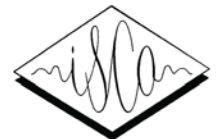


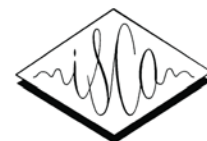
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Reasons why one attends Interspeech

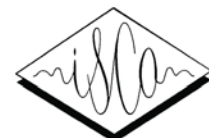
- Majority said both:
 - meet and interact with speech researcher
 - learn about recent research developments in the speech field
- Many also liked:
 - present my research work in a major international forum
 - have my work published at a prestigious international conference
- In the comments, people noted as useful:
 - collaboration



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Positive/negative points about Interspeech

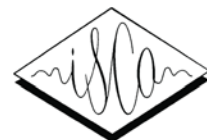
- Positive (several hundred answers) - Majority said both:
 - a major forum for relevant and recent developments in the speech field
 - good place to meet speech researchers
- Negative (no one answer had more than 100 votes)
 - No single complaint got more than 26% (of the fewer number of votes)



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Good mix of useful papers?

- Some really terrible special sessions
- The papers accepted are not up to the same standard as oral presentations
- Too many very weak papers
- Too noisy and crowded poster sessions
- Move plenary talks to start at 12:00 noon
- Related sessions were sometimes held in parallel

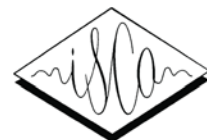


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Expand the topics of Interspeech?

Numerous and diverse suggestions, including:

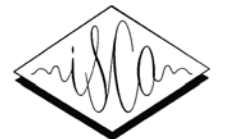
- More language and Industrial and applied technology exploitation topics
- More acoustic signal processing research, machine learning, and numerous other topics
- However, several comments noted that Interspeech is already rather inclusive



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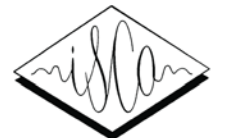
- Lower registration fees? 69% (yes)
- Keep a welcome reception? 53%
- Have a banquet that is included in the regular fee? 45%
- Have a plenary room that seats at least 1000 attendees? 27%
- Have a student reception? 41%
- Have a reviewers' reception? 22%



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Interspeech paper formats

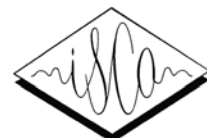
- Current 4-page format is preferred by 67%, with various minorities suggesting 4 +/- 1-2 pages, or a page exclusively for references
- As many favored shorter formats as longer ones
- Flash drives can readily allow more pages
- Nonetheless, 4 pages - a nice compromise still
- Review burden would rise if allow more pages



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Way you wish for Interspeech to operate

- Status quo: acceptance rate of 50-60% - top preference (51%)
- Lower acceptance rate (e.g., 40-50%) - next preference (39%)
- Highlighting the highest-rated papers - one-third said yes
- Main conference with a low acceptance rate, plus several workshops - one-fourth said yes



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Summary of useful action points

- In general, keep the basic mode of the current Interspeech (i.e., do not greatly lower the acceptance rate)
- Improve the quality of the reviews
- Look for ways to lower costs, and thus reduce fees, especially for students (and perhaps other "disadvantaged")
- Shrink the plenary room if it saves costs
- Look for ways to reduce the costs of social events
- Consider keeping the banquet optional

