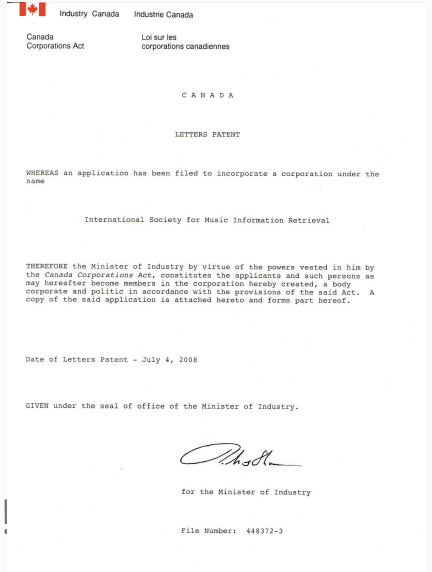
ISMIR society meeting

ISMIR conference
Milano, Italy
2023/11/09

What means the S in ISMIR?

- 2000: ISMIR = International Symposium on MIR
- 2002: ISMIR = International Conference? on MIR
  - Steering committee
- 2008: ISMIR= International Society for MIR
  - Non-profit and independent organization
  - Members steadily increasing (ca. 2000 members)
  - Every two years, society members elect a board
  - The symposium becomes “ISMIR conference”
- From 2000 to 2023, there have been 24 ISMIR conferences !!



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Canada Corporations Act Loi sur les corporations canadiennes

CANADA

LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS an application has been filed to incorporate a corporation under the name

International Society for Music Information Retrieval

THEREFORE the Minister of Industry by virtue of the powers vested in him by the *Canada Corporations Act*, constitutes the applicants and such persons as may hereafter become members in the corporation hereby created, a body corporate and politic in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. A copy of the said application is attached hereto and forms part hereof.

Date of Letters Patent - July 4, 2008

GIVEN under the seal of office of the Minister of Industry.

for the Minister of Industry

File Number: 448372-3

Who is the ISMIR Society?

You are the society, anyone who paid the membership fee.

Current ISMIR board (elected for the period January 2022 to December 2023)

- **President**: Geoffroy Peeters, Télécom Paris, France
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- **Member-at-large**: Justin Salamon, Adobe Research, USA
- **Member-at-large**: **Christof** Weiß, University of Würzburg, Germany
- **Student member**: **Alia** Morsi, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

+ Ajay Srinivasamurthy **(guest member)**

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- **Member-at-large**: Carlos Cancino-Chacón, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
- **Member-at-large**: Elio Quinton, Universal Music Group, UK
- **Student member**: Shuqi Dai, Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- **Tech lead** Ajay Srinivasamurthy, Amazon Alexa, India

Many thanks

Organizing Team
Many Thanks!

ISMIR 2023 Milan, Italy
Nov. 5-9, 2023
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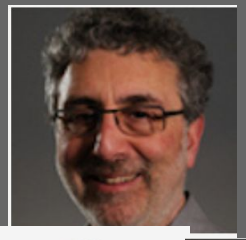

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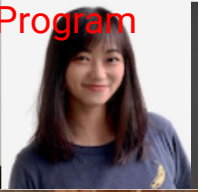
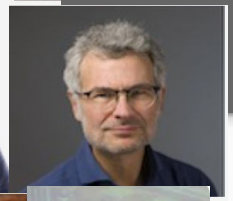

Publication

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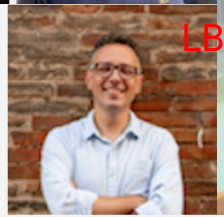
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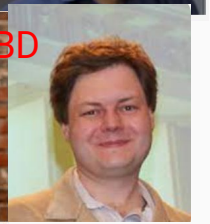

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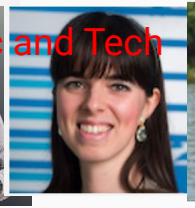
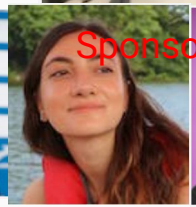
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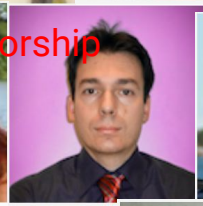

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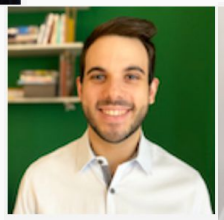
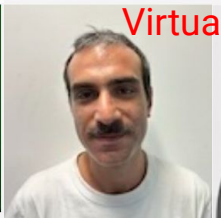
WiMIR, D&I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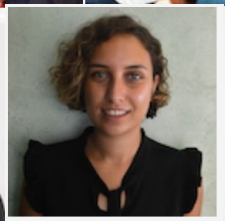

Logistic

Social

Unconference

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What is the ISMIR board useful for ?

- Secure a yearly conference
  - Look for new places and teams to organize ISMIR (loop between Asia to Europe to America)
  - Coordinate organisation and advise organizers
  - Ensure continuity in conference format, culture, costs, …
  - Backup solution in case of pandemia (virtual, hybrid), in case of organizer bankrupt

ISMIR 2024 and ISMIR 2025

- Communicate and Archive
  - ISMIR publications, websites, data, normalize conference web infrastructure

ISMIR digital infrastructure

- Support and promote
  - Strengthen relationships with other communities
  - Support and promote diversity in membership and disciplines
    - Grants, WiMIR, Diversity and Inclusion
  - Support and facilitate bottom-up community initiatives

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WiMIR, Diversity and Inclusion

Large board support for 2023 D&I

Initiative for MIR in Africa, LatAM

- Adapt and update our rules
  - Conference code of conduct (since ISMIR-2018), ISMIR code of ethics (under-work)
  - New “tech leader” member position in the board
  - New rules to transfer potential ISMIR surplus
  - Brainstorming on open-review

Financial status of the society

How does the ISMIR board work ?

- Task-based: working group
  - Local actions
- Monthly internal-meetings to
  - report on task progresses
  - discuss on general issues
  - Sync with conference organizer
- Communication with community
  - survey,
  - mailing-list,
  - on individual level
- Yearly meeting to report on board activities and discuss with society members

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ISMIR Digital Infrastructure

- Society tech stack
  - Web, community, zenodo, archives, social, etc.
- Conference tech stack
  - Hybrid participation

- **-> New board position: Tech lead**
  - Dedicated role
  - Call for volunteers on ad-hoc basis (instead of tech team)

Tech lead

- Board member
- High-level goal:
  - Maintain continuity of ISMIR tech stack
- Responsibilities:
  - Maintain current tech stack
  - Define roadmaps and implement future iterations of tech stack
  - Interface with and support ISMIR conference organizers

Conference Tech Stack

Goals:

- Support hybrid
- **Standardize!** → easier for organizers, minimize duplicated effort

Standardized ISMIR conference tech stack:

- Standard workflows for proceedings and archival
- MiniConf (virtual conference & archive, as seen in 2020, 2022, 2023)
- Zoom (video conferencing)
- Slack (chat, announcements)
- Papers and proceedings archived on Zenodo (with unique DOI)

ISMIR Website

Coming soon: updated list of research centers

We can all contribute!

- The ISMIR website is hosted on GitHub: https://github.com/ismir/ismir-home/
- This means that we can make changes directly in the browser

If you see something that needs to be fixed, changed or updated:

- Make the changes on Github and submit a pull request (PR)

👍 Please help us keep the ISMIR website updated!

@Justin, Ajay -> to update

Digital footprint

- Archive
  - All of our papers are archived in a normalized format for posterity: https://archives.ismir.net/ismir2019/paper/000015.pdf
    `{namespace}/{dtype}/{id}`
- Zenodo
  - ISMIR takes care of Zenodo uploads - please don't add yourself!
- Metadata
  - All metadata is open source and version controlled on GitHub: https://github.com/ismir/conference-archive

👍 If you see something wrong, please submit a PR!

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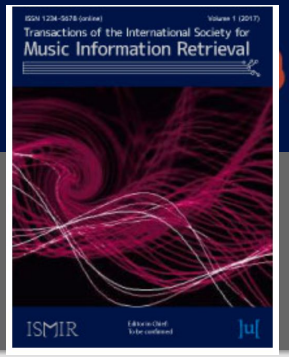

TISMIR: our journal

Editors in chief: Anja Volk, ~~Emilia Gómez,~~ Simon Dixon, Meinard Müller

Editorial board: Johanna Devaney, Arthur Flexer, Xiao Hu, Olivier Lartillot, Jin Ha Lee, Florence Levé, Bryan Pardo, Geoffroy Peeters, ~~Markus Schedl, Bob Sturm~~ Vacancies to be filled

Paper types:

- 1/ Research, 2/ Overview, 3/ Dataset, 4/ Special Collections, 5/ Tutorial

Papers published:

- 2021: 21 (51% acceptance rate)
- 2022: 15 (48% acceptance rate)
- **2023: ~15 (57% acceptance rate)**

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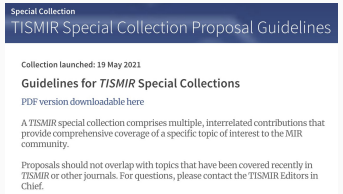
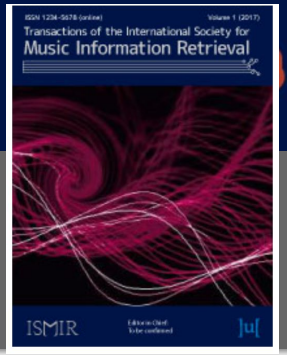
Special Collections

- ***"20th anniversary of ISMIR"*** *(2020)*
  Guest ed.: A. Flexer, Fl. Levé, G. Peeters, J. Urbano
- ***"AI and music creativity"*** *(2021)*
  Guest ed.: B. Sturm, S. Uitdenbogerd, A. Huang, H. Koops
- ***"Cultural Diversity in MIR"*** *(2023)*
  Guest ed.:Z. Duan, P. van Kranenburg, J. Nam, P. Rao

Call for Proposals – TISMIR Special Collection(s) 2024

- Multimodal MIR (TBC)
- Generative Music Models (TBC)





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- dblp
- scopus -> impact factor 2.8

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computer science bibliography

Web traffic:
- Users: 15472
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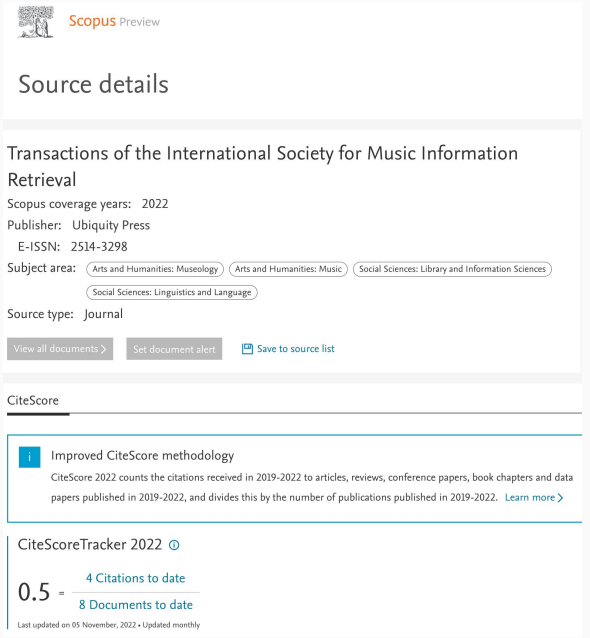
Best paper candidates:
- Invited for free publication of an extended paper

(All authors can extend great ISMIR papers; 50% new material)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Scopus coverage years: 2022

Publisher: Ubiquity Press

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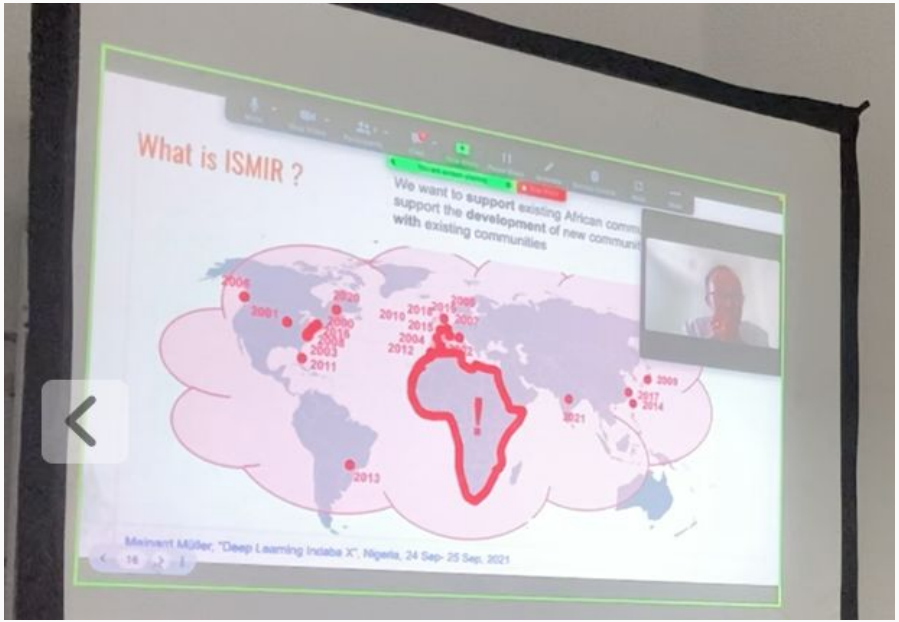
Support the development of new communities interested in MIR.

Support, promote, and connect with existing communities already working on MIR



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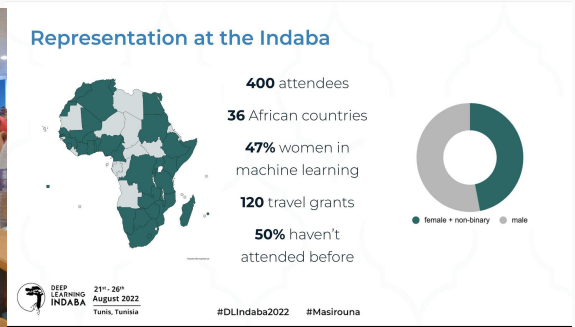
2022

We participated in the Tunis **Deep Learning Indaba 2022**.

30 minute intro to MIR talk using diverse music examples



Bottom Left: Deep Learning Indaba 2022 Group Photo. Top Right: Closing Presentation, Deep Learning Indaba 2022, Tunis, Aug 21-25.

Initiative for MIR in Africa

2023

AfriMIR steering committee:

Asma Osman. Intern at XLN Audio
Pedro Sarmento. Centre for Digital Music. QMUL
Alia Morsi. Music Technology Group, UPF

Twitter: @afrimir_init

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AfriMIR

More frequent presence in local events

- Connect with event hosts to include an MIR presentation in their program

Reach out to the ISMIR community to form a presenter network.

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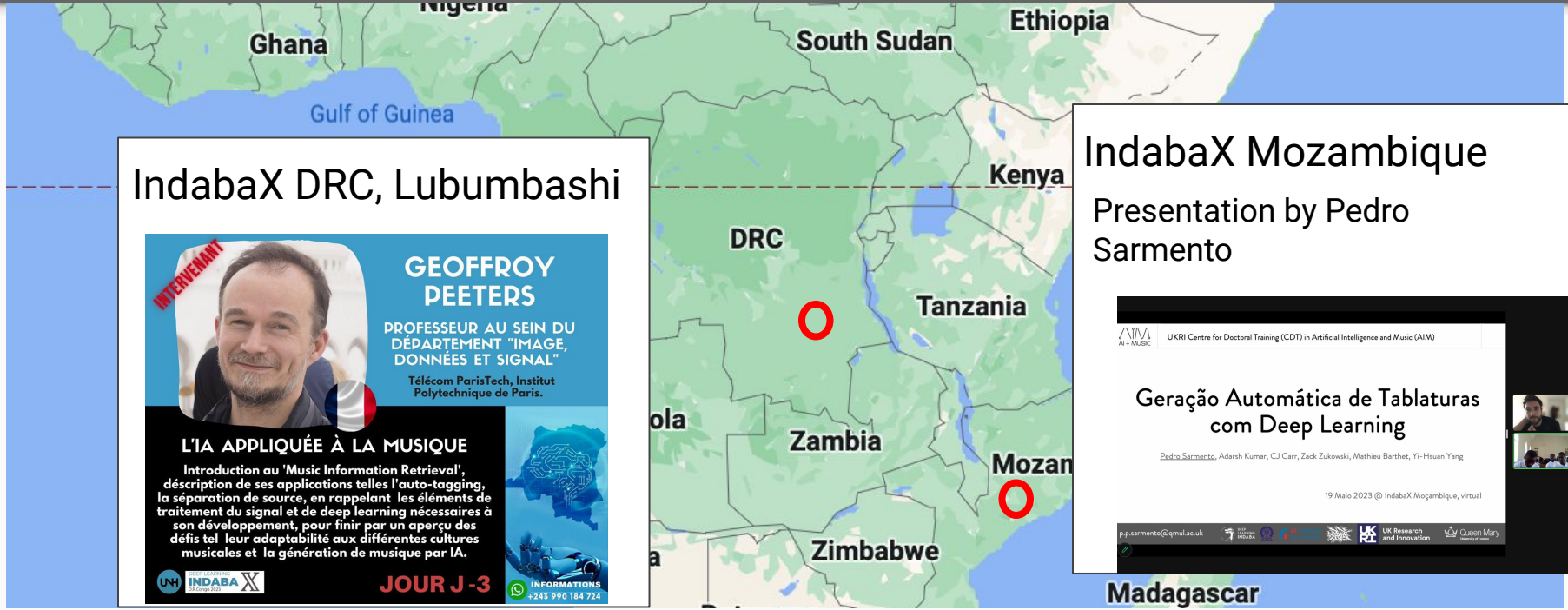

IndabaX DRC, Lubumbashi

IndabaX Mozambique

Presentation by Pedro Sarmento

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- Competitions with prizes (Interested friends from Industry, please get in touch!)

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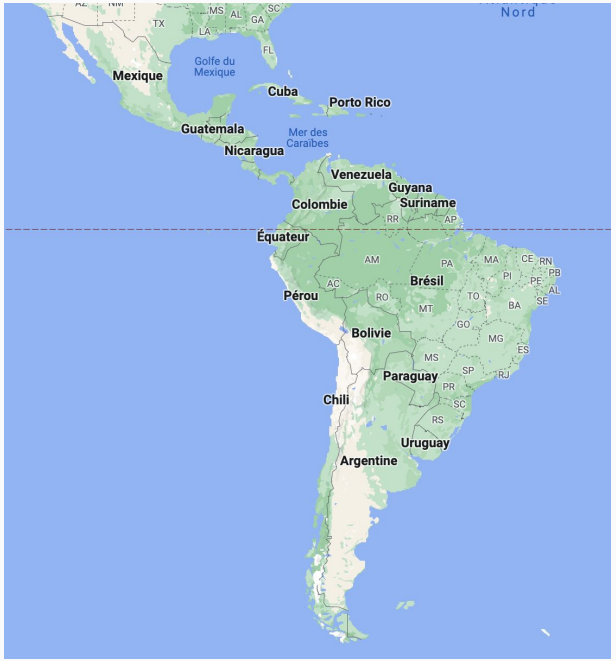
Will continue as a board supported initiative, but separate from it.

Initiative for MIR in LatAM (Latin America)

- Starting a similar initiative for Latin America
  - Potentially synchronized with BISH Bash LatAM
    - https://www.meetup.com/grupo-em-sao-paulo-de-audio-signal-processing/



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WiMIR

In 2023...

- **WiMIR** now in its 13th year.
- The **WiMIR Plenary Session** took place for the 9th time.
- The **WiMIR Mentoring Program** completed its 8th round.
- **WiMIR@ISMIR Sponsorship** and **grants** offered for the 8th time.
- The **ISMIR Conference Code of Conduct** is in place for the 6th time.
- The **WiMIR Workshop** takes a hiatus but will return in 2024!

ISMIR 2023 Diversity & Inclusion

WiMIR / D&I Chairs

- Claire Arthur
- Xiao Hu
- Francesca Ronchini

Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives

- Inclusion session and meetup
- Grants for women and other underrepresented researchers: Registration, travel, accommodation, and childcare.
- New-to-ISMIR paper mentoring program

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Financial Status
Previous Balance (Reported Dec 5, 2022)

			Account 1	Account 2
Current balances			USD	CDN
		Bank (TD)	174,259.94	65,217.01
		Paypal	202.75	0.00
		Total	174,462.69	65,217.01

Financial Status
Activity Over the Past Year

	Account 1 USD	Account 2 CAD
Paypal fees	-102.20	
ISMIR 2022 expenses		-322.41
ISMIR 2023 expenses		-5,297.93
TISMIR typesetting		-732.41
hostgator webhosting	-250.20	-41.01
hostgator sitelock	-82.01	-116.74
	-434.41	-6,510.50

Financial Status
Current Balance (Oct 31, 2023)

	Account 1	Account 2
	USD	CDN
Bank (TD)	174,259.94	58,706.51
Paypal	128.34	0.00
Total	174,388.28	58,706.51

Financial Outlook: *Excellent!*

- ISMIR is an independent society, and has an excellent financial outlook (thanks to the successful financial management of past conferences).
- ISMIR is a non-profit organization (NPO), and so it is critical that it not accrue significant savings.
- A healthy ISMIR treasury allows the Society to continue funding students, WiMIR grants, TISMIR and other initiatives.

Financial Status: Future Budget Usage

1. Continue making ISMIR accessible: students, WiMIR, outreach to increase diversity, scholarships
2. Support for high-quality scientific papers at TISMIR (open access fees, copy editing)
3. ISMIR organizers, e.g., ISBNs, cover costs to reduce the financial risk, reduce reliance on sponsors

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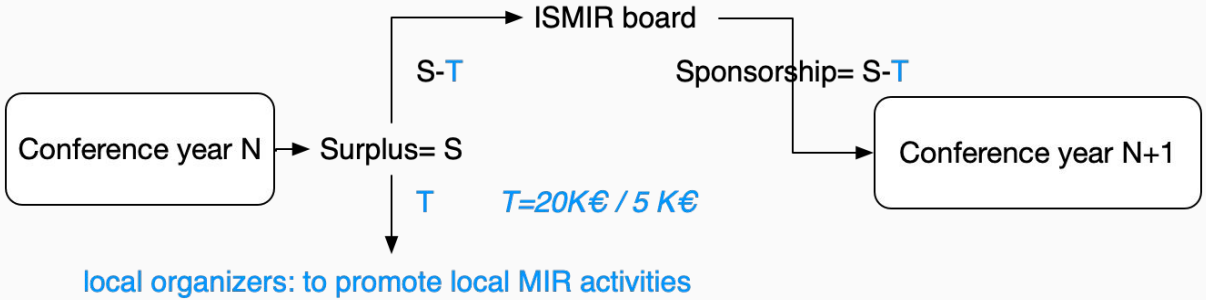
Updating the society's bylaws

Updating the society's **bylaws** to

- Establishing a new **Tech Lead position** in the board:
  - *The objective of the Tech Lead role is to oversee the ISMIR technical infrastructure, encompassing elements such as the website, GitHub repository, mailing system, and zenodo repository. This role has become imperative due to the expansion and growth of the society's infrastructure over the years.*
- Mentioning the relationship between **TISMIR** and the **Society**
- Replacing "*Annual **Business** Meeting*" with "*Annual **Society** Meeting*"
- Replacing « shall » by « can » in *The Society Members can at each Annual Society Meeting appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Society*

Adapt and update our rules
New rules for potential ISMIR surplus



- “In case the final accounting of a conference shows a **surplus** S larger than T (where T is a threshold which depends on the location of the conference), the board allows the local conference organizer to keep T of the surplus for **locally promoting ISMIR (by organizing workshops, summer-school, providing local grants)**. The use of T should be detailed when applying to host the conference. The remaining surplus, S-T, is transferred to the next year conference organizer with the goal of facilitating the organization of the conference, with the specific goal of reducing the registration fees.
- Currently (as of March 2023), T is fixed to 20K€ for location where we want to actively promote ISMIR and to 5K€ for location where ISMIR is already largely active (Europe, USA and Canada). “

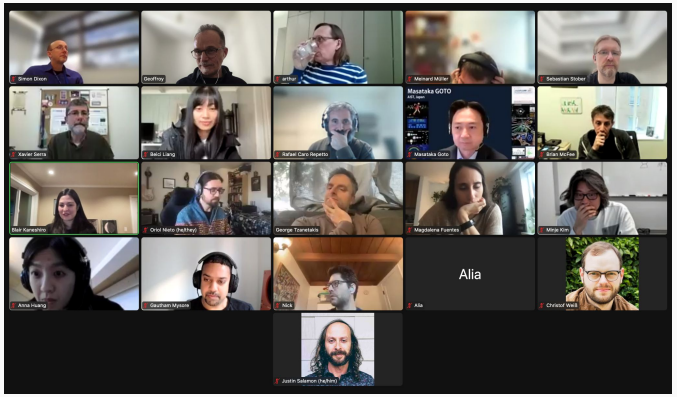
Adapt and update our rules
Brainstorming on open review, arxiv, LLM

A working group has formed to discuss ISMIR review practices.

- Should we move toward Open Review?
- If so, what aspects and when?

Ongoing initiative

- This session: **Town Hall** on Open Review.
- Thursday, Nov 16: Open Review **Webinar**.
- Post-webinar community **survey**.



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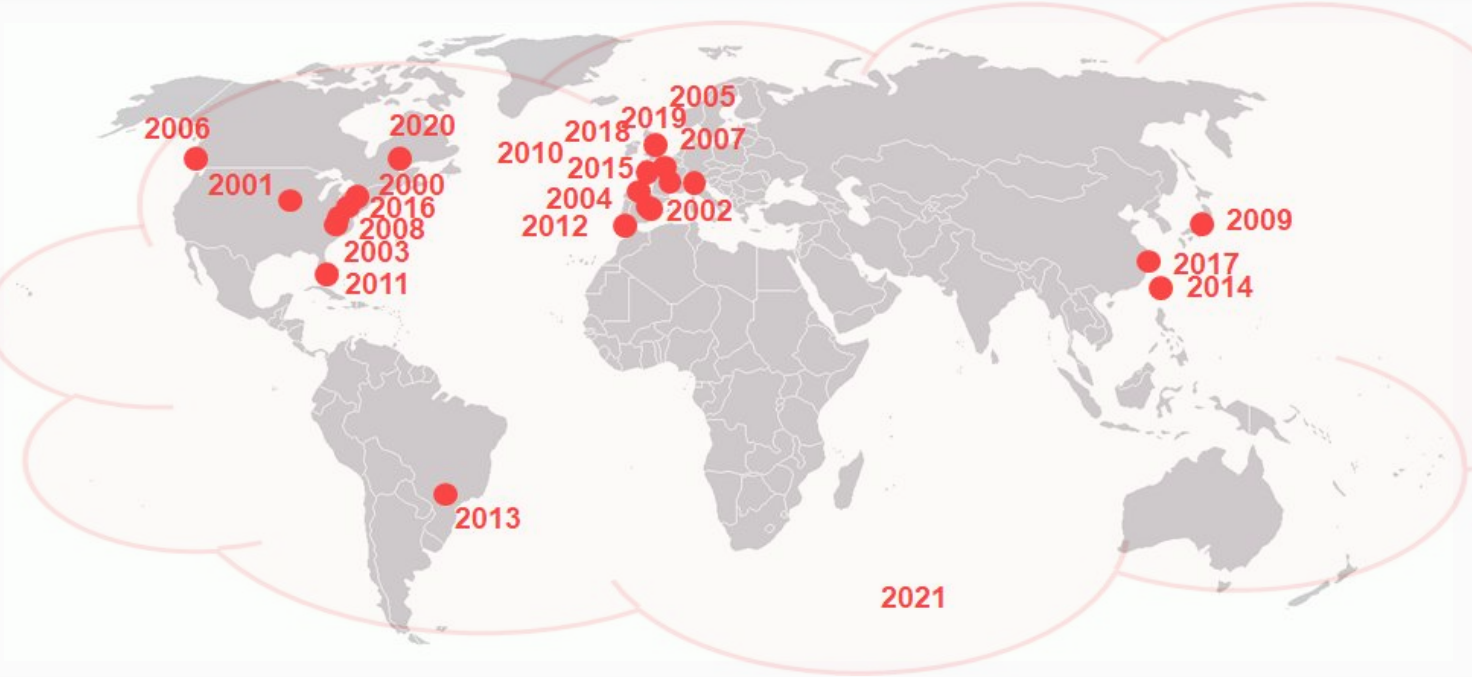

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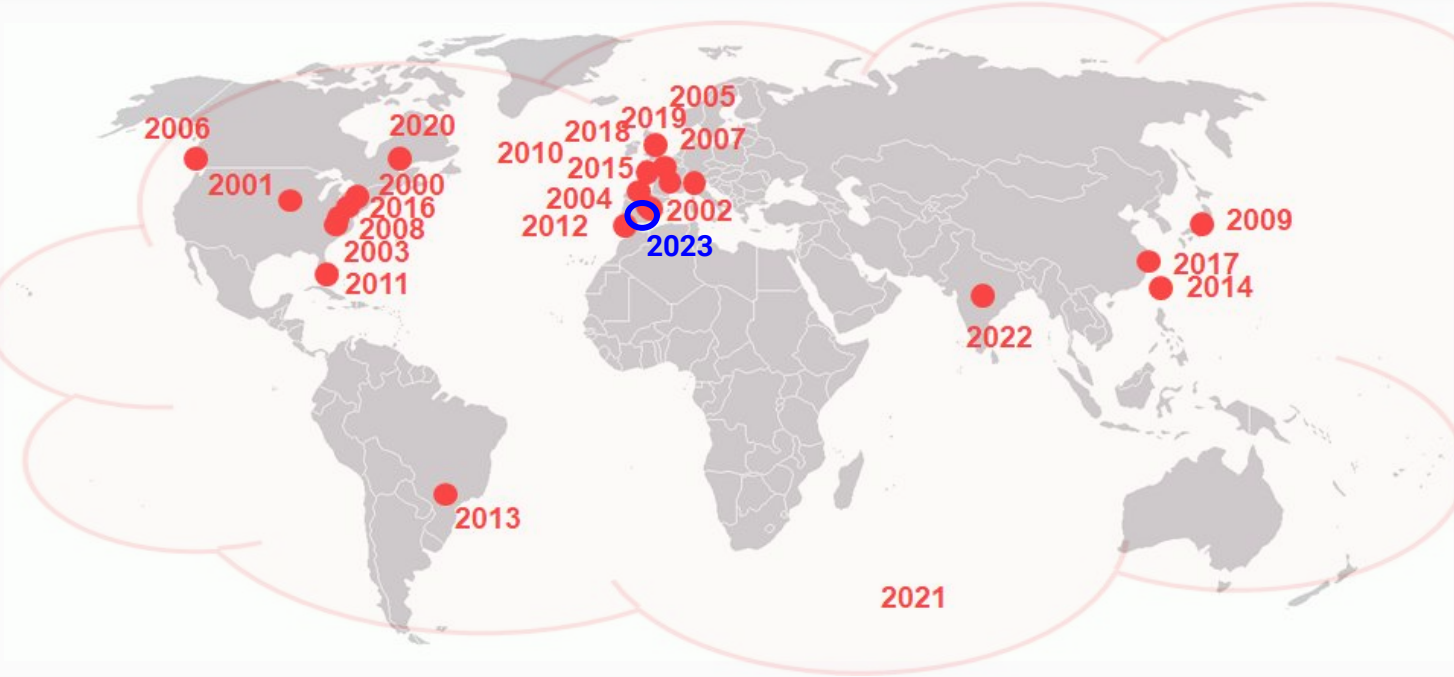

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ISMIR 2024 in California (hybrid)

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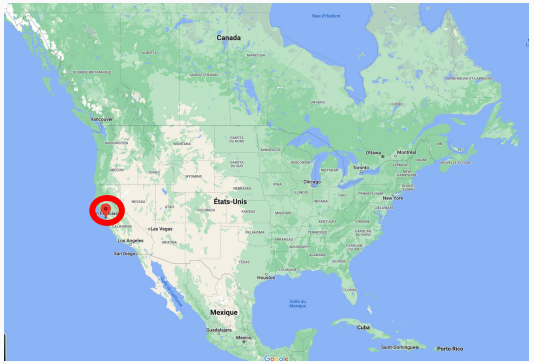
ISMIR 2024

Location: San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA
Date: October/November, 2024



Chairs:

Blair Kaneshiro, Stanford University
Gautham J. Mysore, Adobe Research
Oriol Nieto, Adobe Research

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ISMIR 2025 in …

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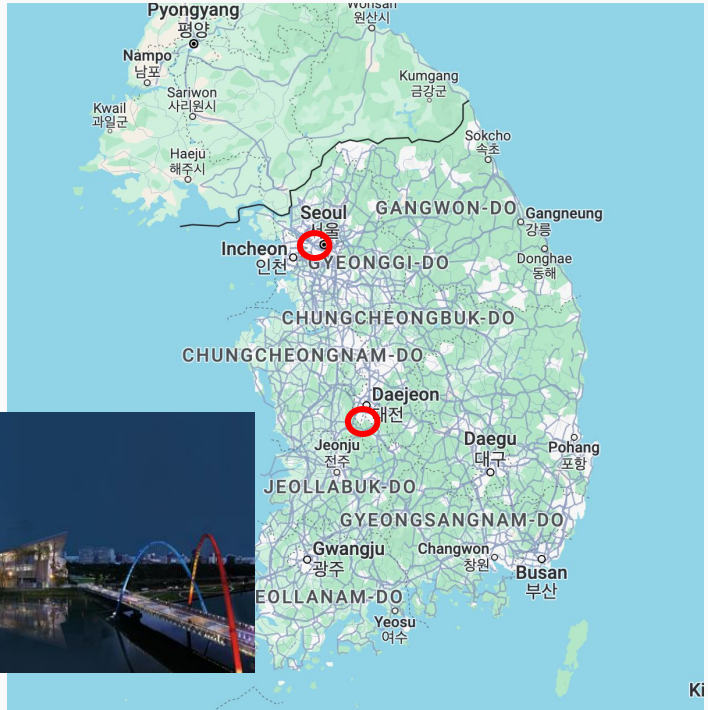
ISMIR 2025

Location: Daejeon, South Korea
Date: September/October 2025

Chairs:

Juhan Nam
Keunwoo Choi
Dasaem Jeong



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ISMIR 2026 and beyond

- We are still welcoming bids … but most probably Asia

- See the “Guide for making a proposal for the organisation of the ISMIR Conference”
- Requirement: hybrid format

Questions?

ISMIR conference
Milano, Italy
2023/11/09