ISMIR in 2014

Board Progress Report

October 31, 2014

The Year in Review

- Legal Status
- Financial Report
- Digital Footprint
- Future Conferences
- Open Access Journal

Legal Status

Requested to continue as a not-for-profit corporation under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* (NFP Act)

Request was approved on Sep 2, 2014

Will continue to be "legal"!

Financial Report

Opening Balance	USD 12984.54	CAD 6235.07

Income

Membership fees (2013)	USD 1560	
Bank credit		CAD 0.05

Expenses

Student travel grants (2013)[1]	USD 1560	
Logo competition prize		CAD 42.40
ISMIR website and mailing lists[2]		CAD 180.19

Total funds as of Oct. 25, 2014

Balance	USD 12,984.54	CAD 5,981.88

Digital ISMIR

Visual Identity
Website Updates
Status of the ISMIR Community

ISMIR Visual Identity

ISMIR

ISMIR is uniquely interdisciplinary

Sigma ⇔ Music, a natural pivot

Modern minimalism meets traditional academia

Updated Website

The Global ISMIR Community

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Sessions ● New Users ●

| 500 | | | | | | | | 400 |

| March 2014 | April 2014 | May 2014 | June 2014 | July 2014 | August 2014 | September 2014 | October 2014 |

250 · 200

Sessions
11,568

Users
7,830

Pageviews
14,846

Pages / Session
1.28

Avg. Session Duration
00:00:57

Bounce Rate
83.18%
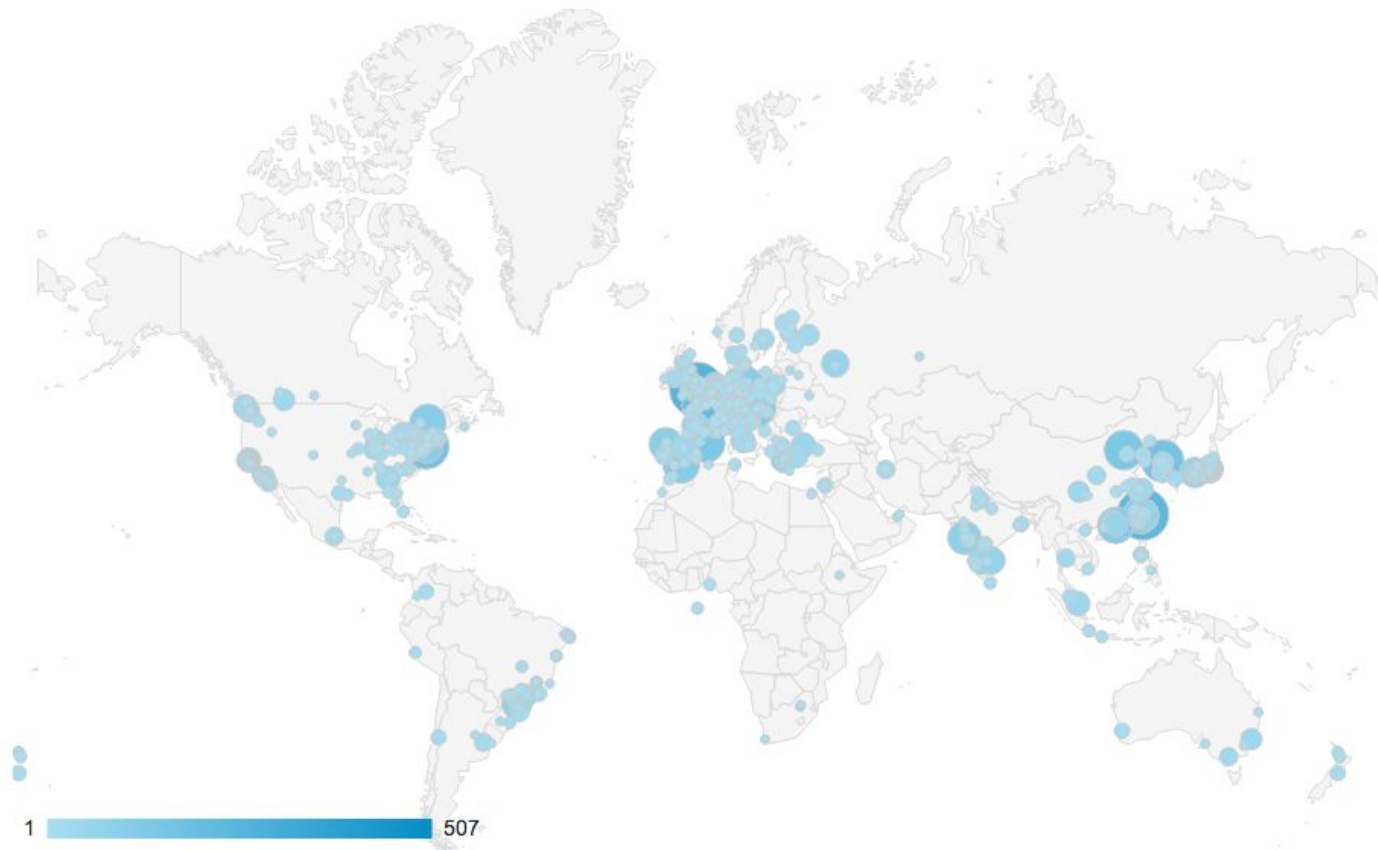
% New Sessions
66.33%

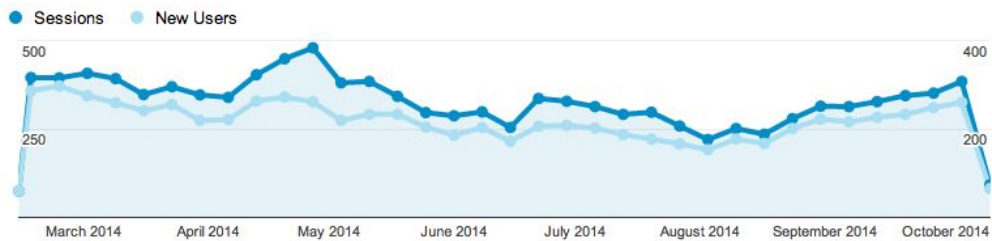|	Source	Acquisition		
		Sessions ↓	% New Sessions	New Users
		11,568 % of Total: 100.00% (11,568)	66.36% Site Avg: 66.33% (0.04%)	7,676 % of Total: 100.04% (7,673)
1.	google	7,400 (63.97%)	64.14%	4,746 (61.83%)
2.	(direct)	2,175 (18.80%)	67.08%	1,459 (19.01%)
3.	stackoverflow.com	208 (1.80%)	78.85%	164 (2.14%)
4.	en.wikipedia.org	188 (1.63%)	71.81%	135 (1.76%)
5.	baidu	172 (1.49%)	55.23%	95 (1.24%)
6.	marsyas.info	137 (1.18%)	91.24%	125 (1.63%)
7.	terasoft.com.tw	128 (1.11%)	43.75%	56 (0.73%)
8.	semalt.semalt.com	112 (0.97%)	100.00%	112 (1.46%)
9.	bing	66 (0.57%)	74.24%	49 (0.64%)
10.	yahoo	58 (0.50%)	75.86%	44 (0.57%)

Some other web statistics
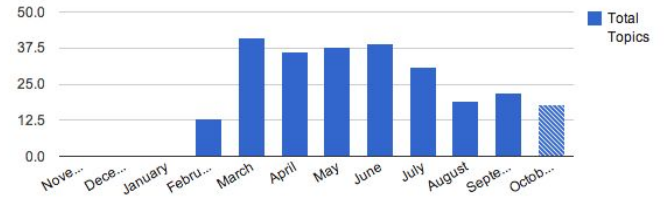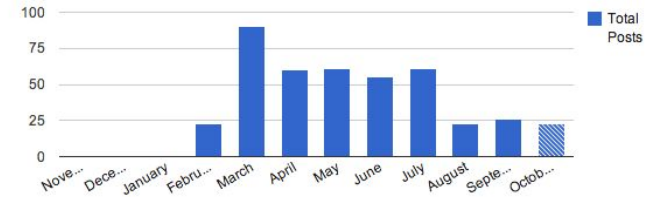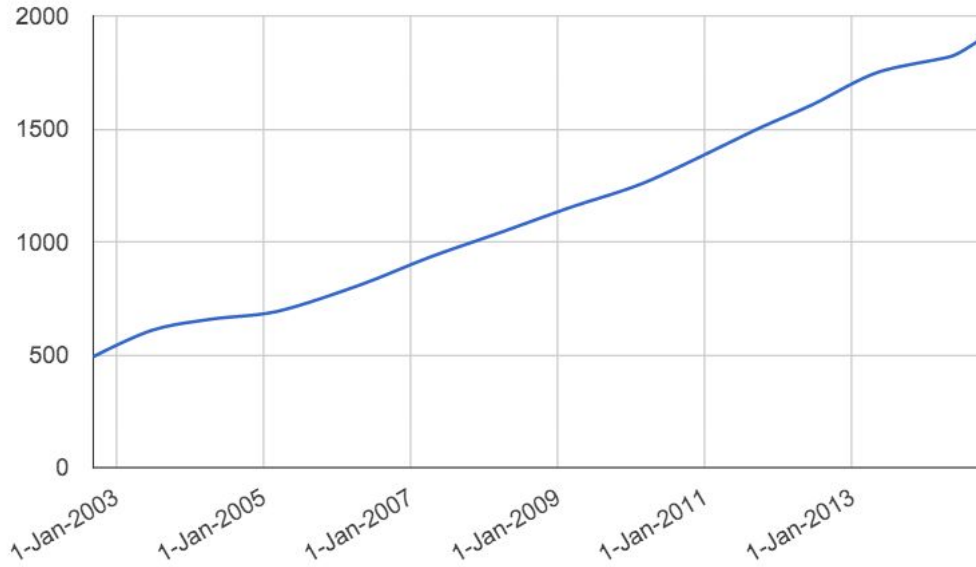
Community Mailing List

Future Conferences

ISMIR 2015 Malaga

ISMIR 2016 New York

ISMIR 2017 ???

- Applications to be received by 1 July 2015
- If you are considering hosting a future ISMIR conference, please let us know
- http://www.ismir.net/ISMIR-Call4Hosting.pdf

Paper Templates

Revised the template to include a new copyright notice (CC-BY)

Starting next year, we will stick to the IEEE reference style

Feedback on ISMIR review process (1/3)

- Online survey
  - Evaluation of the process, reviews, meta-reviews, evaluation categories, suggestions for improvement
  - Distinction between accepted, rejected papers, and reviewers
- Sent after acceptance notification
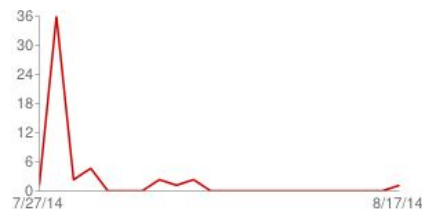
ISMIR Review Process - Feedback form

Please contribute to improve ISMIR reviewing process with your opinion and suggestions for improvement by answering the following questionnaire.

Thanks in advance for your help,

The ISMIR board

* Required
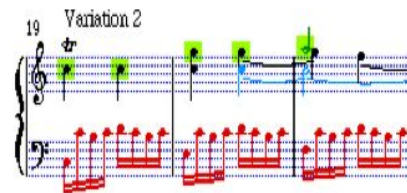
- Very interesting feedback
- Overall good perception of reviews (3.5/5), meta-reviews (4/5) and final decisions (4/5). No significant differences accepted vs rejected vs reviewers.
    Thanks to all reviewers
- Some concerns on review/meta-review quality
- Varied view → interdisciplinarity!

Please provide an overall score
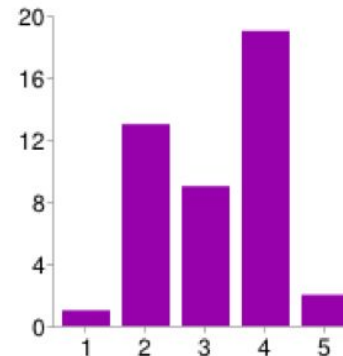
Feedback on ISMIR review process (3/3)

- Conclusions → keep up the good work
- Improvements on:
  - Review assignment: improve match between reviewers/meta-reviewers and papers: bidding vs expertise.
  - Review quality assessment.
  - Transparency (not so easy).
- **Meta-reviewers** have a key role: expertise + motivation + time.
- We need your help!

Open Access Journal

Why a journal?

- **Some arguments**
  - ISMIR papers very short, allow only presentation of short ideas
  - until now no default journal for the extended version of ISMIR papers
  - MIR very interdisciplinary, journal might bundle these perspectives
  - with a journal, MIR publications will have a stronger and wider impact
  - strengthen sense of community
  - submit any time during the year, not bound to ISMIR deadlines
  - code and data repository would make the journal different

Open Access Journal

How do we envision the journal?

- **Requirements**

  Open access

  No (or very small) publication fee for authors (paid by the society?)

  Text (html and pdf), code and data repository

  Copy editing and typesetting done by publisher

  2-4 issues per year (initially ~6 papers per issue): 12 to 24 papers

  Accept papers as they come (no fixed deadlines)

Open Access Journal

Options discussed

- **Incubator model of Igitur press, Utrecht University**
- **Ubiquity press, spinout of University College London**

ISMIR Impact

multimedia | music | acoustics | acoustical | audio	h5-ind.	av.cit.
1 IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing	49	
2 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing	47	5.570
3 The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America	46	
4 ACM International Conference on Multimedia	44	13.740
5 IEEE Transactions on Multimedia	43	
6 International Symposium/Conference on Music Information Retrieval	31	13.738

Thanks / Questions?