Welcome 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 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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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 or contact Dr Catherine Watson, at 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

1See http://www.assta.org/sst/history/ASSTA_and_SST_History_080402.pdf

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

3See http://www.assta.org/initiatives/

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

Paper submissions due Friday 18 June 2010

The SST Proceedings are now online!
Point your browser to:
http://www.assta.org/sst/
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

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

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

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://jsm.loria.fr/jsm10/

**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

**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/~wwwesl/alesl/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/

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

SICOM: 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/