Speech Prosody 2020 bidding template

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*Conference Period: 04/05/2020 – 07/05/2020

Theme: Prosody in real life: in search of ecological validity.

*Expected (Early Bird) Registration fees (in Euro or Dollar):
   Full: €300  Student: €100

Venue

*Name of Venue: Hotel Ritz Lagoa da Anta
   (X ) Hotel  ( ) Conference Center  ( ) University  ( ) Others

   Capacity of Main Plenary Hall: 650

Transportation, Housing

*Access to the venue from the closest major airport (availability of public transportation etc.):

Zumbi dos Palmares International Airport in Maceió (MCZ) has connections to several major airports in Brazil and some international connections. It’s only 24km from the coast, where the hotels and the venue are located. Hotels, restaurants, bars and shops are located within walking distance of the venue place.

*Number of hotels in conference venue proximity: ( ) <5  ( ) 5-9  ( ) 10-20  ( X ) >20

*Price range of hotels (in EURO or Dollar): €50 - €70

*Availability of low budget accommodations (University dormitories etc.): there are several budget accommodations around the area of the event.

Local Organizing Committee (Other than General Chair and Co-Chairs)

   Technical Program Chair:
   (Co-Chairs):
   Other members: __________________________________________
Points to be emphasized (If any)

- Most editions of previous Speech Prosody conferences took place in Europe (4). Other continents had already hosted the conference more than one time: North America (2), Asia (2). This would be the second time the Speech Prosody Conference would take place in South America.
- There is a growing community of researchers in Brazil (and South America) working on the field of Speech Prosody. Two major events in the area of Prosody take place biannually in Brazil: The Speech Prosody Colloquium (the eighth edition will happen in 2019) and the Prosody School (the fifth edition is happening this year). These events gather an expressive number of researchers and students in Brazil and foment the interest in the Speech Prosody Conference. Thus, we predict a massive participation of Brazilian (and South American) researchers if the event takes place in Brazil. It is important to point out that - due to several economic problems associated to South American countries -, the participation of South American researchers in the Speech Prosody Conference in expensive locations is very restricted. We believe that inclusiveness should be an important matter to be considered in the selection of the next venue of the Speech Prosody Conference.
- The organizers will encourage the participation of students by offering a considerably low registration fee.
- The chair and co-chairs have a lot of experience in organizing international events, such as: the 4th Brazilian Colloquium on Speech Prosody (https://goo.gl/Bm65r4) and ABRALIN50 (https://goo.gl/v5noQq) – Miguel Oliveira, Jr.; Speech Prosody 2018 (https://goo.gl/ci5eP8) – Plínio Barbosa and Sandra Madureira; the VIIth GSCP International Conference: Speech and Corpora (https://goo.gl/NV5aKz) – Tommaso Raso.
- Maceió is the capital city of Alagoas, a state in Northeastern Brazil. The city is a prime tourism destination in Brazil, known for its warm beaches, coconuts trees and mangroves (https://goo.gl/37DMZk). It has been elected the most beautiful Brazilian city by popular jury (http://bit.ly/10aUqdo). The area where the event will take place is very safe. Besides the beautiful beach, Maceió has several excellent restaurants, bars and recreational activities. Brazilian northeasters are known for their friendliness and hospitality.
- Zumbi dos Palmares International Airport in Maceió (MCZ) has connections to several major airports in Brazil and some international connections. It’s only 24km from the coast, where the hotels and the venue are located.
- Return flight tickets from USA and Europe to Maceió are not very expensive. Accomodation and food in Maceió is very affordable. Maceió is undoubtedly the most affordable option for the next Speech Prosody Conference.
- The event will be supported by two important associations in Brazil: the Brazilian Linguistics Association – ABRALIN (abralin.org; the proposed general chair is the current president of ABRALIN) and the Luso-Brazilian Association of Speech Sciences – LBASS (lbass.org), and several research groups/labs, such as the Speech, Brain and Human Behavior Research Laboratory – LAPELC² (Universidade Federal de Alagoas), the Speech Prosody Studies Group (Universidade Estadual de Campinas), the Language, Cognition and Culture Interfaces Research Group – INCOGNITO (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais) and the Speech Research Group (Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo).
- The proposed venue, Ritz Lagoa da Anta (https://www.ritzlagoaanta.com.br/en/events/), has a hall that can comfortably seat 650 people. The fully equipped auditorium includes a flexible structure with large doors allowing for a cohesive flow into the main foyer. The main foyer is very spacious and can easily host around 300 posters simultaneously.
- The format of the Speech Prosody Conference (with no parallel sessions and focused on poster sessions) will be maintained.
- The proposed theme for the 10th Speech Prosody Conference “Prosody in real life: in search of ecological validity” is very important and necessary for the state of the art in the field of Prosody.
- Brazil is fun! Come to Brazil (https://youtu.be/hztmJ6qMWV0)! Experimente Maceió (https://youtu.be/SOviOa2ZgPo)!
Some Pictures (you should definitely google more pictures):

Maceió: the most beautiful Brazilian city by popular jury

Proposed venue: Ritz Lagoa da Anta Hotel
Main Plenary Hall

Foyer for Poster Sessions