

# INTERSPEECH 2017 General Assembly

## 21 August 2017

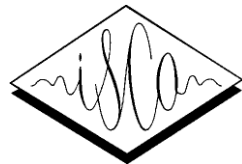


Haizhou Li  
ISCA President



# Agenda

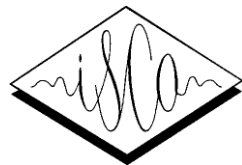
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2. President's report – Haizhou Li
3. Treasurer's report – Mark Hasegawa-Johnson
4. Announcement of the next ISCA General Assembly – Hyderabad, India, August, 2018
5. Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members



# Minutes of the 2016 ISCA General Assembly

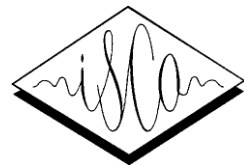
Minutes of the 2016 ISCA General Assembly held on 10 September 2016 at 16:00, Grand Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, USA

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
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# 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**  
President



**Douglas O'Shaughnessy**  
Secretary



**Martin Cooke**  
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**Hynek Hermansky**  
Education,  
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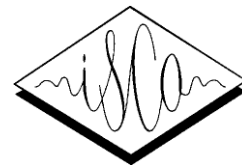


**Wolfgang Hess**  
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# Thank You to Retiring Board Members



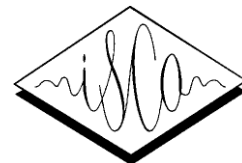
**Douglas O'Shaughnessy**  
Université du Québec, Canada  
Secretary



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**Martin Cooke**  
**University of the Basque Country,**  
**Spain**  
**Publication, Archive**

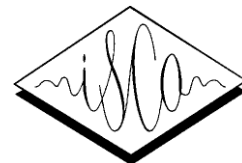




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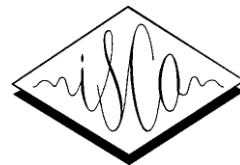
**Hynek Hermansky**  
**Johns Hopkins University, USA**  
**Education, Training**



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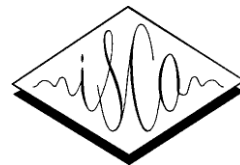
**Keikichi Hirose**  
University of Tokyo, Japan  
Conference



# 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 Shriberg [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]

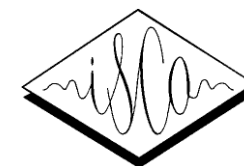
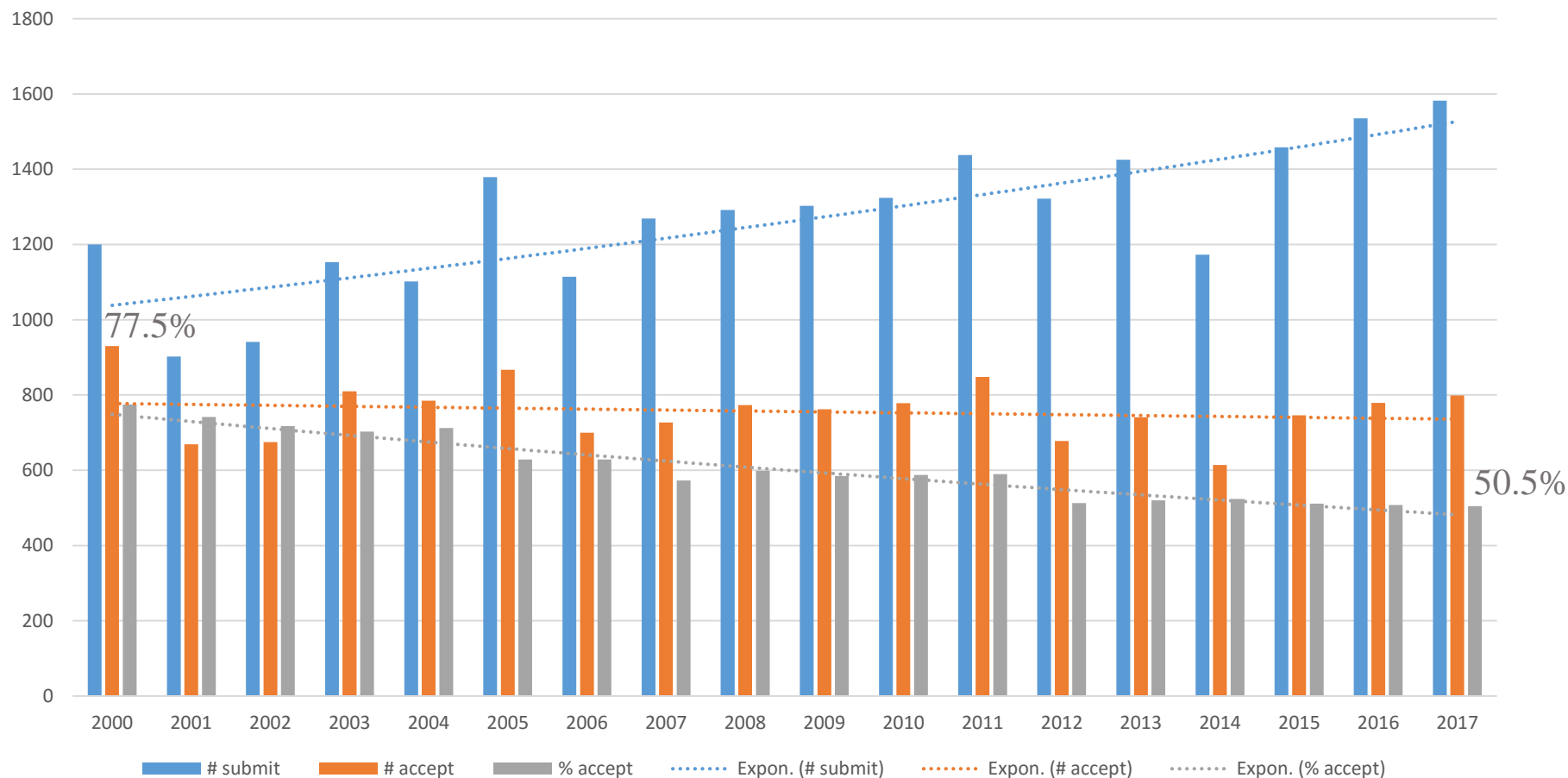
Jean-Francois Bonastre (ISCA Past President) [1/1/2014-31/12/2018]

EiC, Speech Communication, non-voting member (Johanna Moore) [1/1/2013-31/12/2016]

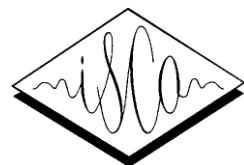
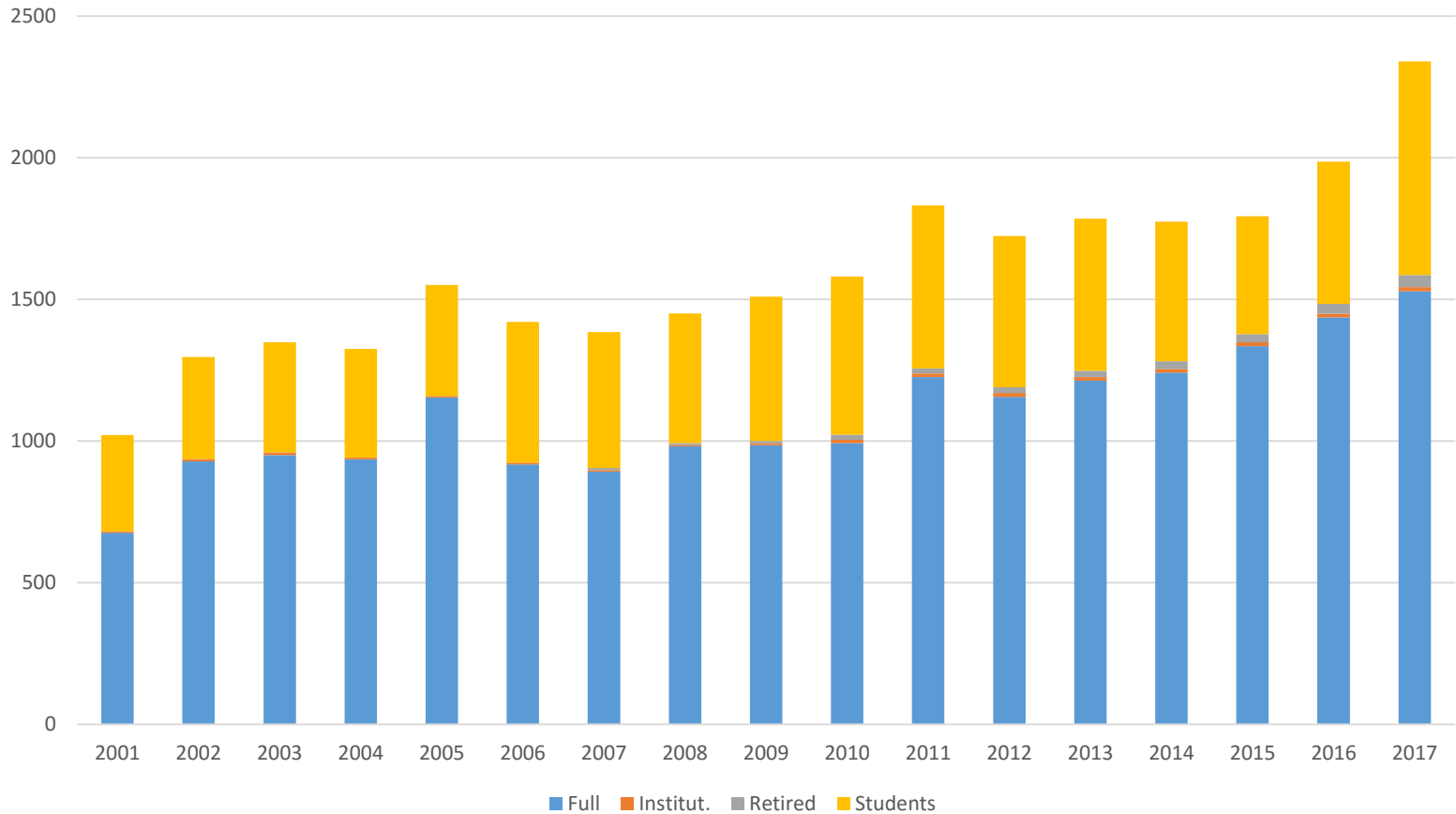
Editor, Computer Speech and Language, non-voting member (Roger K. Moore) [09/08/2016-31/12/2018]

Tanja Schultz (Past President) [1/1/2016-31/12/2020]

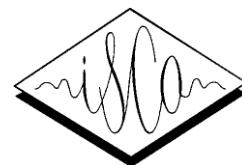
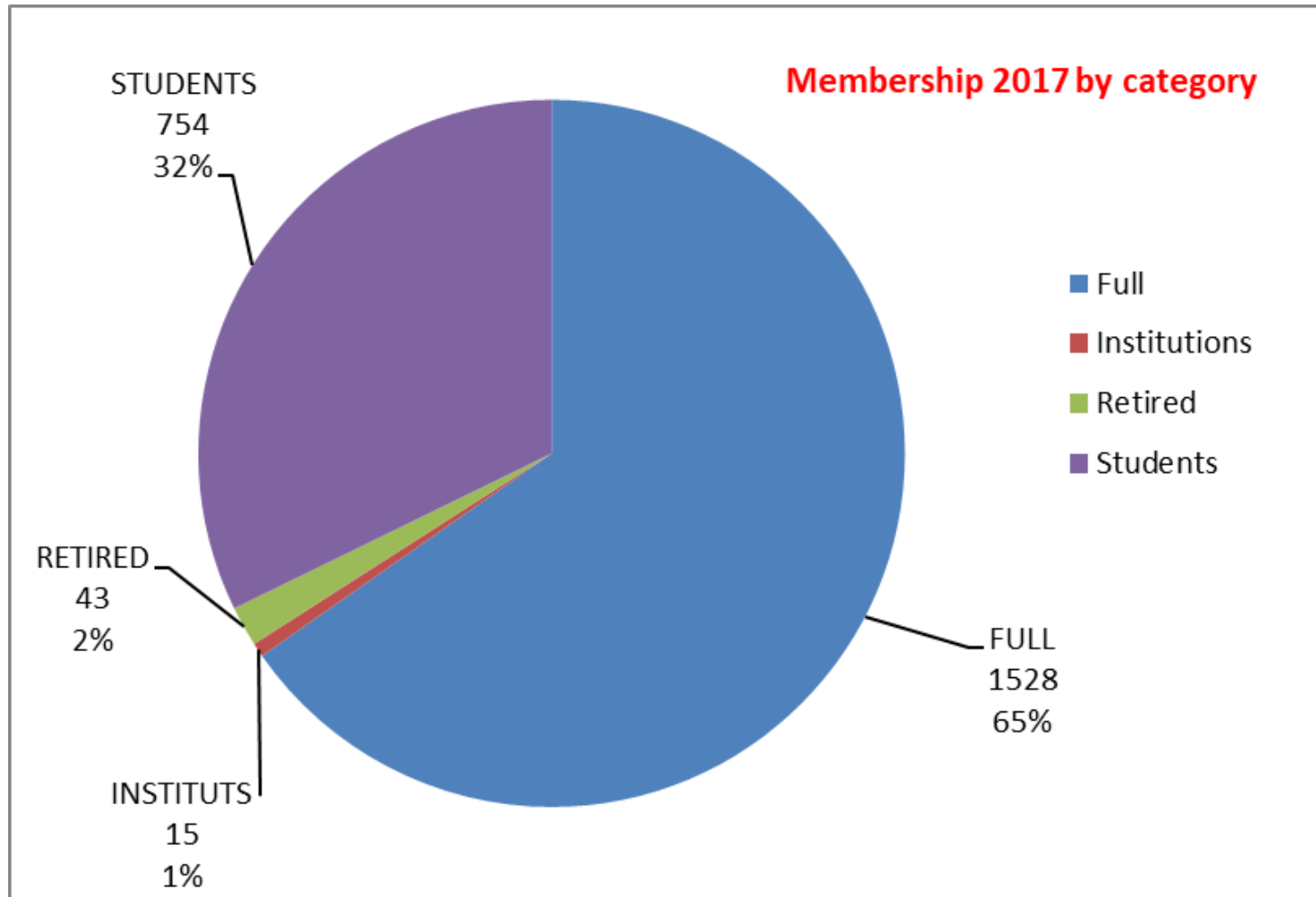
# INTERSPREECH Paper Statistics since 2000



# ISCA Membership since 2001



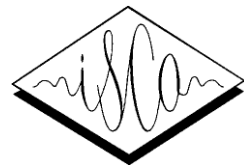
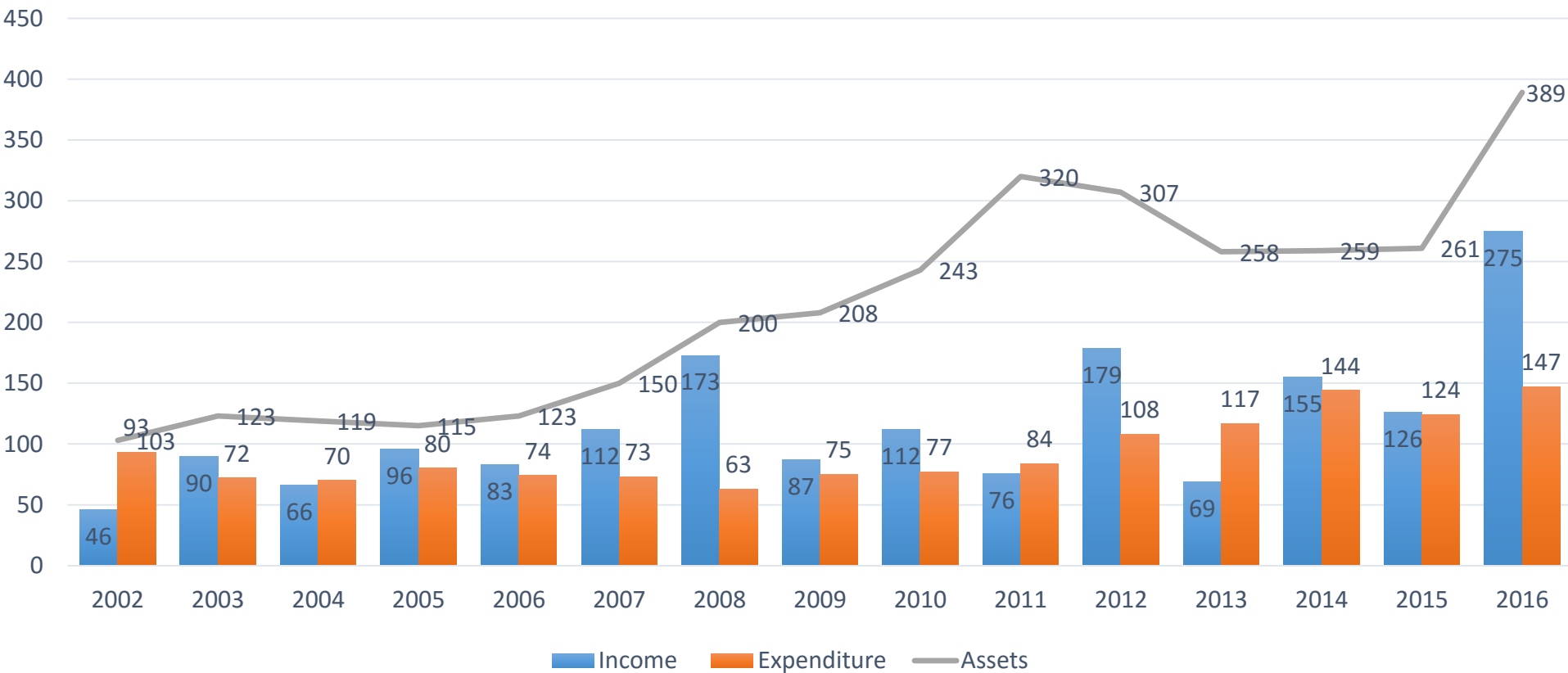
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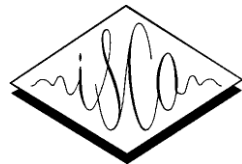


# ISCA Finances since 2001 (k€)

## ISCA Finances 2001-2016 (in k€)



# Awards & Recognition



# ISCA Fellows 2017



**Kate Knill**  
ISCA Board  
Coordinator



**Jerome Bellagarda**  
Fellows Selection  
Committee Chair



**Alan BLACK**



**Jean-Luc GAUVAIN**



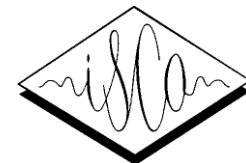
**Michael RILEY**



**Giuseppe RICCARDI**



**Bhuvana RAMABHADRAN**



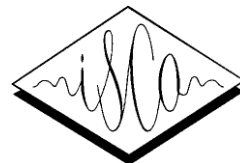
# ISCA Medal 2017 for Scientific Achievement



## Fumitada Itakura

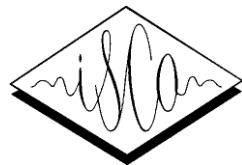
**For contributions in developing fundamental statistical algorithms in speech coding and recognition with broad and unparalleled impacts**

- **23 Medalists since 1989**



# Awards

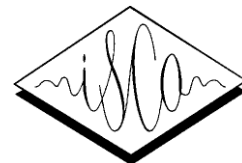
- INTERSPEECH Best Student Papers
- The Ninth Christian Benoît Award (AFCP, GIPSA-lab, ISCA)
- Best Papers - Computer Speech and Language
- Best Papers - Speech Communication



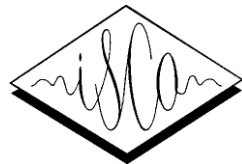
# Grants



- 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)

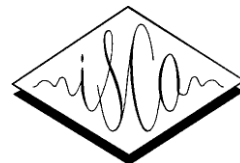
- 13 topics SIGs
- New SIG UL (Under-resourced Languages) jointly with ELRA

## ■ 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



Hynek Hermansky  
Education,  
Training

WISAAP 2017 in Bangalore, India, January 2017

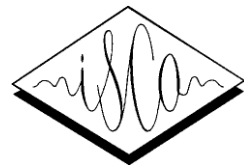
<https://wissap2017.wixsite.com/wissap2017>

3000 Euro

Summer School on Speech Signal Processing (S4P)  
2017 in Gandhinagar, India, July 2017

<https://sites.google.com/site/s4pdaiict2017/home>

3000 Euro

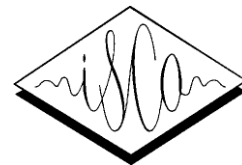


# Publications & Archive



Martin Cooke  
Publication,  
Archive

- **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](mailto:m.cooke@ikerbasque.org))**





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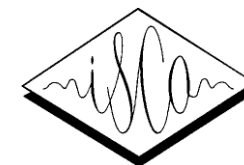
## ISCA Membership



- 1) Search ISCA Member Database for One's Membership Status ([click here](#)).**
- 2) It takes 48 hours for online membership applications to take effect!**

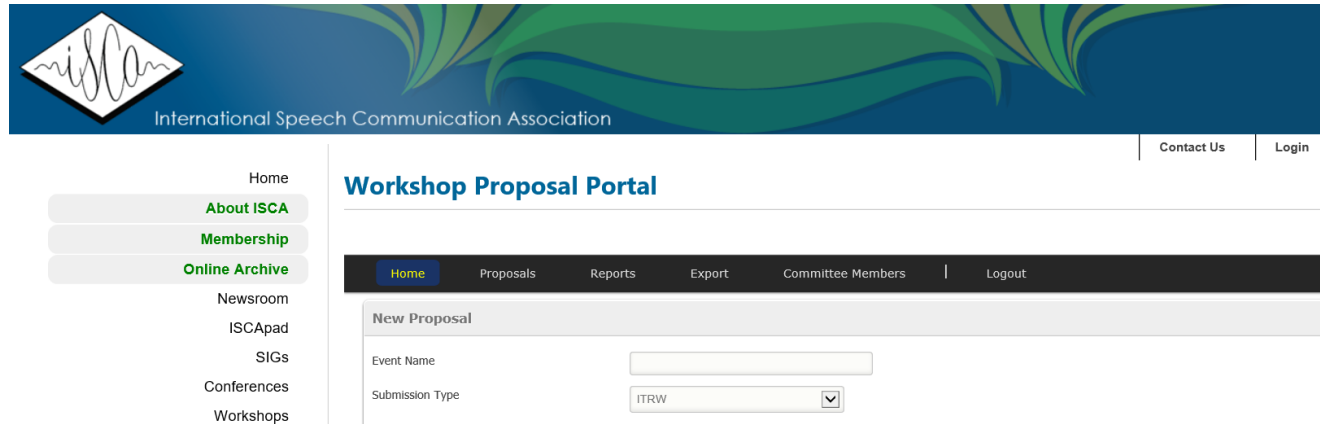
### For Members

- To update your membership record or to renew your membership: [Click here](#)
- You can also renew by submitting the [membership form](#) to [ISCA Administrative Secretariat](#).
- 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](#).
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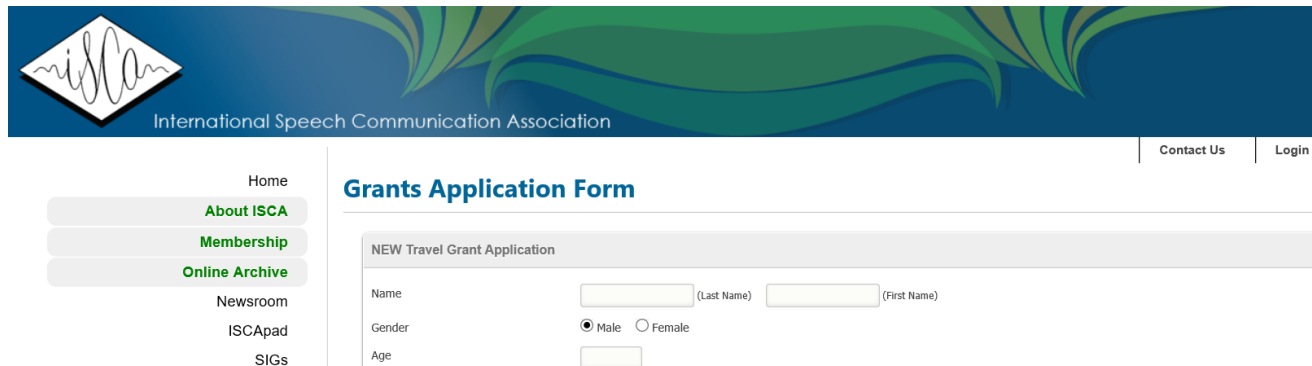
# ISCA IT Infrastructure

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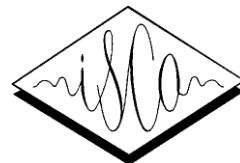


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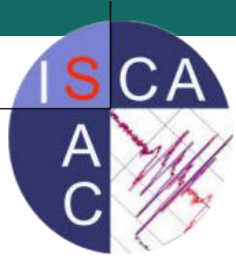
- To apply for a travel grant



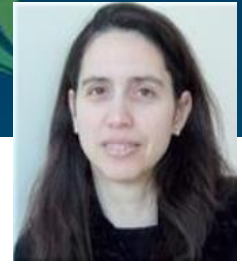
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# ISCA Student Advisory Committee



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



**Lori Lamel**  
ISCA Board  
Member



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



**Michelle Morales**  
Website Coordinator  
CUNY Graduate Center, NY

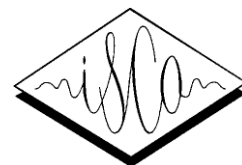


**Lauren Ward**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
University of Salford,  
Manchester, UK

- 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***

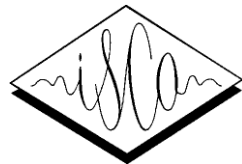
***[www.isca-students.org](http://www.isca-students.org)***



# 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](mailto:secretariat@isca-speech.org)
  - 5) Unsuccessful candidates of the previous year(s) are invited to be re-nominated to qualify for candidacy.
- Institutional Membership

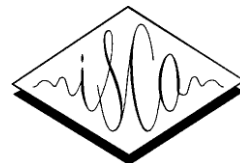
ISCA membership by institution is made in increments of 5 members per institution, with a comparable scaling of the membership fee.
- Guidelines for TPC Meetings





# 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



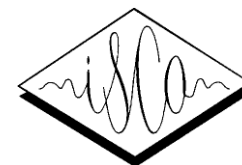


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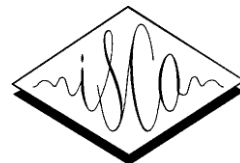
# INTERSPEECH Conferences



# 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
  - Bernd Moebius, 2015, Panos Georgiou, 2016, Mattias Heldner, 2017, Hema Murthy, 2018, Thomas Hain 2019, Jianhua Tao 2020



# 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 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



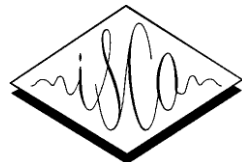
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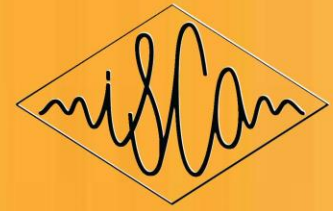


S. Möller





# interSpeech 2018



Hyderabad International Convention Centre  
Hyderabad, India  
September 2-6, 2018

## 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



# »» CROSSROADS OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE ««

GENERAL CHAIRS: Gernot Kubin (Graz), Zdravko Kačič (Maribor)

TECHNICAL CHAIRS: Thomas Hain (Sheffield),

Björn Schuller (Passau/London)



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# INTERSPEECH 2020

## Shanghai, China

### Cognitive Intelligence for Speech Processing

### September 14-18, 2020



# Bids for INTERSPEECH 2021

## ■ Bids are invited for hosting INTERSPEECH 2021

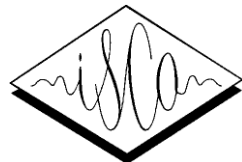
- Please prepare a bid according to the guidelines  
[www.isca-speech.org](http://www.isca-speech.org) -> conferences -> guidelines
- Please approach us during or after the conference
- Deadline: Nov. 1st, 2017



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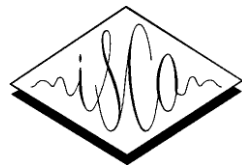
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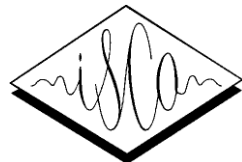


# Treasurer's Report



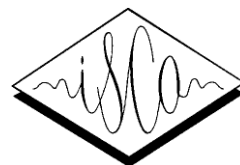
# Treasurer's Report: Overview

- ISCA primary sources of income:
  - Membership fees  $\approx$  €75k/yr
  - Required donation from Interspeech:  $\approx$  €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:  $\approx$  €70k/yr
  - DLs, Training, Workshops, Student activities:  $\approx$  €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

<b>Income</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Membership Fees	<b>75,213.78</b>	<b>77,053.25</b>
Interspeech Donation	<b>47,660.00</b>	<b>54,855.00</b>
IS15 Special Donation	-	<b>20,000.00</b>
IS15 Interspeech Risk Fund	-	<b>120,000.00</b>
Sales of Proceedings	<b>645.05</b>	<b>776.01</b>
Interest on Savings	<b>3,144.25</b>	<b>3,020.13</b>
<b>Total Income Not Including IRF</b>	<b>126,663.08</b>	<b>155,704.39</b>



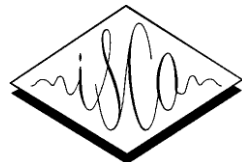
# Treasurer's Report: Expenses Part 1

<b>Expenditures Part 1</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Salaries	<b>43,261.34</b>	<b>45,544.64</b>
Board/SIG/Committee Meetings	<b>8,717.63</b>	<b>21,144.50</b>
Secretariat	<b>3,606.34</b>	<b>3,992.86</b>
Grants & Awards	<b>41,683.81</b>	<b>31,976.00</b>
Special Interest Groups	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Web Services & Maintenance	<b>5,639.43</b>	<b>8,086.88</b>
<b>Subtotal: Salaries, Meetings, Secretariat, SIGs, Website, Grants &amp; Awards</b>	<b>103,408.55</b>	<b>110,744.88</b>



# Treasurer's Report: Expenses Part 2

<b>Expenditures Part 2</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
(Part 1 from previous slide)	<b>103,408.55</b>	<b>110,744.88</b>
Distinguished Lecturers	<b>6,570.00</b>	<b>6,696.00</b>
Workshop Support	<b>2,112.05</b>	<b>5,412.93</b>
Student Activities	<b>2,312.80</b>	<b>4,270.05</b>
Training & Education	<b>8,470.00</b>	<b>9,796.00</b>
Contingency	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,947.27</b>
Bank Expense	<b>2,117.38</b>	<b>1,773.48</b>
ISCA Archive	-	<b>2,110.36</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>124,990.78</b>	<b>147,750.97</b>

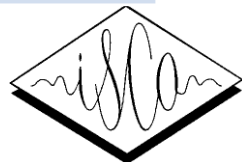


# Treasurer's Report: Assets & Equity

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Bank Balance	<b>261,868.00</b>	<b>269,821.71</b>
Receivables	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Interspeech Risk Fund	<b>0</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>261,868.00</b>	<b>389,821.71</b>

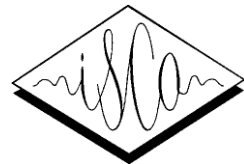
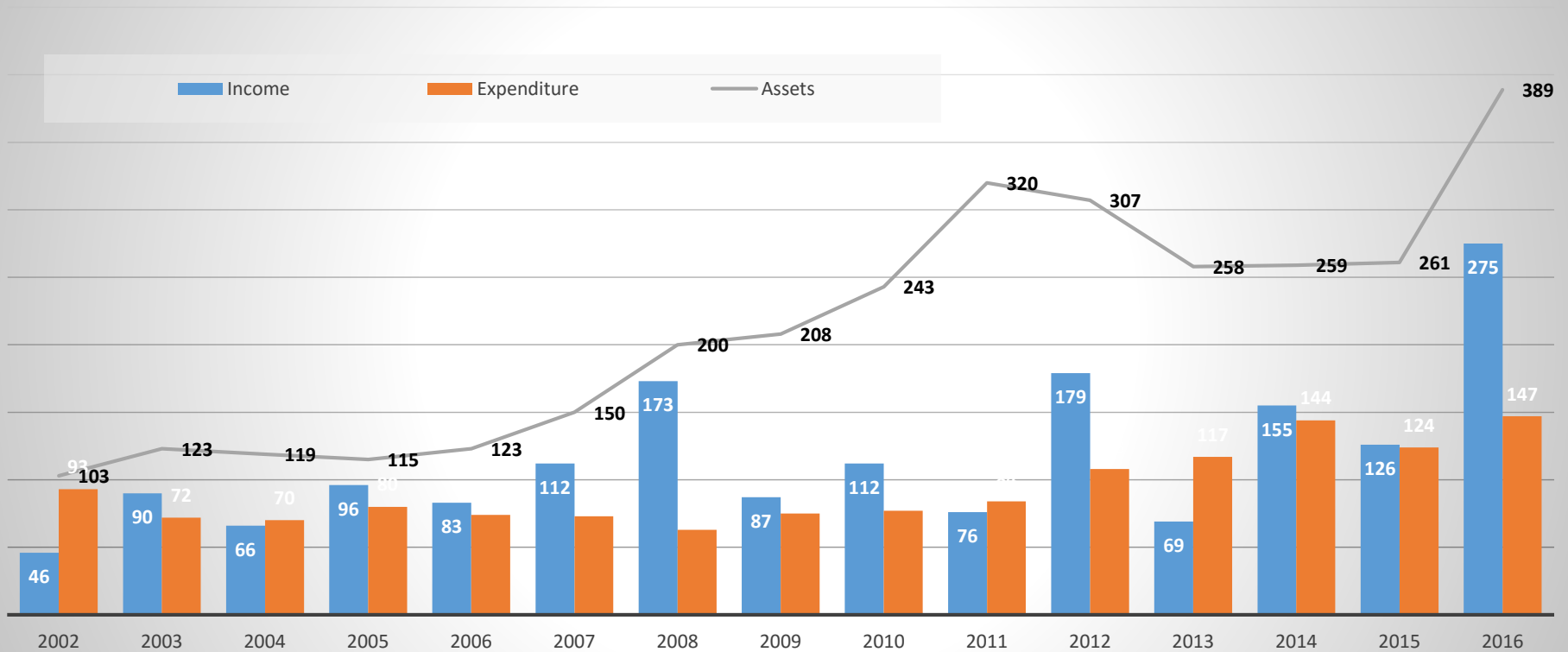
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Payable	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Equity</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Total Equity Not Including IRF	<b>261,868.00</b>	<b>269,821.71</b>



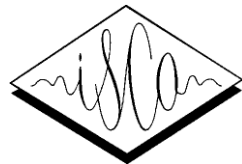
# ISCA Finances 2001–2016

ISCA Finances 2001-2016 (in k€)



# 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

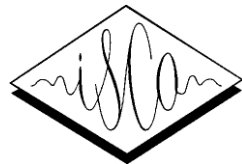




# Treasurer's Report: Conclusions 2

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

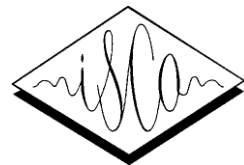


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# Agenda

- Comments, Suggestions and Questions from ISCA Members

