ISCA Update: General Assembly

More Details at ISCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Thursday
Sept. 2:
19:00-20:30
Welcome to the ISCA General Assembly (Hybrid)

Use the Q&A panel to ask the Board questions at any time and let us know of any technical difficulties.

We welcome lots of Comments, Suggestions and Questions. Click “Raise Hand” to indicate you wish to speak when we come to that part.

The GA will be recorded and shared after the event on the conference website.
1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes from 2020 General Assembly (Shanghai) [JH] [POLL1]
2. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson [MHJ]
   (i) Report,   (ii) Q&A,  (iii) Vote to Approve  [POLL2]
3. President’s report – John Hansen [JH]
   (i) Report,   (ii) Q&A,  (iii) Vote to Approve  [POLL3]
4. Announcement of next ISCA President
5. Future of ISCA & Goals for 2021-2022 – discussion
6. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members
7. Invitation to the next ISCA General Assembly – Incheon, South Korea, September, 2022
Minutes of the 2020 ISCA General Assembly

- held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 20:30-22:00
by Zoom Webinar in conjunction with INTERSPEECH 2020, Shanghai

1. Opening remarks by ISCA President John Hansen

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 ISCA General Assembly -- approval by the members present

3. President’s report – John Hansen -- approval by the members present

4. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson – approval by the members present

5. Invitation to the next ISCA General Assembly – Brno, Czech Republic, September, 2021

6. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members

[POLL 1] - Approval of GA Minutes 2020

Do you approve the Minutes for 2020 ISCA General Assembly?

Answer:

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Abstain
Interspeech 2021
Treasurer’s Report
## Treasurer’s Report: Income

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<td>Interest on Savings</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>31,075.82</td>
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Treasurer’s Report: Expenses Part 1

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<td>4,531.13</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal: Salaries, Meetings, Secretariat, SIGs, Website, Grants &amp; Awards</strong></td>
<td><strong>70,142.12</strong></td>
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### Treasurer’s Report: Expenses Part 2

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<td><strong>100,425.02</strong></td>
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# Treasurer’s Report: Assets & Equity

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<td>Receivables</td>
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ISCA Finances since 2001 (in k€)

(Includes Interspeech Risk Fund (IRF; 120k€))
Treasurer’s Report: Conclusions

- Income and expenses related to Interspeech 2019 were both booked in 2020; income and expenses related to Interspeech 2020 were not.

- Many budgeted programs spent less than expected in 2019, resulting in a significant 2020 budget surplus:
  - Grants & awards
  - Committee meetings
  - Workshop support, Training schools
  - Distinguished lecturers

- ISCA’s financial resources are sufficient to sustain the organization through another year of pandemic-related uncertainty.
Vote on Treasurer’s Report

2. Treasurer’s report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson [MHJ]
   (i) Report, (ii) Q&A, (iii) Vote to Approve [POLL2]

[POLL 2] - Approval of Treasurer’s Reports
Do you approve the ISCA Treasurer's Report?

Answer:
   a) Yes      b) No      c) Abstain

VOTE on Treasurers Report
President’s Report
Would you like to serve on the ISCA Board?

ISCA Board Election 2021

Nominations opened Jan. 2021

Voting took place April 2021 (~700 votes)
Newly Elected Board Members

John Hansen
President

Torbjørn Svendsen
Vice President
(Grants/Awards)

Sebastian Möller
Conference

Margaret “Meg” Zellers
Conference; SIGs (Topic), Workshops

Tatsuya Kawahara
Publications, Ethics, Archive

Phil Green
Fellows, Education, Training

Jianhua Tao
Technical Committee

Nancy Chen

Mariapaola D’Imperio

Joakim
Gustafson

Mahadeva
Prasanna

Odette Scharenborg
Diversity & Outreach; Students

Nobuaki Minematsu
SIGs (Language) Dist. Lecturers

Bhuvana Ramabhadran
Industry Liaison, TC, Conferences

Chris Wellekens
(ISCApad) Ex-officio

Emmanuelle Foxonet
ISCA Admin Secretary
INTERSPEECH Paper Statistics since 2001

- # submit
- # accept
- % accept
- Expon. (# submit)
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ISCA Membership since 2001

ISCA Membership from 2001 to 2021 (Full & Student)

ISCA MEMBERSHIP per YEAR

- Total
- Retired
- Full
- Students

+2700 members this year (largest to date)

last 5yrs, doubled Student Members (+1000 in 2021)
ISCA Membership by Country (2021)

Countries w/ +20 members

24 Countries; (604 – 21 members) Members: 2324

A country Flag= Country has hosted INTERSPEECH
ISCA Membership by Country (2021)

24 Countries; (604 – 21 members)  Members: 2324

A country Flag= Country has (or will) hosted INTERSPEECH
ISCA Membership by Country (2021)

2021: Countries w/ +20 members

(24 countries; 2330 members)
ISCA Membership by Country (2018)

2018: countries with +20 members

USA
India
China
France
Japan
U.K.
Germany
Czech Republic
Korea
Canada
Switzerland
Italy
Australia
Spain
Finland
Singapore
Russia
Taiwan
Netherlands
Belgium
Sweden

2018: 39 Countries with 1 to 19 members
ISCA Membership by Gender (2021)

- 25.9% Female Members (who identify)
- 71.1% Male Members (who identify)
- 3% Other / Non Specified

24.5%
75.5%

- 25.9% Female Members (who identify)
- 71.1% Male Members (who identify)
- 3% Other / Non Specified
ISCA Finances since 2001 (in k€)

Includes Interspeech Risk Fund (IRF; 120k€)

Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
Treasurer

387k€
Awards & Recognition
Seek nominations from ISCA Community
Include 3 referees: senior people in the ISCA community
Separate ISCA Fellows Committee Reviews & Votes
ISCA Fellows 2021

Mary BECKMAN
Karen LIVESCU
Eric FOSLER-LUSSIER
Maxine ESKENAZI
Jean-Francois BONASTRE
Yang LIU
DeLiang WANG
Dong YU

Phil Green
ISCA Board Coordinator
Valerie Hazan
Fellows Selection Committee Chair
ISCA FELLOWS (Historical Summary)
89 ISCA Fellows (as of Sept.’21)

89 ISCA Fellows Recognized (26 Women; 63 Men)

2008
Rolf Carlson
Paul Dalsgaard
Hiroya Fujiisaki
Sadaoki Furui
Bjorn Granstrom
Julia Hirschberg
Fred Jelinek
Roger Moore
Mari Ostendorf
Louis Pols
Steve Young
Victor Zue

2009
Anne Cutler
Wolfgang Hess
Joseph Mariani
Hermann Ney
Roberto Pieraccini
Elizabeth Shriberg
ISCA FELLOWS (Historical Summary)
89 ISCA Fellows

2010
Alex Acero
Janet Baker
John Hansen
Lin-shan Lee
Nelson Morgan
Philip Woodland

2011
Abeer Alwan
Li Deng
Hynek Hermansky
Adrian Fourcin
Bruce Millar
Richard Stern

2012
John Ohala
Chin-Hui Lee
Yoshinori Sagisaka
Stephanie Seneff

2013
Jérôme BELLEGARDA
Daniel HIRST
John MAKHOUL
Hervé BOURLARD
Andreas STOLCKE
Keiichi TOKUDA
ISCA FELLOWS (Historical Summary)
89 ISCA Fellows

2014
James GLASS
Isabel TRANCOSO
Dilek HAKKANI-TÜR
Jacqueline VAISSIÈRE
Michael PICHENY
Bayya YEGNANARAYANA

2015
Pascale FUNG
Reinhold HAEB-UMBACH
Lori LAMEL
David NAHAMOO
Marc SWERTS

2016
Mary HARPER
Helen MENG
Shrikant NARAYANAN
Steve RENALS
Tanja SCHULTZ
Chiu-Yu TSENG

2017
Alan BLACK
Jean-Luc GAUVAIN
Bhuvana RAMABHADRAM
Giuseppe RICCARDI
Michael RILEY
ISCA FELLOWS (Historical Summary)
89 ISCA Fellows

2018
Denis BURNHAM
Simon KING
Carol ESPY-WILSON
Haizhou LI
Keikichi HIROSE
Richard SCHWARTZ

2019
Martine ADDA-DECKER
Jennifer COLE
Mark GALES
Valerie HAZAN
Douglas O'SHAUNNESSY
Yannis STYLIANOU
Christian WELLEKENS
Paavo ALKU
Catherine BEST
Martin COOKE
Thomas HAIN
Satoshi NAKAMURA
Bjorn SCHULLER

2020
Catherine BEST
Martin COOKE
Thomas HAIN
Satoshi NAKAMURA
Bjorn SCHULLER

2021
Maxine ESKENAZI
Jean-Francois BONASTRE
Yang LIU
DeLiang WANG
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Mary BECKMAN
Karen LIVESCU
Eric FOSLER-LUSSIER
The ISCA Medal for Special Service 2021

Prof. Martin Cooke

“For sustained service to ISCA and the Speech Communication community for Publications and Community Support.”
The ISCA Medal for Special Service 2021

Prof. Martin Cooke

“For sustained service to ISCA and the Speech Communication community for Publications and Community Support.”
Prof. Herman Ney
(RWTH Aachen University)
“for pioneering and seminal contributions to data-driven methods for automatic speech recognition and machine translation.”
ISCA Medal 2021
for Scientific Achievement

Prof. Herman Ney
(RWTH Aachen University)

"for pioneering and seminal contributions to data-driven methods for automatic speech recognition and machine translation."

Brno, INTERSPEECH 2021
John Hansen, ISCA President
ISCA Key Dates 2021/22

- **Bids for Interspeech 2025**
  - Open **now**; Closing date **15th December 2021**

- **ISCA Medal for Scientific Achievement 2022**
  - Open **now**; Closing date **5th January 2022**

- **ISCA Medal for Service 2022**
  - Open **now**; Closing date **5th January 2022**

- **ISCA Service Medal 2022**
  - Open **now**; Closing date **5th January 2022**

- **ISCA Fellows 2022**
  - Open **now**; Closing date **10th February 2022**
Awards  (Recognized at Closing Ceremony)

- INTERSPEECH Best Student Paper Awards
- Best Papers - Computer Speech and Language
- Best Papers - Speech Communication
ISCA Grants (2021)

- Grants for students and young scientists to participate in ISCA events
- ISCA sponsored workshops/events
  - no grants due to covid-19
- INTERSPEECH 2021
  - 109 grants awarded
    - 81 remote @220€
    - 28 in-person @650€
  - 154 applications
- Apply for travel grants as early as possible!
Congratulations to all ISCA TRAVEL Grant Awardees!

Joglekar Aditya
Ranya Aloufi
Ivry Amir
Tejaswini Ananthanarayana
Or Haim Anidjar
Siddhant Arora
Abhijeet Awasthi
Tanuka Bhattacharjee
Xiaoyu Bie
Debosree Bose
Samuel Broughton
Heng-Jui Chang
Pan Changjie
Guvant Chaudhari
Eunbi Choi
Thomas Coy
Helena Cuesta
Xia Cui
Xudong Dai
Nilaksh Das
Hira Dhamyal
Anuj Diwan
Phat Do
Qingyun Dou
Denis Dresvyanskiy
Alfredo Esquivel Jaramillo
Yuan Gao
Yang Gao

Maria Lara Gauder
Marc-Antoine Georges
Medda Giacomo
Xun Gong
Pengcheng Guo
Zhe-Chen Guo
Pascal Hecker
Zhenhou Hong
Wangrui Hou
Wenxin Hou
Jing Huang
Yu-Lin Huang
Waldemar Jęsko
Madhav Kashyap
Lee Keon
Thanancahi Kongthaworn
Mari Ganesh Kumar
Dipesh Kumar Singh
Young Dae Kwon
Bodur Kübra
Jatin Lamba
Tingle Li
Xiang Li
Jiachen Lian
Jheng-Hao Lin
Jinjiang Liu
Jiawang Liu
Jian Luo

Haoxin Ma
Noa Mansbach
Courtney Mansfield
Xu Min
Oh Miran
Ritika Nandi
Shamila Nasreen
Kumar Neeraj
Natalia Nessler
Huyen Nguyen
Eng Nicholas
Andreea-Maria Oncescu
Kapoor Parul
Soumava Paul
Leonardo Pepino
Vyas Piyush
Desh Raj
Anton Ratnarajah
Nicolaie Catalin Ristea
Georgios Rizos
Mahdin Rohmatullah
Amrit Romana
Billington Rosey
Magdalena Rybicka
Elena Ryumina
Mark Saddler
Mandana Saebi
Zaiem Salah

Nareddula Santhan Kumar
Reddy
Ke Shi
Ilya Shigabeev
Kathleen Siminyu
Rachel Soo
Ruolin Su
Huiming Sun
Muhammad Shehram Shah
Syed
Li Tang
Camryn Terblanche
Xia Tong
Sathvik Udupa
Jenifer Vega Rodriguez
Tyler Vuong
Bruce Xiao Wang
Fan-Lin Wang
Jie Wang
Tianhao Yan
Cheng Yao-Fei
Reo Yoneyama
Sun Yuhang
Xudong Zhang
Leying Zhang
Liu Zhengxi
Tinglong Zhu
ISCA Programs
ISCA Advisory Council (2021)

🔹 Chair: John Hansen
🔹 Life Members: Hiroya Fujisaki, Joseph Mariani
🔹 Members:
  - Abeer Alwan [1/21 - 12/22]
  - JF Bonastre [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Julia Hirschberg [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Lin-shan Lee [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Bernd Möbius [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Shri Naryanan [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Elmar Nöth [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Tanja Schultz [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Elizabeth Shriberg [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Isabel Trancoso [1/21 - 12/22]
  - Paavo Alku [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Catherine Best [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Heidi Christensen [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Martin Cooke [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Eric Fosler-Lussier [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Keikichi Hirose [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Lori Lamel [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Satoshi Nakamura [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Ailbhe Ni Chasaide [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Doug O'Shaughnessy [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Preethi Rao [1/21 - 12/24]
  - Keiichi Tokuda [1/21 - 12/24]

Gernot Kubin (Interspeech 2019 Chairman) [1/1/2020-31/12/2021]
Helen Meng (INTERSPEECH 2020 General Chair) [1/1/2021-31/12/2024]
Haizhou Li (Past President, Interspeech 2014 Chairman) [1/1/2015-31/12/2022]
EiC, Speech Communication, non-voting member (Frederic Bimbot) [1/1/2019-end Editorship]
Editor, Computer Speech & Language, non-voting member (Roger Moore) [09/8/2016-end Editorship]

🔹 We are seeking nominations for new IAC members next Fall‘22
ISCA DIVERSITY Committee

Committee Members

- Odette Scharenborg (chair)
- Mark Hasegawa-Johnson

External members:
- Julia Hirschberg
- Heidi Christensen
- Dale Joachim
- Sebastian Möller

Aims

- Gender Diversity: (membership, leadership roles, etc.)
- Regional Diversity: Europe, Asia/Australia, North America, (South America, Africa)
- Science vs. Technology
- Academic vs. Industry vs. Government/Other
DIVERSITY: Recognizing & Encouraging

ISCA commits to supporting diversity in all forms of our membership and community

Questions, suggestions?

diversity@isca-speech.org

Activities:

- Diversity: Gender, Regional, Science/Technology, etc.
- Tracking diversity along different axes → Regular questionnaires, 1st after Interspeech 2020
- Diversity Committee meeting at Interspeech: (online)
  Mon WED. Sept. 1: (14:00 – 15:00 Czech time) {Link to be shared}
- LGBTQI* meeting: THURS. Sept. 2: (13:00-14:00 Czech time) (hybrid)
  (send us an e-mail for the link! diversity@isca-speech.org)
- ISCA statement on Diversity:
  (see ISCA website -> Diversity)
**ISCApad**, monthly on-line newsletter since 1998

**Editors:** Isabel Trancoso (#1-41), Chris Wellekens (#42-278).

**Contains:**
- ISCA news,
- Workshops/Conferences, Journals
- Jobs in Speech,
- Resources (Software, Databases, Books)
- Recent theses in speech science & technology

**Last year:** 112 Workshops/Conferences announcements
78 job advertisements

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**ISCA International Virtual Seminars** Scheme brings together 16 leading scientists who will give on-line to seminars to speech labs throughout the world. In a time where travel is difficult it makes it easier to build a strong seminar program. Link from the ISCA home page.
Submit a workshop proposal (online guidelines & submission portal)

To apply for a travel grant
ISCA SIGs (Language)  
ISCA Geographical Outreach

- 7 language Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
  - French
  - Chinese
  - Italian
  - Indian languages
  - Iberian languages
  - Russian
  - Under-resourced Languages

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

Distinguished Lecturers for 2021-2022 (2 years)

 Prof. Reinhold Häb-Umbach, Communications Engineering, Paderborn University, Germany

Distinguished Lecturers for 2020-2022 (3 years)

 Prof. Suzanne Boyce, University of Cincinnati, USA
 Prof. Hemant A. Patil, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information Communication Technology, India

Distinguished Lecturers for 2019-2021 (3 years)

 Prof. Laurent Besacier, Univ. Grenoble Alpes, France
 Prof. Mark Gales, Cambridge University, UK

Invitations are requested!

Regarding costs for inviting Distinguished Lecturers,

 Flight will be covered by ISCA, and local travel & accommodation costs need to be covered by local host if travelling is possible physically.

 Under COVID-19, online talks with interactive discussions can be provided for students and young researchers.

 For details, please go to ISCA Distinguished Lecturer Website.

ISCA IAC Feedback: Encourage more Remote DL talks
ISCA SIGs & Workshops

-ISCA SIGs-
- 15 topics SIGs + 6 language SIGs
- New SIG: Spoken Language Translation (SLT)
- Joint SIGs: SIGUL with ELRA and SIGDIAL, SLT & SPSC with ACL

-ISCA workshop committee-
- ISCA officers in charge of topic SIGs, treasure & publications
- Chairs of satellite Workshops of current and two last IS conferences
- 4 types: ITRW, sponsored event, supported event & challenge... and training schools
- IMPORTANT: ISCA endorsement is a perquisite for student travel grants

-19 ISCA-endorsed events in 2021-
- Stable number
- Gathering 1900 attendees in presence & virtual attendance
- 10 IS satellites, 4 challenges (Far-field Speech Enhancement, AutoMin, VoxCeleb, ASVspoof)
- Includes some language-specific events (AISV, Training school on ASR for Indian languages)
Publications & Archive

- **INTERSPEECH 2021** is available on the ISCA archive.

- **ISCA online archive** is renewed! (thanks to Martin Cooke)
  
  - DOI is assigned to all past INTERSPEECH and other conferences.
    → Please use DOI for reference of papers!!

  - Search function by paper title and author names

  - Mobile- and tablet- friendly interface

- **Publications FAQ:**

  “Can I place a copy of my paper in my institutional or other repositories?”

  **Answer:** Yes, you can, on the condition that it is correctly referenced with the publication information (e.g. INTERSPEECH) including DOI.

  “Can I use a part of my papers for my dissertation?”

  **Answer:** Yes, you can, on the condition that it is correctly referenced with the publication information (e.g. INTERSPEECH) including DOI.
ISCA online archive is renewed!

- DOI is assigned to all past INTERSPEECH and other conferences. → Please use DOI for reference of papers! (URL may be changed)
- Search function by paper title and author names
- Mobile- and tablet- friendly interface

Welcome to the ISCA Archive

Explore the largest open collection of research papers in speech communication

(currently archiving 32364 papers, 323 conferences)

Search for papers, explore entire conferences or use the links below to jump directly to our main INTERSPEECH series by year:
Code of Ethics for Authors

ISCA is committed to publishing high-quality journals and conference proceedings.

- NO fabrication, falsification or data breach
- NO (self-)plagiarism, No multiple submissions
- Respect copyrights
- Respect human rights
- All co-authors must be responsible & accountable

Violation may result in sanctions including rejection of all papers and suspension of future submissions (ISCA ‘watch-list’).

**Note:** several cases investigated & sanctioned in recent years

Please refer to ISCA Website & ISCApad for full text
Plagiarism cases reported

iThenticate is introduced to check papers in IS-21, resulting in many alerts to Ethics committee, which concluded several ‘guilty’ cases.

Examples:
- Significant overlap with another paper (w/o reference)
- Submission of two papers that are significantly overlapped (with a same main claim)
- Submission of an arXiv paper with different co-authors
- A paper whose content is mostly the same as another paper but with a different setup (dataset/task)
- Submission of part of a journal paper
ISCA is committed to providing a pleasant conference experience **without harassment or discrimination for anyone**, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability and physical appearance.

- Conference participants who engage in inappropriate behavior may be expelled without a refund, and included on an ‘ISCA watch-list’.

- If you see/find troubles, please speak to conference staff or send a message to ethics@isca-speech.org.
ISCA Student Advisory Committee (ISCA-SAC)

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Thomas Rolland (Portugal), Mariana Julião (Portugal), Lei Xi (France), Nils Westhausen (Germany), Tina Raissi (Germany), Sebastião Quintas (France), Omnia Ibrahim (Germany)

Active Alumni:  
Ravi Shankar Prasad (Switzerland), Berrak Sisman (Singapore), Angel Mario Castro Martinez (Germany)
ISCA @ INTERSPEECH 2021

ISCA SAC – Student Events

♦ Students & Young Scientist Travel Grants

♦ 109 awarded out of 154,
  Registration fee + ISCA membership(+1 year) each

♦ Student Events

  Doctoral Consortium
  Date: Aug. 29, 2021; 16:00 – 18:00, GMT+2

  Mentoring
  Date: Sept. 1, 2021; 16:00 – 18:00, GMT+2
  Register at:

  Students Meet Experts
  Date: Sept. 2, 2021; 16:00 – 18:00, GMT+2
  Register at:

  ISCA-SAC Lunch
  Date: Sept. 3, 2021; 14:00 – 15:00, GMT+2
  Join at:

♦ Speech Pitch – ISCA-SAC’s new podcast
ISCA Postdoc & Early Career Researcher Advisory Committee (ISCA-PECRAC)

General Coordinators

Yaru Wu
LISN/LIMSI – CNRS
Université Paris-Saclay, France

Berrak Sisman
Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore

ISCA PECRAC is recruiting new members!

NEW
1st Early Career Researcher Annual Gathering @ Interspeech 2021

Time: August 30 at 18:00 (6pm) CEST (Brno time)
Location: Online

Program:
- Introduction talk for ISCA-PECRAC
- Keynote speeches
  (invited speakers: Julia Hirschberg and Odette Scharenborg)
- Recruitment and discussion

Register at this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHUeIgKf-HdfXEPFYL-cktfHWXoR_j9bypHI61X37ojr6lzg/viewform
INTERSPEECH Conferences

Technical Committee

Sebastian Möller  Margaret Zellers  Bhuvana Ramabhadran  Jianhua Tao  Hema Murthy
ISCA Technical Committee

**ISCA Technical committee** tc@isca-speech.org

**ROLE:** TC provides technical continuity across Interspeech conferences, interfacing with Softconf (START system), conf. topics, maintains reviewer database

**Committee Members:** (ISCA Board) (+ TC Members)
- Bhuvana Ramabhadran
- Jianhua Tao
- Outgoing: Hema A Murthy
- Incoming: TBD
- Thomas Hain 2019
- Jianhua Tao 2020
- Lukas Burget 2021

**AIMS**
- Advice TPC of INTERSPEECH on areas: new topics/sub areas based on previous years’ trends
- Ensure Reviewer pool is current & large;
  - Support 3 reviews/paper as Paper submissions increase
- Diversity in the reviewer pool in terms of topics, region and languages.
- Add one-liners to subtopics for a better match between reviewers and authors
- Provide assistance to the TPC (liaison with previous years’ TPC, suggestions for ACs, Keynotes, Trend talks, Plagiarism checks, innovations in the overall program)

**Reviewer Portal:**
* Support of Reviewer Base for ISCA
What constitutes a Special Session? Guidelines?

Statement from the ISCA board on Special Sessions at Interspeech

"A Special Session should not run for more than 3 years in total. After this, the special session topic should either be merged into regular sessions in consultation with the ISCA TC or the special session organizers will be expected to organize a standalone workshop on the same topic.”
**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-Laws**: Were updated to reflect the fund and IRF standing committee

**First application**: INTERSPEECH 2019 in Graz

**Now**: Augmentation to/expenditures from the fund, application to future INTERSPEECHs
ISCA Key Dates 2021/22

- Bids for Interspeech 2025
  - Open now; Closing date 15 December 2021
- ISCA Medal for Scientific Achievement 2022
  & ISCA Service Medal 2022
  - Open now; Closing date 5th January 2022
- ISCA Fellows 2022
  - Open now; Closing date 10th February 2022
Bids are invited for hosting INTERSPEECH 2025

Please prepare a bid according to the guidelines:
www.isca-speech.org -> conferences -> guidelines,
including bid, bidding and budget template

Please approach us/email us during
or after the conference

Deadline: Closing date 15 December 2021
Bids for INTERSPEECH 2025!!!

♦ Places that have hosted INTERSPEECH:
Bids for INTERSPEECH 2025!!!
Bids for INTERSPEECH 2025!!!

**will**

◊ **Places that have hosted INTERSPEECH:**

Korea IS-22
Bids for INTERSPEECH 2025!!!

**Places that have hosted INTERSPEECH:**

- **Korea** IS-22
- **Ireland** IS-23
- **Israel** IS-24
Vote on President’s Report

3. President’s report – John Hansen [JH]
   (i) Report, (ii) Q&A, (iii) Vote to Approve [POLL 3]

[POLL 3] - Approval of President’s Reports
Do you approve the ISCA President's Report?

Answer:
   a) Yes  b) No  c) Abstain

VOTE on President’s Report
Many thanks to all the ISCA Board members!

It has been a pleasure serving as ISCA President for these past four years. Our society has navigated many challenges, and expanded and strengthened the support of our community!

Only possible due to the extensive volunteer service and dedication of the ISCA Board and our ISCA membership.

A sincere THANK YOU! to All!

Earlier this week, the ISCA Board held our regular Pre-Conf. Board meeting, focused on electing the new Leadership Team. I am happy to announce that our next ISCA President will be…
4. Announcement of next ISCA President...

Sebastian Möller
Agenda

- Future of ISCA & ISCA goals for 2022 – discussion

- Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members
Invitation to ISCA General Assembly 2022

On behalf of ISCA, we extend our invitation to all members to attend the next ISCA General Assembly:

Incheon, South Korea, September 2022