International Speech Communication Association Interspeech 2014 General Assembly Tuesday, September 16 2014

Agenda

- 1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes from the ISCA 2013 General Assembly (Lyon)
- 2. Treasurer's report
- 3. President's report
- 4. Approval of the reports
- 5. Future of ISCA and ISCA goals for 2013-2014
- 6. Open Archive
- 7. Comments, Suggestions from ISCA Members
- 8. Announcement of next ISCA General Assembly



Minutes of the 2013 ISCA General Assembly in Lyon, Tuesday, August 27 2013, 18:30

- 1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2012 ISCA General Assembly (Portland)
- 2. Treasurer's report
- 3. President's report
- 4. Approval of the reports
- 5. Handover to the new President
- 6. Future of ISCA and ISCA goals for 2013-2014
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<u>Highlights</u>

SCA's assets stable

Negative result for 2013 (income over expenditure) due to late collected receivables from last conference, will be added in 2014

Solid financial basis for

- Continue strong support for Interspeech, ITRW and SIG seed funding, distinguish lecturers tours
- Increase student grant support (from 20 to 40 last year)
- Continued support to ISCA training schools (2 schools in 2014, to be continued in 2015)
- Scontinuous savings thanks to
 - Student Committee initiatives
 - volunteers: Archive (W. Hess), ISCApad (C. Wellekens)





Johnson: Treasurer

Income	2012	2013
Membership fees	90,094*	63,871
Interspeech donation	84,086*	0**
ITRW shares	0	0
Proceedings	0	748
Interest on Savings	5,021	4,488
TOTAL (€)	179,201	69,107

* This was overcalculated by late payment from IS2011 coming the year after the conference.

** The donation from Interspeech 2013 has been sent in 2014, thus is not shown here ; next year donation will be overcalculated

Expenditure (1)	2012	2013
Salaries	42,339	46,066
Board/Committee meetings	10,261	9,270*
Secretariat	5,383	4,144
Grants & Awards	26,866	34,048
Special Interest Groups	1,000	1,000
Website Maintenance	6,741	5,258
subtotal	92,590	99,787

* This is for 14 committee meetings + board meetings

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Expenditure (2)	2012	2013
Carried over	92,590	99,787
Distinguished Lecturers	8,438	6,778
Workshop support	0	1,800
Students roundtable	0	2550
Training & Education	3,220	0
Archive	1,940	231
Contingency	0	4,979
Bank Costs	1,849	1,432
TOTAL (€)	108,037	117,559



Assets	31/12/2012	31/12/2013
BANK BALANCE	307,424	258,972
RECEIVABLES	0	41,720
TOTAL ASSETS (€)	307,424	300,692
Liabilities & Equity		
PAYABLES	0	0
EQUITY (€)	307,424	300,692

Each year ISCA gives seed money to 1-2 Interspeech conferences and 1-2 workshops. Assets >€160k are required to maintain a positive cash balance.

Conclusion (1)

- SCA is financially sound
- SISCA Board has implemented new initiatives to put assets to use for members
 - Video Archive, Training Schools, Lectures Program, Student Roundtable
 - Increased number of Interspeech student grants from 20 to 40 plus 20 student grants for ISCA supported workshops
- SISCA will continue to provide seed money for Interspeech conferences and workshops



Conclusion (2)

SISCA continues to work with Interspeech organizers to reduce or share financial risks

- aiming at reduced registration fees by encouraging a raise of the break-even target
- financial risk for ISCA: coverage of potential deficit arising from missing the raised target (max € 50k)
- first achievements by IS-2013 and IS-2014



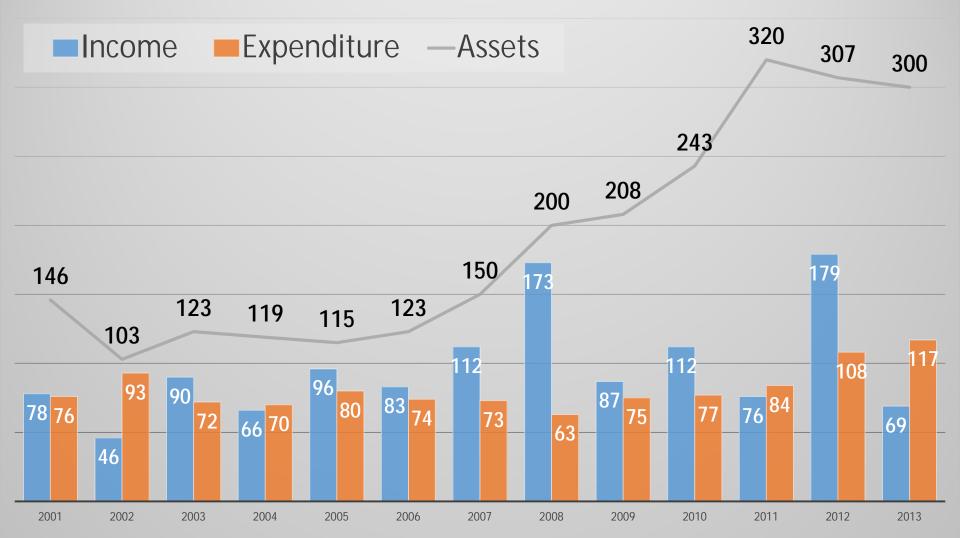
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Approval of Reports Treasurer's Report



ISCA Finances 2001 – 2013

ISCA Finances (in T€)



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ISCA Board

Board Members



SIGs (Topic) Workshops, Outreach



Alan Black Grants & Awards



Nick Campbell Conferences



Martin Cooke **Publication**, Archive

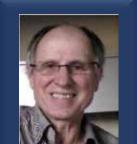


Mark Hasegawa-Johnson: Treasurer





Jean-François Bonastre Former President



Hynek Hermansky Education, Training



Helen Meng SAC Liaison



Conferences



Bernd Möbius Communication



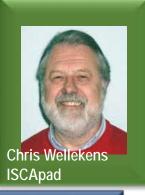




Vice President

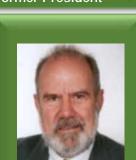


Secretary





President



Wolfgang Hess Archive



ISCA Admin. Secretary

ISCA Board: Past and Future Changes

New Board Members (since 2013)

Ex Officio





Martin Cooke **Publication**, Archive



Mark Hasegawa-Johnson: Treasurer



Education, Training



Fellows, Industry



Jean-Francois Bonastre Former President



J.Francois Bonastre



David House



Michael Picheny



Yannis Stylianou



Finished their terms (in 2013)

Will finish their terms in 2015:

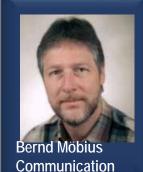
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Alan Black Grants & Awards



SAC Liaison





ISCA Committees and Associates

- ISCA Archive Committee (Martin Cooke):
- Associate: Steve Renals, Odette Scharenborg
- ISCA Communication Committee (Bernd Möbius):
- **Associates**: Plínio Barbosa, Tomi Kinnunen, Catherine Lai, Zhenhua Ling, Thomas Niesler, Kishore Prahallad, Marija Tabain
- ISCA Distinguished Lecture Committee (Satoshi Nakamura)
- **Committee**: Isabel Trancoso (Chair), Anne Cutler, John Hansen, Nestor Becerra Yoma, Mari Ostendorf, Marc Swerts, Lin-shan Lee, and Maria Eskevich (student member)
- ISCA Electronic Access Committee (Nick Campbell) Associates: Kay Berkling, Jonas Beskow, Najim Dehak, Björn Granstrom, John Hansen
- ISCA Fellow Committee (Kate Knill)
- **Committee:** Steve Young (Chair), Members: Joseph Mariani, Rich Stern, Alex Acero, Abeer Alwan, Yoshinori Sagisaka, Li Deng, Daniel Hirst, Bruce Millar <u>ISCA Student Advisory Committee (Helen Meng);</u> **Associates**: Catharine Oertel, Andreas Windmann, Yan Tang, Maria Eskevich, Xingyu Na <u>ISCA Web Committee (</u>Haizhou Li); **Associates**: Tomi Kinnunen



ISCA Advisory Council

Life Members: Hiroya Fujisaki Joseph Mariani

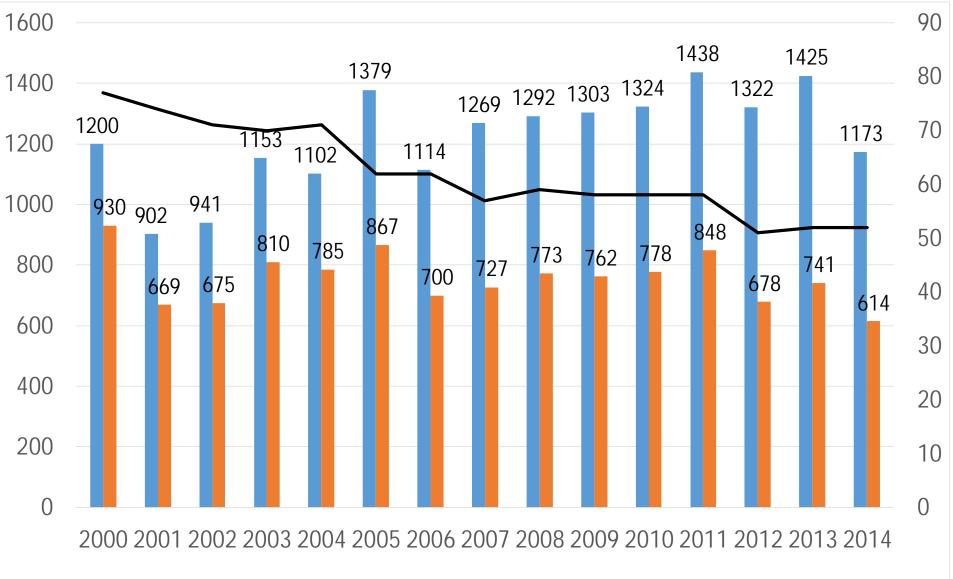
Terms ending in 2014 Anne Cutler

Björn Granström B. Yegnanarayana Chin Hui Lee Chiu-yu Tseng Jacqueline Vaissiere John H. L. Hansen Mari Ostendorf Richard Stern Roger K. Moore Steve Renals **Terms ending in 2016 and/or beyond** Jerome Bellegarda Frederic Bimbot Jean-Francois Bonastre

Piero Cosi Sadaoki Furui Julia Hirschberg Lin-shan Lee Johanna Moore Prem Natarajan Yoshinori Sagisaka **Richard Sproat Isabel Trancoso** Dirk van Campernolle Steve Young

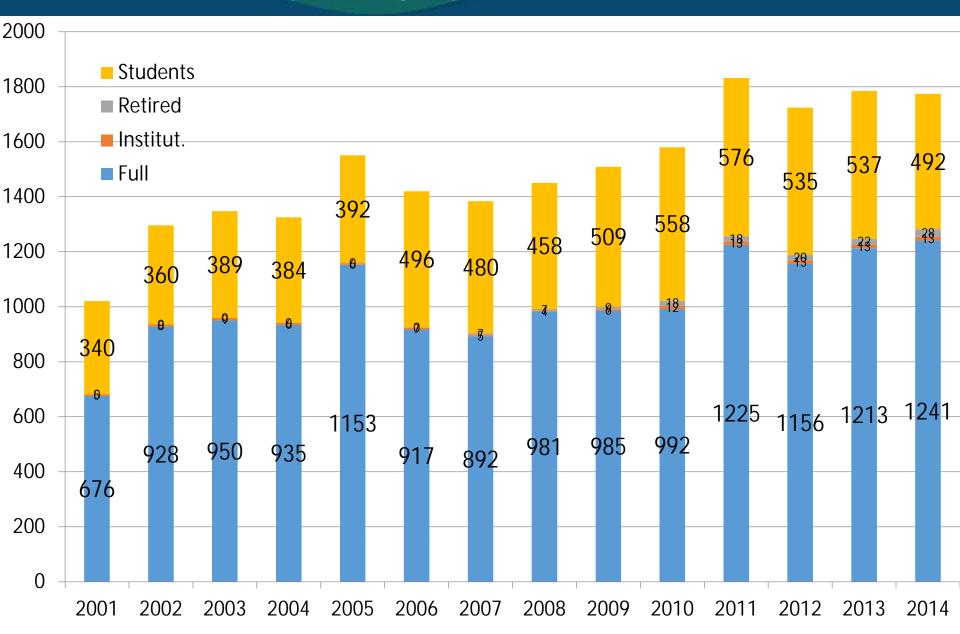


Paper Statistics over all Interspeech events

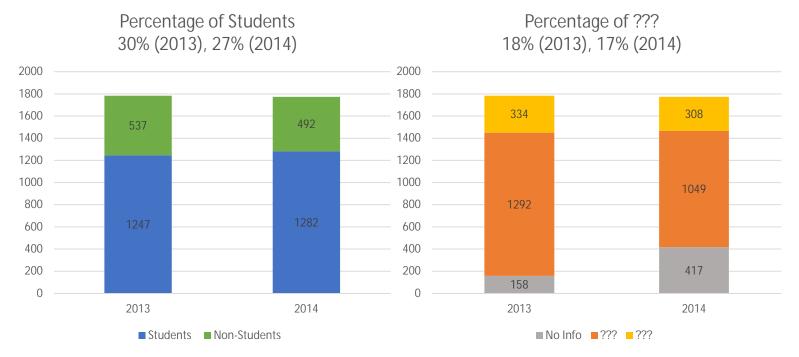


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Membership by Category over 14 Years



More Statistics on Membership



As of today:

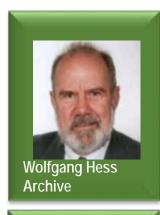
- Around 30% of ISCA members are students
- Around 20% of ISCA members are female
- Women's Breakfast Wed, 17.9.2014 AND Thu, 18.9.2014, 7:15am at Han's Café (5 Changi Business Park Central 1 #01-51/52/53 Changi City Point) Please contact Dilek Hakani-Tur (dilek@ieee.org)

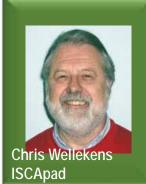
ISCA Web Highlights 2013 - 2014

- ISCA Membership Portal (better membership service)
 - **§** New feature to report Speech Communication subscriptions
 - S New feature to report members who request for receipts
 - Solution New feature integrating membership validation API with INTERSPEECH 2014 online registration system
- ISCA Archive (timely publishing)
 - Streamline the process to publish INTERSPEECH 2014 Proceedings during conference
 - Support online publication of 10+ conferences/workshops (edited by Wolfgang Hess)
- ISCApad Portal
 - S Auto-sorting of articles
 - Support online publication of 12 ISCApad (edited by Christian Wellekens)









Communication Committee

- Communication on <u>email Communication and ISCApad</u>
 - Tasks

Bernd Möbius Communication

- NEW
- Content editor of ISCA Newsroom
- Liaison with ISCApad editor
- Enhance information flow within ISCA community
- Communication committee formed with members representing ISCA across geographical regions, to facilitate faster information flow within ISCA community
 - Board members: Bernd Möbius, Haizhou Li, Chris Wellekens
 - Associates: Plínio Barbosa, Tomi Kinnunen, Catherine Lai, Zhenhua Ling, Thomas Niesler, Kishore Prahallad, Marija Tabain



Highlights SIGs, WS, Training

SIG & Workshops

- Reorganization of ISCA web pages: discussion lists...
- Online application/guidelines for workshops
- SIG assets & cashflow for workshops

Seducation & Training

- Two ISCA Training Schools in 2014 eNTERFACE (Bilbao), SPCC (Crete)
- More Training Schools planned for 2015









ISCA SIGs (Topic)

12 topic special interest groups (SIG)

6 well-established: SIGdial, SynSIG, SProSIG, AVISA, SLaTE, SpLC











Workshops, Outreach

SIGs (Topic)

5 younger ones: SLPAT, SLIM, SIGML, CHILD, RoSP



... and of course SIG-HIST that keeps track!

Organize workshops & challenges, share ressources, raise discussions... some elections forthcoming

ISCA Workshops (1)

- Three workshop types
 - ITRW: remote place, tutorial day...



- ISCA sponsored events: SIG events, IS satellites, challenges...
- ISCA supported events
- S 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 (2)

S Online application

- http://www.isca-speech.org/iscaweb/index.php/workshops
- § 2014 vintage
 - 8 IS satellite workshops
 - SLAM, Blizzard, WoCCI, SAPA, SLT, MA3HMI
 - S ISCSLP, Oriental COCOSDA
 - 11 ISCA-sponsored workshops
 - LabPhon, SLPAT, SIGDIAL, Odyssey, Speech Prosody, SLTU, HSCMA, EACL, LSCD, LATA, IWSDS
 - Language SIGs & training schools
 - TALN/JEP & AISV
 - Senterrace summer school (Bilbao), SPCC (Crete)





ISCA SIGs(Language) ISCA Geographical Outreach

§ 7 language special interest groups

- French
- Chinese
- Italian
- Indian languages
- Iberian languages
- Russian
- Minority languages
- Seographical 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 2014-2015

- Prof. Roger Moore, Professor, University of Sheffield, UK
- Prof. Catherine Best, Professor and Chair in Psycholinguistic Research, the University of Western Sydney (Taiwan, Jamaica – planned)

Distinguished Lecturers for 2013-2014

- Prof. Hynek Hermansky, Johns Hopkins, University, USA (India, Taiwan)
- Dr. Michael Riley, Google, USA (Thailand, Brazil planned)

Invitations requested !

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.





Grants



Interspeech 40+20 since 2013 before (20+20)

- Alan Black Grants & Awards
- § 97 grant application for IS2014 (60+1 given)
- Souther ISCA supported Workshops: 20
- Solution
 Solution
- Series Priority to SAC members
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- Sontact grants@isca-speech.org



Publication, Archive

Highlights:

- Immediate availability of IS 2014 on the Archive
- Best journal paper awards will be announced at the closing ceremony
- Scoordinated support for indexing/archiving of SIG conferences (piloted at ODYSSEY)
- Scould be made available to any ISCA-supported events
 - For immediate archiving of their material
 - For creating proceedings and abstract books
 - ... further functionalities planned
- Selease contact publications@isca-speech.org early

Solution Open Access (see later)



Martin Cooke Publication, Archive



ISCA Fellows (1)

James GLASS

For contributions to speech processing and spoken language systems technologies

Dilek HAKKANI-TÜR

For contributions to advancing the state-of-the-art in spoken language processing, especially for human/human and human/machine conversational understanding

Michael PICHENY

For contributions advancing the state-of-the-art in spoken language processing







ISCA Fellows (2)

Isabel TRANCOSO

For research in speech coding and significant and sustained contributions to speech science and technology for the Portuguese language

Jacqueline VAISSIÈRE

For pioneering works in clinical phonetics and your immense role at the interface between phonetics, phonology and speech engineering

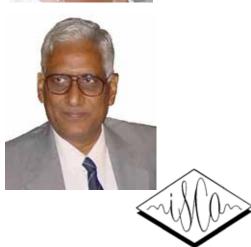
Bayya YEGNANARAYANA

For outstanding contributions to research and education in processing of speech

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ISCA Student Advisory Committee

New Coordinators!



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Current Members



Catharine Oertel General Coordinator KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden



Andreas Windman Volunteers Coordinator Bielefeld University, Germany

Term Completion



Maria Eskevich Transition Coordinator Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland



Xingyu Na Transition Corrdinator Beijing Institute of Technology, China

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Yan Tang Project Coordinator Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU), Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain ISCA General Assembly, September 16 2014

Student Volunteers:

Mohammad Nasiruddin, Laboratoire d'Informatique de Grenoble, France



ISCA Students Activities

- ISCA-Student website management
 - www.isca-students.org website



- Interspeech 2014 Student events:
 - *"Students meet Experts", 17th of September, 12:30 13:45, Restaurant "Topaz" (onsite)*
 - Students invite experts to lunch to discuss their research
 - 112 participants (80 students, 20 researchers, 12 industry representatives)

- Active in social networks sites, Facebook and LinkedIn
- Promoting ISCA students in ISCAPad



SAC Work in Progress

Tools/Software repository

SAC volunteers keep updated a repository of tools and software for research in the speech and language communication. Available on the SAC website: http://www.isca-students.org/?q=speechtools

- Thesis Archive: SAC is considering building an archive of the Masters and Ph.D theses being continuously archived by students in the field of speech communication.
- Doctoral Consortium: Idea of the organisation of a doctoral consortium. The doctoral consortium would provide an opportunity for PhD students, especially those early in the process of identifying a thesis topic, to receive feedback on their ideas.



Students Wanted

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS!!!



Our team is constantly changing, 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 (ISCA booth)!

www.isca-students.org





Catharine Oertel Andreas Windman





www.interspeech2015.org





Understanding Speech Processing in Humans and Machines

SAVE THE DATE! September 8-12, 2016

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General Chair: Nelson Morgan

Technical Chairs: Shrikanth Narayanan Panayiotis Georgiou















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September 6-10, 2015, Dresden, Germany

General Chair: Sebastian Möller General Co-Chair: Hermann Ney TPC Chairs: Bernd Möbius, Elmar Nöth www.interspeech2015.org





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2018 ???

ISCA accepts bids for IS 2018 Deadline: November 1st 2014





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Future Conferences





Comments, Suggestions, or Questions from ISCA Members prior to Approval of Reports?



Approval of Report

Approval of Reports President's Report



Your Opinion Wanted

SMartin Cooke Open Archive proposal



Martin Cooke Publication, Archive



ISCA Open Archive (Proposal Martin Cooke)

Options: (1) Status quo, (2) Partial open access e.g. provide open access to papers more than N years old, where N could be as little as 1 year or even a month's early access, (3) Full open access, (3a) modulate the timeliness of access, e.g. members get new IS earlier ...

Summary of PRO arguments:

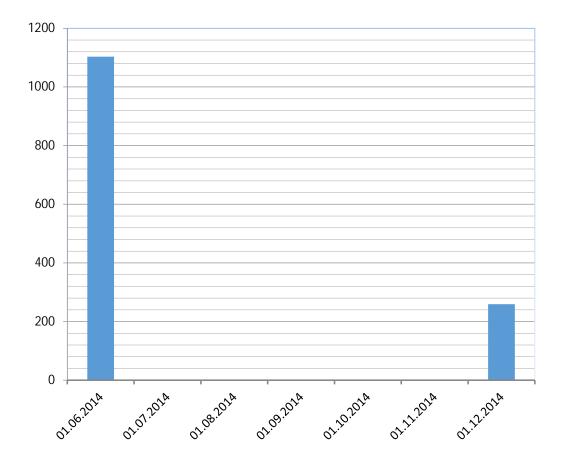
- A. Increasing influence and citations of ISCA papers, increased exposure to the media.
- B. Access for members outside bigger universities (industry, poor regions, countries)
- C. Access for members in cognate areas (e.g., NLP, ML, HCI) who are not in ISCA.
- D. Open access is increasingly a requirement for results of publically-funded research
- E. Convenience for existing ISCA members, including ease of access and citation.

CONS:

- potential financial implications,
 - service to members (vs. nonmembers)



Membership Expiration





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Reminder: ISCA Goals for 2013-2014

Sontinued effort for

- Interspeech and Workshops (scientific quality, affordable registration fees...)
- ISCA Archive and indexing: Archive is now immediate, Open Archive Initiative, more streamline support for indexing SIGs
- SAC activities, *Plan on doctoral consortium*
- Solution More effort towards young/future speech researchers
 - Grants, DL, ISCA Training School, Training resources
 - Established training schools, initiative for doctoral consortium
- Solution More emphasis on areas where ISCA could have a large impact
 - IS2014 Theme "Celebrating the Diversity of Spoken Languages"
 - Initiatives and games on broader language usage as part of IS2014 theme
- SCA and social networks
 - ISCA Facebook (since August 2012), Interspeech Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn



ISCA Goals for 2014-2015

Sontinued effort for

Interspeech and Workshops (scientific quality, affordable registration fees, going green)

- SDOIs for referencing existing and previous publications
- S Involving a wider community in ISCA work
 - Committees formed, Associate initiative
- SAttracting attendees: "speech++"
 - E.g. speech & robotics, speech & cognition, ...



Next ISCA General Assembly

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Thank you all for coming!



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