Speech Prosody 2018 in Grenoble: "Prosody as the crossroads of Human Interaction Sciences and Technologies: Transdisciplinary & Transcultural Challenges"

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**Conference Theme**

Speech Prosody 2018 in Grenoble will focus on “Prosody as the crossroads of Human Interaction Sciences and Technologies: Transdisciplinary & Transcultural Challenges”

The invited speakers will address pluri-disciplinary approaches: at least one invited speaker will address the societal challenges of prosody issues, another will address the role of prosody in future communication technologies.

The program will be balanced between oral sessions and booster/poster sessions. Each poster session will be introduced by a very short (2 minute) booster presentation of each poster.

For members not able to attend the conference in Grenoble, it will be accessible both by web-conference and robot tele-operation.

The conference will include two special sessions:
- prosodic aspects of socio-affective interactions
- prosodic challenges for assistive technologies.

Some topics for the regular sessions will be posted in March 2017 and the SProSIG members will be asked to propose other session topics. A vote will be held in April 2017. The final selection of session topics will be based on the SProSIG votes, the papers submitted to previous SP conferences and the relationship with the focus of the conference. The topics could include:

- Methodology, tools and corpora
- Interactional and socio-affective prosody
- Interface between prosody and other disciplines
- Prosody and technologies
- Cross-cultural issues
- Prosody in language contact and second language acquisition
- Under-resourced languages
- Theories and models
- Prosody and arts & literature
Review Schedule

Papers will be submitted to the SProSIG website. Reviewers will include the standing Scientific Committee for the Speech Prosody conference, as well as new reviewers recruited as needed, by the SProSIG officers to ensure review quality. Papers will be reviewed on the criteria of relevance, importance, originality, technical accuracy.

Call for Papers: April 2017

Manuscript Submission Deadline: October 2017

Acceptance: December 2017

Conference Dates: May 15-18, 2018

Awards

Five “Best Student Paper” awards will be conferred. Candidate papers will be selected by the SProSIG officers, depending on the number of student papers submitted in each area. The originality of the work and its collaborative nature will be important criteria.

Conference Format

The conference will be held on May 15-18, 2018, from Tuesday to Friday, including a sight-seeing event. Registration fees (about 230 euros/student and 460/full registration) will include lunch and coffee breaks daily.
**Venue**
Speech Prosody 2018 will be held at Laboratoire d’Informatique de Grenoble.

**Transportation**

*By air*
- **Lyon-Saint-Exupéry Airport**: 55 minutes from downtown by bus (every 30 minutes)
- **Grenoble-Isère Airport**: 35 minutes from downtown
- **Geneva Airport**: 1:45 from downtown by bus (every hour)

*By train  Downtown station*
- From Lyon: 1:20, every 30 minutes
- From Paris: 3 hours by TGV, eight direct trains daily

**Hotels**
Grenoble has a wide choice of accommodations. Currently advertised prices are €17-24/night for a hostel, €27-35/night for a business hotel (e.g., Ibis), up to 4-star and 5-star hotels in the range of €87-150/night (e.g., Grand Hotel Grenoble Centre). Special conference rates will be arranged at one or more recommended hotels and hostels.
Sites Worth Seeing in Grenoble

Grenoble cable-car, Grenoble Bastille view:

Chamrousse-Belledonne (20 min by bus), Vercors (25 minutes by bus):

Grenoble Museum of Modern Arts: