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**W**elcome to the first issue of the ASSTA Newsletter for 2010. In this issue you will find the President’s report and a call to ASSTA members for their thoughts on future directions of ASSTA and its activities. This year however, is an important year for ASSTA, with the “*Thirteenth Australasian International Conference on Speech Science and Technology 2010*” being hosted by ASSTA, and held in Melbourne from 14th to 16th December 2010.

Also, I would like to advise that I am leaving the role of ASSTA newsletter editor, due to increasing academic workload, and inability to devote sufficient time to this role. However, I am immensely pleased to say that Dr. Daniel Taft has kindly accepted the role of the ASSTA newsletter editor. Thank you Daniel for volunteering for the role and my very best wishes. I am sure through this newsletter, Daniel will continue to bring to you interesting research events and happenings in the area of Speech Science and Technology from Australia and the rest of world. I would also like to thank the ASSTA Executive, particularly Roberto, David and Denis, for their continuous help and directions in putting together a quality newsletter year after year. Thanks also go to all of you - the ASSTA members - for your regular contributions to the newsletter and willingness to share your conference travel experiences.

Please continue to send your contributions to Daniel at [daniel.taft@australiahears.com.au](mailto:daniel.taft@australiahears.com.au) for the next newsletter issue. Remember, this newsletter is a forum for you to share information about your travels, research and labs. We look forward to your contributions in the next issue.

*Girija Chetty*

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Whither ASSTA? The way forward...

Let's think about the future. ASSTA emerged in the mid-1980s from the need in Australia (now Australasia) for a focus on speech science research, and much of ASSTA's early life was geared towards the Speech Science and Technology (SST) conferences. In 1998 ASSTA hosted the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing (ICSLP'98), and Conference Chair Dr Bruce Millar and his committee resided over a very successful and profitable (~\$150K) conference.

This windfall allowed ASSTA to broaden its scope somewhat; while our most visible activity remained the SST conferences, post-1998 we instigated an ASSTA Grants Program. This has undergone several modifications since then, and the current collection of grants includes: the New Researcher Award Scheme – for the most promising papers

presented at SST; Research Event Awards – for research events organised by ASSTA members; and ASSTA Travel Awards – for early career and student members conference travel.

In addition, these funds have allowed us to facilitate the success of funding applications by acting as an industry/peak-body partner and financial supporter. Two successful examples are HCSNet, the ARC Human Communication Research Network, and an ARC LIEF grant – the Big ASC (Big Australian Speech Corpus). Over the past 5 years ASSTA has supported HCSNet intellectually and financially, with ASSTA members being integral to the success of HCSNet. And this year ASSTA is also a partner and contributing organisation for the Big ASC, a >\$1M project to collect, annotate and store Australian speech data, and ASSTA members are integrally involved in the planning and implementation of this project.

At our current rate of expenditure on our grants programs for members, and occasional engagement as financial partners in funding applications, our funds will be depleted to zero in five years. This is by no means a problem, for we have before operated without a significant surplus. But it does raise the issue of the type of Association we want to be. To this end we would like to discuss this issue at the next AGM, at SST'10 at La Trobe University in December, 2010. In the meantime, I invite you to muse upon, discuss, and express your views on the possible roles



of ASSTA. Issues to consider are, for example, but by no means restricted to:

Given university and department funding for international conferences, should ASSTA abandon or modify its grants program?

Should ASSTA budget to support future speech science and research ventures such as network grant applications, ARC LIEF grant applications, ARC Linkage Project grant applications etc.?

Should ASSTA consider embarking on accreditation type activities, e.g., accreditation for suitably-qualified Forensic Speech Scientists, to provide credence for ASSTA members asked to engage in court work?

Should ASSTA increase its membership fees (at \$44 for Full and \$11 for student members, these have been static for over 10 years!)?

Should ASSTA seek out additional sources of funding and if so what?

If you have general comments or suggestions, please write to Dr. David Grayden at [grayden@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:grayden@unimelb.edu.au) or contact Dr Catherine Watson, at [c.watson@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.watson@auckland.ac.nz) for specific suggestions you may have on the ASSTA grants program.

The time is ripe to consider these and other issues related to our Association and to map out our directions for the next five years and more. We look forward to your views by email and at the AGM later this year.

A note of gratitude

This is the last newsletter to be produced by our current newsletter editor Dr Girija Chetty. Girija has served us extremely well in this role over the last 2 years; she has spent many thankless hours putting

together the newsletter, tracked down good stories, and produced excellent newsletters. I would like to thank Girija for her tireless work on this, wish her well, and we welcome her continued contribution, in whatever form, to ASSTA activities. Thank you Girija!

***Denis Burnham***

<sup>1</sup>See [http://www.assta.org/sst/history/ASSTA\\_and\\_SST\\_History\\_080402.pdf](http://www.assta.org/sst/history/ASSTA_and_SST_History_080402.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>The next SST is being hosted by La Trobe University in Melbourne from December 14-16,  
See <http://www.assta.org/sst/2010/>

<sup>3</sup>See <http://www.assta.org/initiatives/>

<sup>4</sup>HCSNet finishes up this year and its final event will be the HCSNet

<sup>5</sup>Winterfest on June 18-22 in Bowral;  
See <http://www.hcsnet.edu.au/node/4826>  
See <http://echidna.ics.mq.edu.au/bigasc/>

# SST 2010 Conference

(Australian International Conference on Speech  
Science & Technology 2010)

will be held at Melbourne, Victoria,  
Australia.

Conference Chair : Dr. Marija Tabain

Dates: 14-16 December 2010

[http://www.assta.org/  
sst/2010/](http://www.assta.org/sst/2010/)

Paper submissions due Friday 18 June  
2010

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# CONFERENCE LISTING

**1st Workshop on Natural Language Processing Tools Applied to Discourse Analysis in Psychology;**

Monday, 10 May 2010 – Friday, 14 May 2010,

Submission Deadline: Thursday, 10 December 2009,

Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina

<http://www.dcs.shef.ac.uk/~saggion>

**ECAI-2010: The Nineteenth European Conference on Artificial Intelligence**

Monday, 16 August 2010 – Friday, 20 August 2010

Submission Deadline: Friday, 11 December 2009

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

<http://ecai2010.appia.pt/>

**UK-CLC33rd: UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference**

Tuesday, 6 July 2010 – Thursday, 8 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009

Location: University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

<http://uk-clc3.org>

**LCM4 : Language, Culture and Mind 4**

Monday, 21 June 2010 – Wednesday, 23 June 2010

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009

Location: Turku, Finland

<http://web.abo.fi/fak/hf/fin/LCM4/>

**11th International Conference on Music Perception & Cognition**

Monday, 23 August 2010 – Friday, 27 August 2010

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009

Location: Washington, United States

<http://depts.washington.edu/icmpc11/index.html>

**Annual International Academic Conference on Cloud Computing and Virtualization 2010**

Monday, 3 May 2010 – Monday, 4 May 2009

Submission Deadline: Thursday, 17 December 2009

Location: Singapore, Singapore

[www.cloudcomputingconf.org](http://www.cloudcomputingconf.org)

Workshop: News, (New) Media, and Corpora Media workshop

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 20 December 2009

Location: Giessen, Germany

<http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/faculties/f05/engl/ling/icame2010/home/prework/#2>

**CogLang: Cognitive Processes in Language**

Tuesday, 25 May 2010 – Thursday, 27 May 2010

Submission Deadline: Thursday, 31 December 2009

Location: Narutowicza, Poland

<http://www.lingforum.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=1415&sid=775723ec478cdf97100516a6ef2b089a>

**RaAM 8 conference: Metaphor and Domains of Discourse**

Wednesday, 30 June 2010 – Saturday, 3 July 2010



Submission Deadline: Thursday, 31 December 2009  
Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands  
<http://raam8.let.vu.nl/>

**AFLA 17: Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association**

Friday, 7 May 2010 – Sunday, 9 May 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 1 January 2010  
Location: New York, United States  
<http://www.afla17.org>

**Brain Body and Bytes: Psychophysiological User Interaction**

Sunday, 11 April 2010  
Submission Deadline: Wednesday, 6 January 2010  
Location: Georgia, United States  
<http://www.eecs.tufts.edu/~agirou01/workshop/>

**IRF Conference: Information Retrieval Conference 2010**

Monday, 31 May 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 8 January 2010  
Location: Vienna, Austria  
<http://www.ir-facility.org/events/irf-conference>

**JSM'10: Conference on Semantics and Formal Modelling**

Thursday, 25 March 2010 – Friday, 26 March 2010  
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 10 January 2010  
Location: Nancy, France  
<http://jsem.loria.fr/jsem10/>

**Second International Symposium on New Frontiers in Human-Robot Interaction**

Wednesday, 31 March 2010 – Thursday, 1 April 2010  
Submission Deadline: Monday, 11 January 2010

Location: Leicester, United Kingdom  
<http://www.aisb.org.uk/convention/aisb10/AISB2010.html>

**TCIT: Towards a Comprehensive Intelligence Test**

Monday, 29 March 2010 – Thursday, 1 April 2010  
Submission Deadline: Monday, 11 January 2010  
Location: Leicester, United Kingdom  
<http://www.cse.dmu.ac.uk/~aayesh/TuringTestRevisited/>

**Third Language (L3) Acquisition Workshop**

Monday, 7 June 2010 – Friday, 11 June 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010  
Location: Iowa City, United States  
<http://linguistlist.org/>

**IARC2010: 14th International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference**

Sunday, 27 June 2010 – Tuesday, 29 June 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010  
Location: Quebec, Canada  
<http://www.iarc2010.org>

**MLAC10 : Mapping Language Across Cultures: Textual Analysis in Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Communication**

Monday, 5 July 2010 – Wednesday, 7 July 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010  
Location: Salamanca, Spain  
<http://campus.usal.es/tradotros/MLAC10>



**48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics**

Sunday, 11 July 2010 – Friday, 16 July 2010  
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010

Location: Uppsala, Sweden

<http://acl2010.org/papers.html>

**The 33rd Annual ACM SIGIR Conference**

Sunday, 18 July 2010 – Friday, 23 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

<http://www.sigir2010.org>

**NLDB 2010: 15th International Conference on Applications of Natural Language to Information Systems**

Wednesday, 23 June 2010 – Friday, 25 June 2010

Submission Deadline: Friday, 29 January 2010

Location: Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

<http://www.nldb.org>

**6th Conference on Intercultural Rhetoric and Discourse**

Friday, 11 June 2010 – Saturday, 12 June 2010

Submission Deadline: Saturday, 30 January 2010

Location: Georgia, United States

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwes/ales/conference/papers.html>

**14th Annual Meeting of the European Association for Machine Translation**

Thursday, 27 May 2010 – Friday, 28 May 2010

Submission Deadline: Friday, 5 February 2010

Location: Saint-Raphaël, France

<http://www.eamt2010.org>

**SIG Writing 2010 : 12th International Conference of SIG Writing**

Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010

Location: Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.sigwriting2010.de>

**CILC-10: 2nd International Conference on Corpus Linguistics**

Thursday, 13 May 2010 – Saturday, 15 May 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010

Location: A Coruña, Spain

<http://www.udc.es/dep/finc>

**LFG 2010: 15th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference**

Friday, 18 June 2010 – Sunday, 20 June 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010

Location: Ottawa, Canada

<http://www.carleton.ca/lfg2010/>

**6th International Conference on Language Acquisition**

Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010

Location: Barcelona, Spain

<http://stel.ub.edu/cial2010>

**WoLLIC 2010: 17th Workshop on Logic, Language, Information & Computation**

Tuesday, 6 July 2010 – Friday, 9 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 28 February 2010

Location: Brasília, DF, Brazil

<http://wollic.org/wollic2010/>





**Workshop on 3D Visualisation of Natural Language**

Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 1 March 2010

Location: Cardiff, United Kingdom

<http://kes2010.kesinternational.org>

**ICCG-6: Sixth International Conference on Construction Grammar**

Friday, 3 September 2010 – Sunday, 5 September 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 1 March 2010

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

<http://constructiongrammar.org/iccg6>

**6th International Natural Language Generation Conference**

Wednesday, 7 July 2010 – Friday, 9 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 14 March 2010

Location: Dublin, Ireland

<https://www.cs.tcd.ie/conferences/INLG2010/>

**MOG 2010: 3rd Workshop On Multimodal Output Generation**

Monday, 5 July 2010 – Tuesday, 6 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 14 March 2010

Location: Dublin, Ireland

<http://www.mog-workshop.org/>

**SemDial 2010: 14th Workshop on the Semantics & Pragmatics of Dialogue**

Wednesday, 16 June 2010 – Friday, 18 June 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 March 2010

Location: Poznań, Poland

<http://www.semdial2010.amu.edu.pl>

**EKAW: Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management**

Monday, 11 October 2010 – Friday, 15 October 2010

Submission Deadline: Friday, 19 March 2010

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

<http://ekaw2010.inesc-id.pt>

**IceTAL 2010: 7th International Conference on Natural Language Processing**

Monday, 16 August 2010 – Wednesday, 18 August 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 12 April 2010

Location: Reykjavik, Iceland

<http://icetal.ru.is>

**COLING 2010: The 23rd International Conference on Computational Linguistics**

Monday, 23 August 2010 – Friday, 27 August 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 19 April 2010

Location: Beijing, China

<http://www.coling-2010.org>

**5ICOM: 5th International Conference on Multimodality**

Wednesday, 1 December 2010 – Friday, 3 December 2010

Submission Deadline: Saturday, 1 May 2010

Location: Sydney, Australia

<http://TBA>

**diss-lpss2010: DISS-LPSS Joint Workshop 2010**

Saturday, 25 September 2010 – Sunday, 26 September 2010

Submission Deadline: Monday, 31 May 2010

Location: Tokyo, Japan

<http://cogsci.l.chiba-u.ac.jp/diss-lpss2010/>