ISCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTERSPEECH 2013

LYON, FRANCE

Agenda

1. Opening remarks and approval of the Minutes of the 2012 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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Minutes of the General Assembly, 2012, Portland, Wednesday 13:30

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Treasurer’s Report

Bernd MÖBIUS

President's Report

J.F. Bonastre

President's Report (J.-F. Bonastre)

Alan Black
Grants & Awards

J.François Bonastre
President

Nick Campbell
Workshops

Keikichi Hirose
Fellows

David House
Publication

Wolfgang Hess
Archive

Ex-officio members

Haizhou Li
Web & Archive

Helen Meng
SAC Liaison

Bernd Möbius
Treasurer

Satoshi Nakamura
DL, SIGs (language)

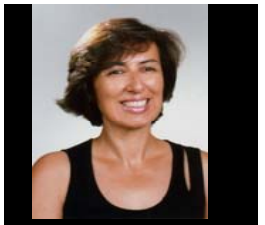
D. O'Shaugnessy
Vice-P. & Secretary

Chris Wellekens
ISCApad

Michael Picheny
SIGs, Ind., Journals

Yannis Stylianou
Educ., Video Archive

Tanja Schultz
Future Conferences


Isabel Trancoso
Current Conference

Emmanuelle Foxonet

Adm. Secretary

President's Report (J.-F. Bonastre)

Finishing

J.François Bonastre

David House

Michael Picheny

Yannis Stylianou

Isabel Trancoso

New

Gérard Bailly (France)

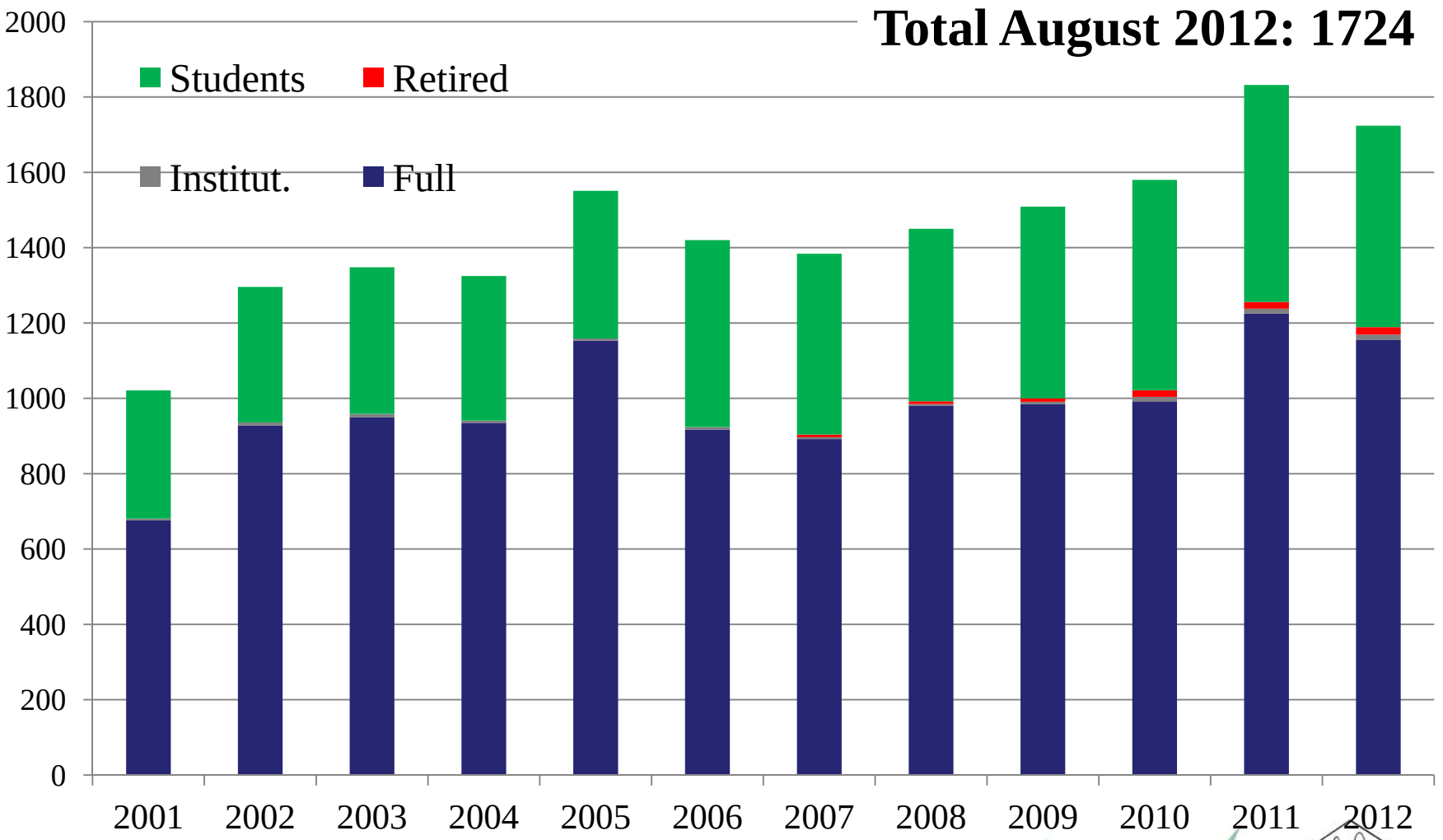
Martin Cooke (Spain)

Mark Hasegawa-Jonhson (USA)

Hynek Hermansky (USA)

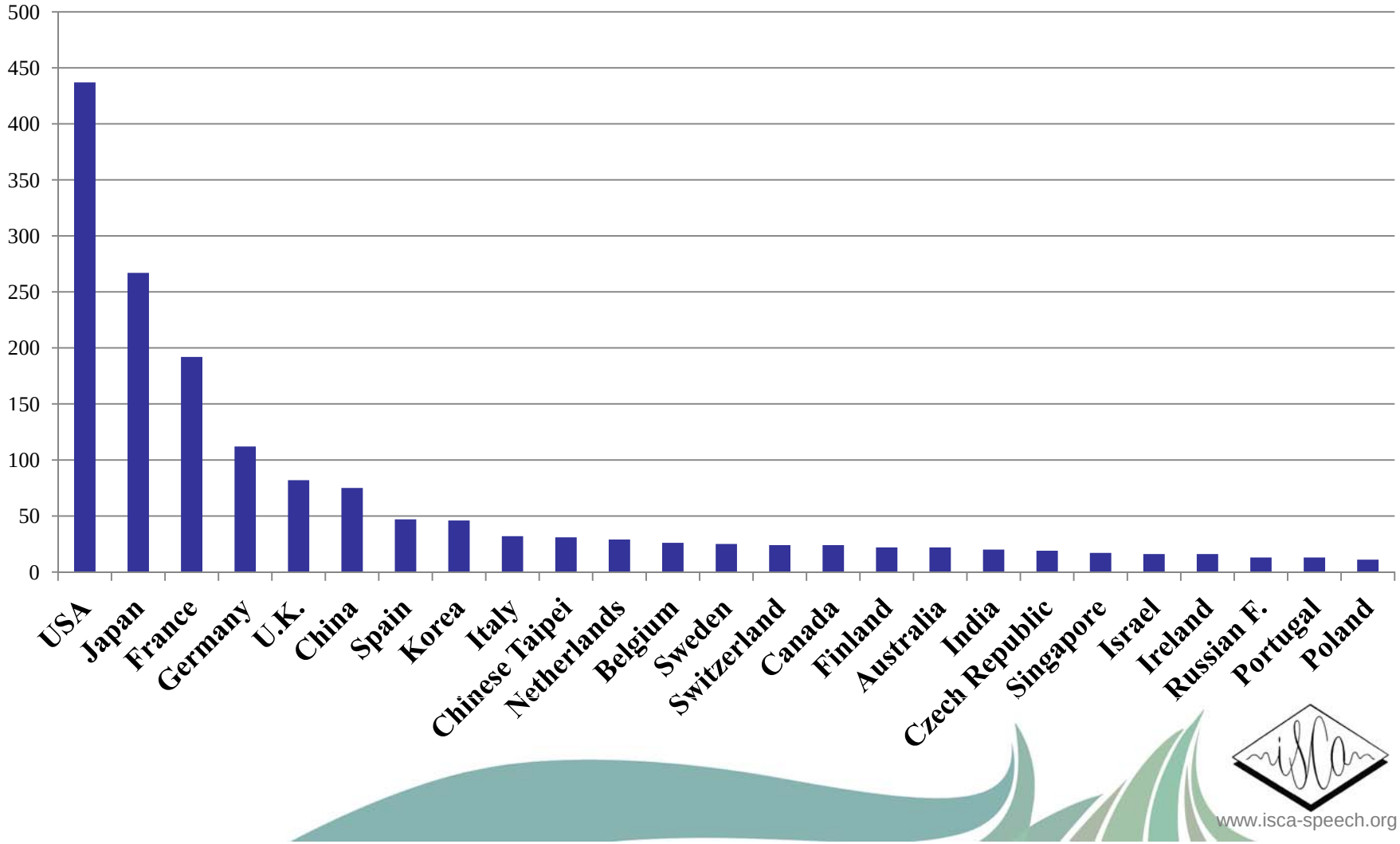
Kate Knill (UK)

Membership Development from 2012-2013



Membership by country 2013

Countries with >= 10 members (1618 members, 25 countries)



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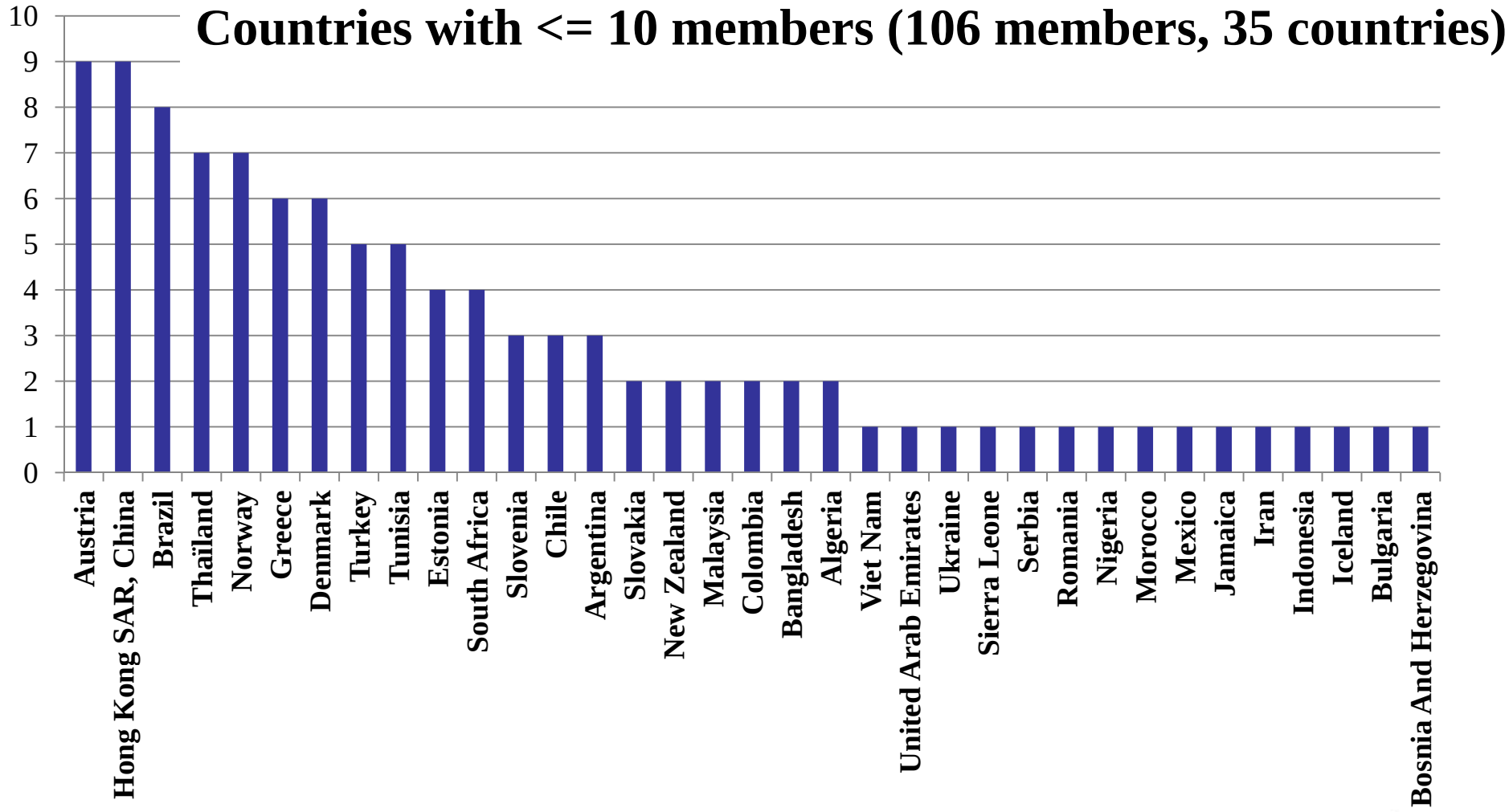

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (1)
ISCA Web Update

1) Completion of ISCA Web CMS migration
   - Membership Portal
   - Membership Listing Page
   - ISCApad Display/Submission Page
   - Job Display/Submission Page
   - Workshop Display/Submission Page
   - Board Members Portal (Internal Website)
   - Board Election Website
2) API for online access of member's status

3) ISCA Board Election 2013
4) Technical supports for all announcements/ISCApads
5) New Initiatives: Archival of INTERSPEECH Conference web

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (2) Workshops

- There were 24 ISCA Sponsored Workshops in 2012
  - (15 so far for 2013 if we include the satellites of this Interspeech)
- 17 workshops were held since the last INTERSPEECH GA
  - and 7 are planned for the immediate future
- Events include:
  - AVSP : Afeka-AVIOS : Blizzard Challenge : C B M I : DISS : ExLing : Feedback Behaviors in Dialog : IAST : IBERSPEECH : ISCSLP : JEP : MLSLP : MaMChOC : NOLISP : Odyssey : PPLC : PQS : SALTMIL : SAPA : SIGDIAL : SIGDIAL : SLAM : SLPAT : SLTU : SLaTE : SP7 : SPASR : SPLeT : SSW8 : Speech Prosody : TAL : TRASP : TSD : The Listening Talker :
  - WASSS : WOCCI : YRRSDS : + + +

Contact us with your event details – we can help ;-)

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (3)
SIG

New SIGs:

- RoSP – Robust Signal Processing
- SLPAT – Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies

International Conferences

- INTERSPEECH 2013 co-organized by AFCP

Annual meetings and workshops - regularly by several SIGs

- 2010 Interspeech Donation supports SIG activities for second year – thanks again to the conference organizers for their generosity!
- SIG workshop proceedings now formally indexed!

Thanks to the SIGs for their help in recruiting reviewers!!

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (4)
ISCA Distinguished Lecturer Program

Distinguished Lecturers for 2013

- Prof. Hynek Hermansky, Johns Hopkins, University, USA
- Dr. Michael Riley, Google, USA

Distinguished Lecturers for 2012

- Prof. Sadaoki Furui, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
  - Ecuador, Argentina and Brazil, November 4-18, 2012
  - *India, January 15-20, 2013, *Thailand, March 27-31, 2013
- Prof. Hermann Ney, RWTH Aachen, Germany
  - *Slovenia, November 6-9, 2012, *Hongkong, December 3-4, 2012

*DL trips without ISCA travel supports.

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (5)
ISCA Geographical Outreach

Geographical Outreach

(a) Sub-committee on Eastern Europe
(b) Sub-committee on West Asia and North Africa
(c) Sub-committee on South Asia
(d) Sub-committee on Sub-Saharan Africa

Another important channel for ISCA to extend its services to different parts of the world is via Special Interest Groups (SIGs) focused on some specific languages. Currently there are seven Language SIGs with such functionalities as listed below.

- **Speech And Language Technology for MInority Langauges-SALTMIL**
- **SIG on Chinese Spoken Language Processing-SIG-CSLP**
- **Association Francophone de la Communication Parlee-AFCP**
- **Associazione Italiana di Scienze della Voce-AISV**
- **SIG on Iberian Languages-SIG-IL**
- **Indian Language Speech Processing-SIG-ILSP**
- **ISCA SIG on Russian Speech Analysis-SIGRU**

Donation by INTERSPEECH 2010 organizing committee.

IS2010 Grant Program:

- **Grant Total:** 10,000 Euro
- **Period:** 2012-2014 for three years.
- **Plan:** 3,000-4,000 Euros a year

2012:

a. SIGDIAL workshop, July 2012, Video editing
b. SIG-IL&RTTH workshop, Nov. 2012, Student awards
c. Blizzard Challenge, Sep. 2012

1,000 Euros were awarded to three proposals.

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (7)

- New ISCA Fellows selected in 2013
  - Jerome Bellegarda
  - Herve Bourlard
  - Daniel Hirst
  - John Makhoul
  - Andreas Stolcke
  - Keiichi Tokuda

ISCA News in 2012-2013 (8)

- Publications and indexing
  - Interspeech proceedings indexed by
    - Thomson Reuters
    - Scopus
    - Compendex
    - DBLP Computer Science Bibliography
  - ISCA Journals
    - Yearly best paper awards for SPECOM and CSL
  - Copyright
    - Continued efforts regarding copyright permissions and open access issues

ISCA Student Advisory Committee

Current Members

Samer Al Moubayed
Transition Coordinator
KTH, Sweden

Maria Eskevich
General Coordinator
Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland

Catherine Lai
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University of Pennsylvania, USA

Xingyu Na
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Beijing Institute of Technology, China

Term Completion

Matt Speed
Content and Publicity Coordinator
University of York, United Kingdom

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Ingrid Jafari, University of Western Australia
Catharine Oertel, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
Zeynab Raeesy , University of Oxford
Xiaojun Qian, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China

ISCA Student Advisory Committee

SAC Work in progress:

•Theses Archive

SAC is now working on building an archive of the Masters and Ph.D theses being continuously archived by students in the field of speech communication.

•Video broadcasting and archive

Researching a solution for video broacasting and archiving future ISCA's conferences and event.

• Tools/Software repository

SAC volunteers have built a repository of tools and software available for research in the speech and language communication field on the SAC website, it is now available on the web-site and open for expansion.

(reminder and analysis)
ISCA Goals for 2012-2013 (1)

- Continued effort for
  - Interspeech (scientific quality, affordable registration fees…)
  - ISCA Archive and referencing (Video Archive)
  - SAC activities
  - …
- More effort towards young/future speech researchers
  - Grants, DL, ISCA Training School, Training resources
- More emphasis on areas where ISCA could have a large impact
  - E.g., preservation of endangered languages

(reminder and analysis)
ISCA Goals for 2012-2013 (2)

- ISCA and social networks: a tentative!
  - Facebook ISCA official page just launched
    https://www.facebook.com/iscaspeech

    With the help of Maxine Eskenazi
    (please, click on “like”!!)
  - Extension, soon to LinkedIn, Twitter…
  - Reflexion on how to use this stuff
    - Better communication of ISCA news (highlights)
    - Reinforce the relationship between group of members
    - Improve the interaction during/after IS between presenters and participants

(reminder and analysis)
ISCA future: technical authority for society?

- Metrics for researcher evaluation
- Be a source of information or experts for the different authorities or media
- Be a source of advice/expertise for all questions around our area (health, security and privacy, standards, funding programs…)
- Take part in international debates like
  - Forensic voice authentication
  - Lie detection
  - Voice piracy

Upcoming INTERSPEECH Conferences

INTERSPEECH 2014: Singapore, September 14-18, 2014

INTERSPEECH 2015: Dresden, Germany, September 6-10, 2015

INTERSPEECH 2016: San Francisco, USA, September 2016

Call for proposals for INTERSPEECH 2017
(Nov. 1st. 2013 deadline)
www.isca-speech.org
(click on: Left panel Events, then on Guidelines)

Dates: 14 -18 September 2014

15th Annual Conference of the
International Speech Communication Association

Interspeech 2014
SINGAPORE

Celebrating diversity of languages

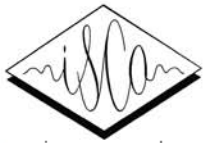
interspeech
2014 singapore

INTERSPEECH 2015

September 6-10, 2015, Dresden, Germany

Special Topic: ***Speech beyond Speech:***
Towards a Better Understanding of the Most Important Biosignal

www.interspeech2015.org



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Approval of Reports

Report

- President
- Treasurer

Discussion:

ISCA goals for 2013-2014

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Next ISCA General Assembly

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Singapore. September 2014