50% acceptance rate)
- Social Network: Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter
- Tools/Software repository ( in progress)
  - SAC volunteers keep an up-to-date repository of tools and software. Available at: http://www.isca-students.org/?q=speechtools
- Theses Archive: (in progress)
  - SAC is helping to make Masters and Ph.D theses available to a wider community
ISCA SAC Needs You!

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS!!!

The team may change, but we want our project to keep on living, so we need you!

If you are a student, you want to be involved in the community development and have brave ideas, please contact us through our website or in person at the Conference!

www.isca-students.org
INTERSPEECH Risk Fund (IRF)

**Purpose**: to provide a safety mechanism for INTERSPEECH conferences, and to encourage organizers from higher risk locations to consider organizing INTERSPEECH.

**Committee**: an Ad Hoc committee has been formed by ISCA to draft guidelines and incorporate feedback/input from ISCA Membership, ISCA IAC, ISCA Board

**By-Law**: to establish the fund and IEF standing committee.

J.Hansen  K.Hirose  S. Möller
ISCA Technical Committee

- Introduced in 2015, with the aim to serve as resource for and to facilitate transfer of information concerning the technical organization of Interspeech

- Composed of 5 to 7 members, including one of the Technical Chairs from a rolling set of 5 Interspeech conferences (current +/- 2)

- Objectives
  - Maintain and update the list of IS Areas and topics
  - Maintain, update and validate additions to the reviewer base
  - Coordinate the sharing of reviewer database with other ISCA event

- Lori Lamel, Chair, ISCA board
Bylaws Revision

- ISCA Medalist nomination process
- INTERSPEECH conference guidelines
Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer’s Report

News about the success of Interspeech 2015

- The basic ISCA financial model
  - Provide services to support Interspeech
  - In return, receive pre-determined portion of Interspeech profit
  - Maintain assets sufficient to survive two catastrophic Interspeech failures
  - Steward available assets for health of the community

- Big News: the Interspeech Financial Risk Fund
  - Created in 2016 by the donation of all of the profit from Interspeech 2015
  - Greatly enhances the security of ISCA and Interspeech
News about ISCA finances more generally

- Regular income rose in 2015
  - Good attendance at Interspeech 2015
- Expenses dropped slightly in 2015
  - Inflation-linked expenses dropped slightly
  - Meeting expenses down b/c meetings were in Europe
  - Distinguished lecturers, winter school, and summer school each accomplished moderate cost savings
  - Key services continue to be provided by volunteers (board members, ex officio board members, and students)

- Net 2015 outcome:
  - Expected/budgeted outcome: €16k deficit
  - Actual outcome: €1.6k surplus
# Treasurer’s Report

## Income

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* Royalties - Crowdsourcing

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# Treasurer’s Report

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* This is for 12 committee meetings + board meetings
## Treasurer’s Report

### Expenditure (2)  

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**TOTAL (€)**  

|              | 144,621.75   | 124,990.78   |
## Treasurer’s Report

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ISCA Finances 2001 –2015

ISCA Finances 2001-2015 (in T€)

Income | Expenditure | Assets

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Conclusions: Three Types of Money

1. Interspeech Financial Risk Fund
   - Greatly enhances the stability of ISCA, Interspeech

2. Student Travel Grants
   - Increased from €15k/year to €40k/year following special donation of profits by Interspeech 2010
   - Higher rate extended to 2017 by Interspeech 2015 special donation

3. Ordinary ISCA Budget
   - Steward for growth and health of the community
   - Decreased costs in 2015 may be transitory
   - Income (size of Interspeech) increases slightly each year
INTERSPEECH 2018
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Hyderabad, India
September 2 – 6, 2018

Speech research for emerging markets in multilingual societies

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Upcoming Conferences

ISCA accepts bids for IS 2020
Deadline: November 1st 2016

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2020 ???

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Conferences

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- Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members