INTERSPEECH 2017 General Assembly
21 August 2017

Haizhou Li
ISCA President
1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2016 General Assembly (San Francisco)
2. President’s report – Haizhou Li
3. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
4. Announcement of the next ISCA General Assembly – Hyderabad, India, August, 2018
5. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members
Minutes of the 2016 ISCA General Assembly

Minutes of the 2016 ISCA General Assembly held on 10 September 2016 at 16:00, Grand Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, USA

1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly (Dresden) – 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 – Haizhou Li
   – unanimous approval by the members present

4. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members

5. Announcement of the next ISCA General Assembly – Stockholm, Sweden, August 2017
President’s Report
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 Ex-officio

Chris Wellekens  
ISCApad Ex-officio

Emmanuelle Foxonet  
ISCA Admin Secretary
Thank You for Your Services

Haizhou Li
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Ex-officio
Thank You to Retiring Board Members

Douglas O’Shaughnessy
Université du Québec, Canada
Secretary
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Martin Cooke
University of the Basque Country, Spain
Publication, Archive
Thank You to Retiring Board Members

Hynek Hermansky
Johns Hopkins University, USA
Education, Training
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Keikichi Hirose
University of Tokyo, Japan
Conference
Thank You to Retiring Ex-officio

Wolfgang Hess
Archive
ISCA Board Election 2017

Gérard Bailly
Phil Green
Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
Tatsuya Kawahara
Kate Knill
Hema Murthy
Bhuvana Ramabhadran
Odette Scharenborg
ISCA Advisory Council (23)

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

Abeer Alwan [1/1/2015 - 31/12/2018]
Michiel Bacchiani [1/1/2015 - 31/12/2018]
Björn Granström [1/1/2011 - 31/12/2018]
Dilek Hakkani-Tur [1/1/2015 - 31/12/2018]
Shrikanth Narayanan [1/1/2015 - 31/12/2018]
Elizabeth Shriber [1/1/2015 - 31/12/2018]
Richard Stern [1/1/2011 - 31/12/2018]
Chiu-yu Tseng [1/1/2011 - 31/12/2018]

Jerome Bellegarda [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Sadaoki Furui [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Mary Harper [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Julia Hirschberg [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Lin-shan Lee [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Helen Meng [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Bernd Möbius [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Elmar Nöth [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Isabel Trancoso [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]
Steve Young [1/1/2017 - 31/12/2020]

Frederic Bimbot (INTERSPEECH 2013 General Chair) [1/9/2013-31/12/2018]
Jean-François Bonastre (ISCA Past President) [1/1/2014-31/12/2018]
EiC, Speech Communication, non-voting member (Johanna Moore) [1/1/2013-31/12/2016]
Editor, Computer Speech and Language, non-voting member (Roger K. Moore) [09/08/2016-31/12/2018]
Tanja Schultz (Past President) [1/1/2016-31/12/2020]
INTERSPEECH Paper Statistics since 2000

# submit  # accept  % accept  Expon. (# submit)  Expon. (# accept)  Expon. (% accept)

2000  1200  800  77.5%
2001  1100  700  63.6%
2002  1000  600  50.0%
2003  900  500  44.4%
2004  800  400  40.0%
2005  700  300  42.9%
2006  600  200  33.3%
2007  500  100  20.0%
2008  400  80  20.0%
2009  300  60  20.0%
2010  200  40  20.0%
2011  100  20  20.0%
2012  50  10  20.0%
2013  25  5  20.0%
2014  12.5  2.5  20.0%
2015  6.25  1.25  20.0%
2016  3.125  0.625  20.0%
2017  1.5625  0.3125  20.0%

50.5%
ISCA Membership since 2001
ISCA Membership by Category

- **Full**: 1528 (65%)
- **Institutions**: 43 (2%)
- **Retired**: 15 (1%)
- **Students**: 754 (32%)

Membership 2017 by category
Awards & Recognition
ISCA Fellows 2017

Alan BLACK

Jean-Luc GAUVAIN

Giuseppe RICCARDI

Michael RILEY

Bhuvana RAMABHADRAN
Fumitada Itakura

For contributions in developing fundamental statistical algorithms in speech coding and recognition with broad and unparalleled impacts

- 23 Medalists since 1989
Awards

- INTERSPEECH Best Student Papers
- The Ninth Christian Benoît Award (AFCP, GIPSA-lab, ISCA)
- Best Papers - Computer Speech and Language
- Best Papers - Speech Communication
Grants

- Grants for students and young scientists to participate in ISCA events
- Established web portal for grant applications
  - Simplified processing, improved process quality
- ISCA sponsored workshops
  - 5 grants awarded for 4 events
- INTERSPEECH 2017
  - 60 grants awarded
  - €650 per grant
  - ~190 applications
- Yajie Miao Memorial Student Travel Fund
  - 3 recipients for INTERSPEECH 2017
- Apply for travel grants as early as possible!
ISCA Programs
ISCA SIGs(Language) & Outreach

- 7 language special interest groups
  - French, Chinese, Italian, Indian, Iberian, Russian, Minority languages

- Geographical Outreach Sub-committees
  - Eastern Europe, West Asia and North Africa, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa
ISCA Distinguished Lecturer Program

Distinguished Lecturers for 2017-2018
• Prof. Jennifer S. Cole Northwestern University, USA
• Prof. Laurence Devillers, University of Paris-Sorbonne IV, France

Distinguished Lecturers for 2016-2017
• Prof. Hiroya Fujisaki, Prof. Emeritus, The University of Tokyo, Japan
• Prof. Valerie Hazan, University College London, UK

Call for Hosts
Regarding costs for inviting Distinguished Lecturers,

- Flight will be covered by ISCA
- Local travel and accommodation costs only need to be covered by local host
- For details please go to ISCA Distinguished Lecturer Website.
ISCA SIGs (Topics) & Workshops

ISCA SIGs (Topics)
- 13 topics SIGs
- New SIG UL (Under-resourced Languages) jointly with ELRA

ISCA workshop committee
- ISCA officers - topic SIGs chair, treasurer & publications officer
- Chairs of satellite Workshops of current and two last IS conferences
- ITRW, sponsored events, supported events & challenges

18 ISCA-endorsed events in 2017
- Record number: SLaTE, HSPR, GESPIN, LTLT, TSD, AVSP, ASMMC, CHAT, VIHAR, DiSS, GLU, MMC, Blizzard, SIGDIAL, YRRSDS, SEMDIAL, MLSLP, WOCCI
- Emerging field: robotics (SLaTE (T. Belpaeme invited, educational robots), GESPIN (S. Calinon invited), VIHAR, GLU (A. Cangelosi invited, developmental robotics), WOCCI, SPECOM jointly with ICR...)
- Attracting 1130 attendees
- 16 INTERSPEECH satellites
ISCA Supported Educational Events

WISAAP 2017 in Bangalore, India, January 2017
https://wissap2017.wixsite.com/wissap2017
3000 Euro

Summer School on Speech Signal Processing (S4P) 2017 in Gandhinagar, India, July 2017
https://sites.google.com/site/s4pdaiict2017/home
3000 Euro
- INTERSPEECH 2017 is now available on the ISCA archive

- Digital Object Identifiers
  - All INTERSPEECH 2017 full papers
  - Full papers in ISCA workshops

- Send comments and suggestions to Martin Cooke (m.cooke@ikerbasque.org)
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.
To submit a workshop proposal

To apply for a travel grant
ISCA Student Advisory Committee

Angel Mario Castro Martinez  
General Coordinator  
University of Oldenburg,  
Germany

Cyrielle Chappuis  
Media Coordinator  
University of Geneva,  
Switzerland

Michelle Morales  
Website Coordinator  
CUNY Graduate Center, NY

Lauren Ward  
Volunteer Coordinator  
University of Salford,  
Manchester, UK

• Doctoral consortium (Sunday, Aug 20)
• Students-meet-experts (Tuesday, Aug 22, 16:00 - 18:00, 80 slots)
• Company visits (Open Doors event, Thursday, Aug 24, 13:30 - 15:30)

Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter  
www.isca-students.org
Bylaws Revision

• ISCA Medalist nomination
  1) Any ISCA member can make a nomination.
  2) Nomination deadline: 1 January
  3) Announcement: 1 March
  4) Nomination form submitted to ISCA Secretariat at secretariat@isca-speech.org
  5) Unsuccessful candidates of the previous year(s) are invited to be re-nominated to qualify for candidacy.

• Institutional Membership
  ISCA membership by institution is made in increments of 5 members per institution, with a comparable scaling of the membership fee.

• Guidelines for TPC Meetings
Bylaws Revision

- ISCA Committees:
  - Special Interest Group, Publication and Archive, Web, Training and Education, Technical, Communication, Election, Electronic Access, Grants and Awards, Fellow, ISCA Student Advisory, Workshop, Distinguished Lecture, Industry;

- “Summer Schools”: each year the Board will consider funding (~10 000 euros per school);

- ISCA board members are not eligible for any ISCA awards or honors, including ISCA Fellow, during their term in the Board;

- The limit of travel support to ISCA Board Members
INTERSPEECH Conferences
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

• A Reviewer Portal will be ready by end 2017 to help maintain INTERSPEECH reviewer database

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

**Committee**: an IRF standing committee has been formed by ISCA

**By-Law**: will be updated to reflect the fund and IRF standing committee.

**First application**: INTERSPEECH 2019 in Graz
Speech Research For Emerging Markets in Multilingual Societies

General Chair: B. Yegnanarayana
General Co-Chairs
C. Chandra Sekhar
Shri Narayanan
S. Umesh
S. R. M. Prasanna

Technical Program Chairs
Hema A. Murthy
Preeti Rao
Paavo Alku
Prasanta K. Ghosh
Bids are invited for hosting INTERSPEECH 2021

- Please prepare a bid according to the guidelines
  www.isca-speech.org -> conferences -> guidelines
- Please approach us during or after the conference
- Deadline: Nov. 1st, 2017

S. Möller  K. Hirose
Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer’s Report: Overview

- **ISCA primary sources of income:**
  - Membership fees ≈ €75k/yr
  - Required donation from Interspeech: ≈ €50k/yr
  - Special donations from IS2010 and IS2015, in support of extra student travel grants (2010, 2015) and in support of the new Interspeech Risk Fund (2015)

- **ISCA primary expenses:**
  - Secretariat, salaries, meetings, publishing, website: ≈ €70k/yr
  - DLs, Training, Workshops, Student activities: ≈ €30k/yr
  - Student travel grants
    - €25k/yr is what we can afford
    - €40k/yr during the IS2010 special donation, 2011-2015
    - €32k/yr during the IS2015 special donation, 2016-2018
### Treasurer’s Report: Income

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<td>IS15 Special Donation</td>
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<td>Sales of Proceedings</td>
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<td>Interest on Savings</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income Not Including IRF</strong></td>
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## Treasurers’s Report: Expenses Part 1

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<td>Web Services &amp; Maintenance</td>
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## Treasurer’s Report: Assets & Equity

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ISCA Finances 2001–2016

ISCA Finances 2001-2016 (in k€)

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Treasurer’s Report: Conclusions 1

• What is ISCA’s financial goal?
  • 2007-2015: equity adequate to weather two consecutive catastrophic failures of the Interspeech conference
  • Since IRF: that is now too much equity. It may be appropriate to gradually reduce equity.

• Why is ISCA in such great financial shape right now?
  • Three consecutive Interspeech conferences (2015-2017) have set historical attendance records
So, what is ISCA doing to reduce the cost of attending Interspeech?

1. Interspeech organizers are required to budget so that they break even at a given attendance figure. Every year since 2014, ISCA has been gradually raising the “break-even” number, so that costs can be more broadly distributed.

2. Membership fees and required Interspeech donation: unchanged since 2012

3. Special Interspeech donations are used exclusively for (1) student travel grants, and (2) to reduce the risk for Interspeech organizers
Invitation to ISCA General Assembly 2018

interspeech 2018
Hyderabad International Convention Centre
Hyderabad, India
September 2-6, 2018
Speech Research For Emerging Markets in Multilingual Societies
Agenda

- Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members