

## Message from the Technical Program Chairs

It's an honour for us to have had the chance to bring together the technical program for INTERSPEECH 2020, an ISCA event hosted in CHINA for the second time. We knew it wouldn't be easy on signing up to organize the Technical program of INTERSPEECH 2020, but we were also inspired that we would be cooperating with many individuals and organizations who have over the years been pillars of our community. We are gratified doing our little piece to pay back to this fantastic interdisciplinary community.

The numbers that greeted us on submission closing date truly gratified us. We received 2258 papers on submission closing date, 2140 papers remained after withdraws on the revision closing date. We would like to express our single-minded thanks to all the authors across 51 countries.

The weeks following the submission deadline were filled with organizing review assignments and delegating papers for review with the help of a very bale team of 42 Area Chairs across the 13 technical areas. We deeply appreciate the promptness with which the Area Chairs responded to our requests for updates and their commitment to ensuring the timely completion of reviews and the subsequent decision making. Our large team of 1292 reviewers deserves huge thanks for high quality reviews that made a great technical program possible.

At the first stage of the review process, each Area Chair team carefully scrutinized the reviewer recommendations and did first pass of recommendations. The area chairs initiated discussion for all borderline papers to guide their decisions. The final decisions were made in the virtual meeting of the TPC team in July 2020.

The reviews were indicative of the overall high quality of the submissions, and resulted in the acceptance of a total 1021 papers (acceptance rate = 47%). This resulted in 110 technical sessions. The technical program also includes 2 Show & Tell sessions, 8 Tutorials, and 4 Keynotes, 6 Satellite Workshops orbiting the conference. The Keynote speakers come from different disciplines, ranging from speech science to speech technology, from academia to industry. This panel echoes INTERSPEECH 2020 program, covering all interesting aspects about speech and language.

We would like to thank the authors and reviewers. Without you this conference wouldn't take place. We would also like to thank ISCA president John Hansen, the entire ISCA Board, and Area Chairs. Your contributions are crucial to the success of INTERSPEECH conferences. We look forward to welcoming you to the INTERSPEECH 2020.



Jianhua Tao  
Technical Program Chairs



Kai Yu