ISMIR Society
Community Meeting

Friday 10.27.2017
Society Update
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Initiatives
● Student Support
● WiMIR
● TISMIR
Upcoming Conferences
Elections
Who are we?

Current Board (through 31 December 2017):

- **President**: Fabien Gouyon, Pandora, USA
- **President-elect**: Emilia Gómez, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
- **Secretary**: Eric J. Humphrey, Spotify, USA
- **Treasurer**: Xiao Hu, University of Hong Kong, China
- **Member-at-large**: Amélie Anglade, Germany
- **Member-at-large**: Meinard Müller, International Audio Laboratories Erlangen, Germany
- **Member-at-large**: Geoffroy Peeters, IRCAM, France
- **Student member**: Andy Sarroff, Dartmouth College, USA
But before anything else...

谢谢
Primary Board Functions

- Facilitate the coordination of future ISMIR conferences, advising organizers
- Ensure continuity in conference format, culture, costs, etc.
- Archive and maintain ISMIR publications, websites, data
- Support diversity in membership and disciplines
- Support and facilitate bottom-up community initiatives

(Organizing documents available on ismir.net,... go check them out!)
Legal Status

Overview
- Incorporated as an NPO in Canada
- Board of eight, 2 year appointments
- Membership dues ($10USD) per year, must be renewed annually

Update
- We’re all good (still)
- By-laws on ismir.net
Who is the ISMIR Society?

All active members in good standing:

- You!
- All ISMIR 2016 attendees
- Everyone who paid ISMIR membership fees online

For Members Only

- members@ismir.net – private group for active members
- Why?? Will be used primarily for record keeping and (rare but important) administrative announcements, e.g. voting, board resignation, etc
- Contact webmaster@ismir.net if you should be there, but you’re not
# Financial Update

## 2016.08.08 – 2017.10.20

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Financial Update

The ISMIR society is currently running a surplus.

- We all owe a huge thanks to the successful financial management of previous conferences! (notably 2010 + 2016)
- ISMIR is a non-profit organization (NPO) with no other revenue.
- This is what allows the society to fund students, WiMIR grants, and other initiatives.
Budget Proposal

Three part plan

- Continue helping people attend ISMIR
- Support to help TISMIR gain traction
- Commemorate ISMIR’s 20th anniversary
1. Support those who need it most

- Continue contributing to student grants
- Provide an additional $2k a year to WiMIR funding
Budget Proposal

2. Help defer TISMIR publishing costs for 5yrs.

- Open access costs $360 USD (£300)
- TISMIR editorial board will determine recipients, e.g. quality, merit

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3. ISMIR is turning 20!

- Provide the 2019 organizers an additional $2k USD to commemorate
- At their discretion to use for grants, Test of Time awards, party hats, etc.

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Proceedings

DBLP

- ISMIR 2016 (New York City, USA) added to DBLP  
  http://dblp.uni-trier.de/db/conf/ismir/ismir2016.html
- Contains also references for all previous ISMIR proceedings
- Excellent source for very clean bibtex files
Proceedings + DOIs

Digital Object Identifiers
- Uniquely identify our scientific proceedings! Much awesome.
- An initial inquiry indicates like Zenodo is a good path for this
- Bonus – additional redundancy for PDF archives
Understanding Users of Commercial Music Services Through Personas: Design Implications

Lee, Jin Ha; Price, Rachel

Most of the previous literature on music users’ needs, habits, and interactions with music information retrieval (MIR) systems focuses on investigating user groups of particular demographics or testing the usability of specific interfaces/systems. In order to improve our understanding of how users’ personalities and characteristics affect their needs and interactions with MIR systems, we conducted a qualitative user study across multiple commercial music services, utilizing interviews and think-aloud sessions. Based on the empirical user data, we have developed seven personas. These personas offer a deeper understanding of the different types of MIR system users and the relative importance of various design implications for each user type. Implications for system design include a renegotiation of our understanding of desired user engagement, especially with the habit of context-switching, designing systems for specialized uses, and addressing user concerns around privacy, transparency, and control.
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If this is interesting to you, please reach out to secretary@ismir.net!
Community Infra

We are Google G-Suite customers
- Costs a teeny amount ($60 USD / yr) for one account (webmaster@ismir.net)
- Main products are Drive, Groups (mailing list, conference addresses).
- Far and away the cheapest option to maintain our mailing list
- Handcuffed by our one account.

This is now free for NPOs in Canada (hey that’s us!)
- Aiming to complete the transition this year.
- There shouldn’t be any hiccups. Hopefully.
- Eliminate cost, increase functionality.
Website

New content on the site

Previous Conferences – code of conduct; history of awards
Resources – new content (many thanks to Yann Bayle 🙌)
About the Society – past business meetings, board member roles/responsibilities
And more all the time! http://ismir.net/

Be the change you want to see in the web

Source is public: https://github.com/ismir/ismir_web
Pull requests are encouraged!
STAND BACK

I’M GOING TO TRY SCIENCE

(not really)
Where are our visitors?
What about traffic?

Now for some unscientific numbers..

- Traffic seems to be decreasing.
- Session duration increasing!
In the last year...

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<td>-7.40%</td>
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Where’d everyone go?

Only a few major changes (>20%).

- **Gains:** Netherlands (+115%), Germany (+28%), China (+27%)
- **Losses:** Russia (-67%), UK (-28%)
Community Growth

Mailing list remains active

- Averaging ≈45 posts a month
- Group membership grows despite regular “pruning” :o)
Initiatives And Calls for Action

1. Student Support
2. WiMIR
3. TISMIR
Financial Support to attend ISMIR

Student Grants
- Funded by ISMIR ‘17 local org., ISMIR Society, and Microsoft
- $5,000 allocated
- Covers registration & accommodation of 10 students out of 42
- Goals: diversity in gender, institution, and geolocation

Stats
- 10-30-60 % Asia, Europe, other
- 50% women and men

New Initiative
- Additional support for one unaffiliated applicant
Main activities
- Mentoring Program (50 mentor-mentees pair)
- Activities @ ISMIR (session, reception, 22 WiMIR grants - 40% of all female attendees)
- Blog & WiMIR directory (>80 profiles)
  http://wimir.wordpress.com

Contributors (2017)
- Anja Volk
- Blair Kaneshiro
- Iris Ruping Yen, Julia Wilkins
- ISMIR 2017: Preeti Rao, Jinha Lee, Zhongzhe Xiao

Call for action: contribute!
TISMIR

Transactions of ISMIR recently launched
Open access, electronic journal, publication fee £300.
Research, overview, & dataset papers

Editorial team

Editors in chief: Simon Dixon, Anja Volk, Emilia Gómez
Editorial board: Juan Bello, Arthur Flexer, Fabien Gouyon, Xiao Hu, Olivier Lartillot, Jin Ha Lee, Meinard Mueller, Geoffroy Peeters, Markus Schedl

Current actions
Open for submission, 1st issue 2018
Financial support from the board to cover costs for high-quality papers: 5 nominees for best paper award.

https://transactions.ismir.net/
Upcoming Conferences
ISMIR 2018 – Paris

Stay at the next session !
ISMIR 2019 – Delft

ISMIR 20th Anniversary
Call for ideas

People
General Chairs: Cynthia Liem, Emilia Gómez
PC Chairs: Anja Volk, Arthur Flexer, Geoffroy Peeters

Activities
Fixing the dates, location, committee, more details in Paris!
Call for bids for hosting the ISMIR Conference
Deadline: June 29th 2018

Talk to us!

More info
http://ismir.net/Call4Hosting-ISMIR-0.8.pdf
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- **Member-at-large**: Douglas Turnbull, Ithaca College
- **Student member**: Iris Yuping Ren, Utrecht U., Netherlands
Feedback / Questions?

board@ismir.net – Contact the current board with general inquiries, conference proposals, feedback

president@ismir.net – Conference proposals
secretary@ismir.net – Data or administrative questions or suggestions
webmaster@ismir.net – Is something broken online? Want to help out?