INTERSPEECH2011 - Florence, Italy / August 27-31, 2011
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First Announcement

Dear Colleague,

INTERSPEECH is the world's largest and most comprehensive conference on challenges surrounding the science and technology of Spoken Language Processing (SLP) both in humans and in machines.

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Italian SLP community will host INTERSPEECH 2011 under the sponsorship of the International Speech Communication Association (ISCA).

INTERSPEECH 2011 will be the 12th conference in the annual series of INTERSPEECH events. It will be held in Florence, Italy, 27-31 August 2011, with the support of ISCA, AISV (ISCA Italian Regional SIG), CNR (National Research Council), and UniFI (University of Florence).

The theme of INTERSPEECH 2011 will be: **"Speech science and technology for real life"** and under this theme the conference will emphasize an interdisciplinary approach covering all aspects of speech science and technology spanning the basic theories to applications. Besides regular oral and poster sessions, plenary talks by internationally renowned experts, tutorials, exhibits, and special sessions are planned. A number of satellite events will take place immediately before and after the conference. Please follow the details of these and other news at our website **www.interspeech2011.org**.

INTERSPEECH Proceedings have been indexed in ISI web of science, Engineering Index and Scopus.

The venue of Interspeech 2011 will be the "Firenze Fiera Congress and Exhibition Center".

For the complete Call for Papers and other Calls please visit our website at **http://www.interspeech2011.org/conference/calls.php**

We look forward to welcoming you to INTERSPEECH 2011 in Florence!

Sincerely,
Piero Cosi, Renato De Mori
Chairs

Papers

We invite you to submit original papers in any related area, including but not limited to:
- **Speech Perception and Production**
- **Phonology, Phonetics**
- **Para-/Non- linguistic Information**
- **Language Processing**
- **Analysis, Enhancement and Coding of Speech and Audio Signals**
- **Speaker and Language Identification**
- **Speech & Spoken Language Generation, Speech Synthesis**
- **Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)**
- **Technologies and Systems for New Applications**
- **Spoken Dialogue System, Spoken Language Understanding, Speech Translation, and Information Retrieval**
- **Application, Evaluation, Standardization, Spoken Language Resource**

Special Session Topics will be defined after January 21, 2011

Paper Submission Procedure

Papers for the INTERSPEECH 2011 proceedings should be up to four pages in length and conform to the format given in the paper preparation guidelines and author kits which will be available on the INTERSPEECH 2011 website along with the Final Call for Papers. Optionally, authors may submit additional files, such as multimedia files, to be included on the Proceedings CD-ROM. Authors shall also declare that their contributions are original and not being submitted for publication elsewhere (e.g. another conference, workshop, or journal). Papers must be submitted via the on-line paper submission system, which will open in early February 2011. The deadline for submitting a paper is **31 March 2011**. This date will not be extended. Inquiries regarding paper submissions should be directed via email to **submission@interspeech2011.org**.

Language

The working language of the conference is English.

Sincerely,

Roberto Pieraccini, Giuseppe Di Fabbrizio

Technical Chairs (**technical_chair@interspeech2011.org**)

Special Sessions

Submissions of Special Session proposals are encouraged for the upcoming conference, covering interdisciplinary topics and/or important new emerging areas of interest related to the main conference topics.

Each special session proposal should contain the following information:
1. Title of the proposed Session
2. Names/affiliation of organizers (including brief bio and contact information)
3. An introduction (maximum 1 page) stating the importance of the topic and the objectives of the proposed Session
4. Tentative/confirmed list of papers
5. (titles/affiliations/authors) to be submitted to the proposed Session (optional)

Proposals should clearly describe the topic and explain why the topic cannot be covered appropriately in regular sessions.

Papers for approved Special Sessions should be submitted following the same schedule/procedure as for regular papers, and will undergo the same reviewing process by anonymous and independent reviewers as regular papers.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Organizing Committee based on the relevance/significance of the topic and potential interest to the conference attendees.

Submission Procedure

Prospective organizers are invited to submit a proposal via email to **specialsessions@interspeech2011.org** before **January 14, 2011**.
Notification of acceptance of proposals is scheduled for **January 21, 2011**.

Sincerely,
Amanda Stent, Mauro Falcone
Special Sessions Chairs

Tutorials

Submissions of tutorial proposals are encouraged, covering interdisciplinary topics and/or important new emerging areas of interest related to the main conference topics.

The following information should be included in each proposal:
- Title of the tutorial;
- Duration (a tutorial can last either three or six hours. in the latter case, it will be structured in two sessions of three hours);
- Names/affiliation of the presenters;
- A brief biography of each presenter, including selected publications and references to web pages of relevant interest for the review;
- E-mail address and other possible contact information;
- An introduction (maximum 1 page), including the importance of the topic, the objectives and the novelty of the proposed tutorial, and a brief outline of the main target audience;
- A presentation outline (maximum 2 pages), specifying how the presentation would be organized in the case of multiple presenters;
- A brief description of the material that would be distributed to the participant;
- A list of any type of special equipment necessary for the presentation, including information if such equipment is required to be supplied by the conference organisers;
- Other possible requirements.

Submission Procedure

Prospective tutorial presenters should submit proposals by email to **tutorials@interspeech2011.org** before **December 15, 2010**. Proposals will be evaluated by the Organizing Committee for relevance, quality, value, and novelty - introducing new tools, ideas, and topics to the Interspeech community. Notification of acceptance is scheduled for **15 January 2011**.

Sincerely,
Maurizio Omologo
Tutorial Chair

Show&Tell

We are delighted to host the first Show and Tell event at Interspeech 2011. Show&Tell will provide researchers, technologists and practitioners from academia, industry and government the opportunity to demonstrate their latest research systems and interact with the attendees in an informal setting. Demonstrations need to be based on innovations and fundamental research in areas of human speech production, perception, communication, and speech and language technology and systems.

Demonstrations will be peer-reviewed by members of the Interspeech Program Committee, who will judge the originality, significance, quality, and clarity of each submission. At least one author of each accepted submission must register for and attend the conference, and demonstrate the system during the Show&Tell sessions. Each accepted demonstration paper will be allocated 2 pages in the conference proceeding.

At the conference, all accepted demonstrations will be evaluated and considered for the Best Show&Tell Award.

Submission guidelines:
- All manuscripts must be in English.
- The paper must be no longer than two (2) pages.
- All submitted proposals must adhere to the format and style specified in the Interspeech 2011 authors' kit.
- All Show&Tell papers submitted to INTERSPEECH 2011 must be original contributions that have not been submitted to any other conference.
- Authors are invited to submit supporting data files, such as demonstration videos, to be included on the Proceedings CD-ROM if their Show&Tell paper is accepted.
- Show and Tell events will be held tentatively in the afternoons of August 28th, and 29th. Authors will be provided with a poster board and a table. Wireless access will be available.
- Papers should be submitted by email to **showandtell@interspeech2011.org**

Important dates:
Full submission deadline: **March 31st, 2011**
Acceptance notification: **May 26th, 2011**

Sincerely,
Mazin Gilbert
Show & Tell Chair

Satellite Events

The Organizing Committee of INTERSPEECH 2011 invites proposals for satellite events at INTERSPEECH 2011 to be held in Florence, Italy, on 27-31 August 2011.

The Organizing Committee would be pleased to host various workshops and conferences to be organized as satellite events of INTERSPEECH 2011 in order to stimulate research fields and disciplines related to speech and language. If you are interested in organizing a satellite event, or would like a planned event to be listed as an official satellite event, please email to **workshops@interspeech2011.org**.

It is strongly recommended that proposals are submitted as soon as possible, since any INTERSPEECH satellite event needs to get a prior official approval by ISCA. Proposals should include: date and location of the workshop, a draft of the program, a list of the technical/scientific committee members.

A useful cheklist and a document with guidelines for organizing workshops can be found at **http://www.isca-speech.org/iscaweb/iscaworkshop/workshops.php**

Sincerely,
Cinzia Avesani
Satellite Events Chair

Sponsors

Any INTERSPEECH is a major undertaking, and INTERSPEECH 2011 is no different.

We seek the assistance of all organizations to make INTERSPEECH 2011 a success. Donations from corporate, academic, non-profit, government, and individual sponsors would be immensely appreciated.

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(**http://www.interspeech2011.org/docs/IS2011-Sponsorship.pdf** [PDF, 586KB])
or contact: **sponsors@interspeech2011.org**

Exhibitors

Are you interested in exhibit your speech technologies and applications at INTERSPEECH 2011?

We think this is an excellent opportunity for you to reach out to the 1000 attendees we expect in Florence.

For details, kindly view the Invitation to Sponsors & Exhibitors [PDF, 586KB] document
or contact: **sponsors@interspeech2011.org**

Sincerely,
Andrea Fiorio, **Andrea Paoloni**
Sponsors & Exhibitors Chairs

Important dates

Full paper submission deadline:	31 March 2011
Notification of paper acceptance or rejection:	26 May 2011
Camera-ready paper due:	09 June 2011
Early/Authors' registration deadline:	10 June 2011
Tutorials dates:	27 August 2011
Conference:	28-31 August 2011

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