

Biomedical Acoustics TC Meeting 186th Meeting in Ottawa

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Technical Committee (TC) Chair: Prof. Julianna C. Simon

1. Welcome

- New attendee introduction: Grace, Reilly, Sam, Arfie, Vishal, Henry, Jenny, Steph.
- The total number of participants was 60.
 - 39 non-students
 - 21 students

2. The meeting began with introductory content and summary of TC activities by Prof. Simon. See slides for details.

3. The new fellow was announced. Congratulations!

4. The special sessions offered in Sydney were summarized.

5. Feedback on the Ottawa conference was solicited.

- PowerPoint gifs caused slides to crash.
- There were widespread Wifi issues.
- There were lots of special sessions.
- There were some scheduling difficulties surrounding the keynote on Wednesday.
- Sessions started quite early and ended quite early.
- Thanks to organizers and chairs of special sessions

6. Student poster competition (Ken)

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- We had 35 participants.
- Thanks to all the judges!
- Three-way tie for second place: Dingyue Zhang, Elahe Memari, Hongchen Li. Congratulations!
- Kamsu Onyemeh won first place! Congratulations!
- Kyle Hazel won first place. Congratulations!
- Award winners will be contacted directly for their awards.

7. Student Council update (Chirag)

- Student First-Time Attendee/Student Orientation (Room 203), 5:15-5:45 PM, ~100 people attended!
- Student Meet and Greet (Trillium Foyer), 5:45- 7:30 PM, ~300 people attended!
- Student Informal Outing (Level One Game Pub) 8:00-10:00 PM, ~80 people attended!
- Student Reception (Governor General Room), 6:00– 7:30 PM, ~ 200 people attended!
- SONIC continues to be a successful program. Please encourage students to participate as guides and newcomers. In Ottawa, we had 12 newcomers and 7 guides.

8. See slides for highlights of the AIPP report highlights.
9. The JASA impact factor is trending slightly down, but it is still well within our goals (≥ 2).
10. Check out our LinkedIn pages and the Across Acoustics page! There are over 50 episodes that have been posted.
11. See slides for details on other publication news. Art Popper is retiring.
12. Subha discussed ASA Academy, which are courses organized by ASA. Subha has a survey for distribution by BA.
13. ASA School occurred prior to the Ottawa conference. There was lots of positive feedback from students: “loved it,” “good networking,” and “good food.”
14. No photography of slides is allowed at the ASA meeting. Consent of speakers must be obtained beforehand. The rule has not quite been followed, and this policy something that can be emphasized in the future.

15. The meetings committee is looking into how to better utilize room space, which would reduce talks.

- Audio-video (A/V) costs are high.
- It is proposed that talks requiring A/V be concentrated in the middle of the week. A few other options were discussed. See slides for details.
- Lots of students give talks in our meeting, which is time-consuming and increases costs, but student participation in this capacity is also a unique feature of the Society.
- An attendee did not want for the time slots of talks to be reduced, because this reduces the quality of the content/the depth of what can be conveyed.
- Kevin brought up the possibility of reducing to just one meeting per year. This was very controversial, but it seemed that a significant portion (more than half) of attendees wanted to reduce the frequency of ASA meetings to just a single meeting per year.
- There were some positive thoughts on reducing the A/V (lecture-based) content to be condensed to fewer days.
- Attendees generally want to support students. There were negative feelings about having students exclusively present posters, because a great benefit of the Society is the opportunity for students to present lectures.
- A three-day meeting was proposed, which might be more family-friendly.

16. Virtual meeting

- The virtual meeting schedule was presented. It was verified that the meeting will be in November, but the dates presented were slightly incorrect. See slides and check the ASA website for all the details.
- The fee will be \$250 for member registration. There will be a \$25 watch party supplement running on an honor system. There are some travel funds which might be used to diffused some costs.

17. Updates on Acoustics in Focus was presented.

18. Spring 2025 ASA/ICA New Orleans meeting, May 19-23

- International participation requested by an attendee about a session about bubbles.
- We will have five special sessions.
- Mark Hamilton provided some background on the ICA and provided some of the latest numbers.
- International Symposiums on Architectural Acoustics and Musical Acoustics.

- There will not be required proceedings for the meeting.
- ICA has daily plenary speakers. Please reach out with ideas!

19. The end.