INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS
in Special and Challenge Sessions
INTERSPEECH 2021 BRNO

IMPORTANT INFO FOR ALL

There are common tasks for **all presenters** in Special and challenge sessions (SSCS) at Interspeech 2021

- login to the **conference virtual platform** and get familiar with its structure and operations. We strongly recommend also to do SPEAKERS READY ROOM AND SELF TESTING - to see if your connection, microphone and camera work all right. The instructions are in any of the instruction files except the one for physical presenters.
- submit the **three-minute "teaser" video** of your paper to the Platform if you have not already done so. The 3-minute video is required for all Interspeech 2021 papers.
- **check your session** in the conference platform and in the detailed program on the web and if you find any discrepancies, please contact the platform technician Adam Eger eger@guarant.cz. Please note that for mixed sessions (see below), the times in the platform may not exactly correspond to the detailed program - the time-management will be up to the session organizers (= session chairs).
- organizers of **challenge session**
  - please notify the special session/challenge chairs - Pavel Ircing and Sakti Sakriani - at special_sessions@interspeech2021.org and inform them about the winners. The special and challenge chairs Sakti Sakriani and Pavel Ircing will award the winners in the closing ceremony.
  - Let the special session/challenge chairs know in case you need help with the graphical design of the diplomas. You can also craft them yourself and use Interspeech 2021 graphics from https://www.interspeech2021.org/promotion-kit .

THE FORMAT OF YOUR SESSION MATTERS !

SSCS have several different formats. The instructions vary depending on the format.

1. **Oral (or sequential) ones** - disregarding whether your session happens physically in Brno or virtually, it has assigned one room in the program and in the conference platform. The papers are presented sequentially, as in a standard oral session.
   - **Physical participants**, please read INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHYSICAL PRESENTERS Oral sessions, and physical participation in Special and Challenge sessions. Note, that you should submit your slides in the "Speakers Ready Room" in Brno at least 2 hours before the start of your session in PPTX or PDF format.
   - **Remote participants**, please read INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS in Keynote and Survey Talks, and for remote speakers in oral and special sessions. Please note that you should pre-record your presentation and submit the the video at least 1 day before the session. You should then be available for the Q&A session in the platform.
   - **The session chairs** will chair the presentations either physically in Brno or virtually in the (one) room in the platform, and they will communicate with the technician in what should be played and who should be invited to the podium.

   this applies to
   - Tue-E-SS-1   Voice quality characterization for clinical voice assessment: Voice production, acoustics, and auditory perception
   - Wed-E-SS-1   INTERSPEECH 2021 Deep Noise Suppression Challenge
   - Thu-M-SS-1   Oriental Language Recognition
   - Thu-M-SS-2   Automatic Speech Recognition in Air Traffic Management
   - Fri-A-SS-1   INTERSPEECH 2021 Acoustic Echo Cancellation Challenge

2. **Virtual poster-like (fully parallel ones)** - these SSGS will resemble the standard Unified virtual sessions.
    ○ all papers will be presented in parallel in the respective virtual rooms. Every paper has a separate virtual room. Please read [INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTERS Unified Virtual Sessions, Show and Tell Sessions and virtual participation in Special and Challenge sessions](#). Please note that you'll need to attend the session virtually even if you are in Brno.
    ○ the **session chairs** will walk from paper to paper, as if they were in a standard poster session. Please note, that there is an option to be in two virtual rooms at the same time, this might be particularly useful for session chairs. Just don't forget to mute your audio and video in the room you are "not in".

   this applies to
    ○ Tue-A-SS-1   Privacy-preserving Machine Learning for Audio & Speech Processing
    ○ Wed-A-SS-1   SdSV Challenge 2021: Analysis and Exploration of New Ideas on Short-Duration Speaker Verification
    ○ Thu-A-SS-2   The ADReSSo Challenge: Detecting cognitive decline using speech only

3. **Mixed** - these SSCS combine the sequential mode (for example for introduction, presentation of the key paper, discussion, panel) and parallel mode (presentation of individual papers). Each such SSCS has a strict timing available in the detailed program - in the abstract book or on [the detailed program on the web](#)
    ○ in case you are **physically in Brno**, please read [INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHYSICAL PRESENTERS Oral sessions, and physical participation in Special and Challenge sessions](#) **and** [INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTERS Unified Virtual Sessions, Show and Tell Sessions and virtual participation in Special and Challenge sessions](#). Do not worry about the length of both documents, most of the material overlaps.
    ○ in case you are a **virtual participant**, please read [INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS in Keynote and Survey Talks, and for remote speakers in oral and special sessions](#) **and** [INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTERS Unified Virtual Sessions, Show and Tell Sessions and virtual participation in Special and Challenge sessions](#). Do not worry about the length of both documents, most of the material overlaps.
    ○ please **respect the instructions of session chairs concerning the timing**. The session chairs should be very clear, for example saying "at 12:50 we will spread into the virtual rooms per each paper and at 13:50 we will be back in this hall for debriefing".
    ○ Please use your common sense - in case no one is in the hall, people are probably spread to the virtual rooms, and vice versa.
    ○ For session chairs/organisers: In case there are any **presentations and/or videos for the common parts of the sessions** (such as Introduction, Discussion, etc.), submit them at least 1 day before the session to the slot allocated to this common part in the Platform in place reserved for the 3-minute video. Eventually, use repository https://www1.tri.cz/nextcloud/index.php/s/bE84iWLEAKtZ84t and inform the platform technician Adam Eger eger@guarant.cz. Please use some intuitive file-names, such as `Wed-M-SS-1_ConferencingSpeech_Intro.mp4`. Note that submitting material is not compulsory in slots not presenting a paper.

   this applies to
    ○ Tue-M-SS-1   The INTERSPEECH 2021 Computational Paralinguistics Challenge (ComParE) - COVID-19 Cough, COVID-19 Speech, Escalation & Primates
    ○ Tue-A-SS-2   The First DiCOVA Challenge: Diagnosis of COVid-19 using Acoustics
    ○ Wed-M-SS-1   ConferencingSpeech 2021 challenge: Far-field Multi-Channel Speech Enhancement for Video Conferencing
    ○ Thu-A-SS-1   Non-Autoregressive Sequential Modeling for Speech Processing
    ○ Fri-M-SS-1   OpenASR20 and Low Resource ASR Development
    ○ Fri-A-SS-2   Speech Recognition of Atypical Speech

We wish you a pleasant participation at Interspeech 2021 !