CALL FOR INTERSPEECH 2014 SPECIAL SESSIONS

Submissions of Special Session proposals are encouraged for INTERSPEECH 2014, covering interdisciplinary topics and/or important new emerging areas of interest related to the main conference topics. Submissions related to the special focus of the conference, Celebrating the Diversity of Spoken Languages, are particularly welcome. Apart from a particular theme, special sessions should be the opportunity for a format different from a regular session. Each special session proposal should contain the following information:

• Title of the proposed session
• Names and affiliations of organizers (including brief bio and contact information)
• Up to five bullet points on what makes the session special (can include, but not limited to, technical aspects, format of the session, expected outcomes, people involved)
• An introduction (maximum 1 page) stating the importance of the topic and the objectives of the proposed Session
• Tentative/confirmed list of papers or at least target contributors
• Additional or non-standard resources (e.g. data, equipment, poster stands etc) required for organizing the special session

Proposals should clearly describe the topic and explain why it cannot be covered appropriately in regular sessions. Additionally, the intended format for the session should be clearly indicated (panel, posters, etc.).

Papers for approved Special Sessions should be submitted following the same schedule and procedure as regular papers; the papers will undergo the same review process by anonymous and independent reviewers. Special session organizers will be associated to reviewer assignment and to the final decisions. Proposals are evaluated by the Organizing Committee based on relevance and significance of the topic.

Important dates:
Submission deadline...............................................................December 31, 2013
Notification of pre-selection.......................................................January 17, 2014
Final list of special sessions.......................................................June, 2014
Email to submit proposals tkinnu@cs.uef.fi

Prospective organizers are invited to submit a proposal via email to the Special Session Chair, Dr. Tomi H. Kinnunen, at email tkinnu@cs.uef.fi, before December 31, 2013. Notification of pre-selection is scheduled for mid of January, 2014; final acceptance after reviews on June 2014.