Foreword

Welcome to the 12th International Conference on Auditory-Visual Speech Processing (AVSP 2013). This year AVSP is being held in Annecy, France. Annecy is a charming town in southeastern France, known for its lake, "Europe's cleanest lake". AVSP 2013 is supported by INRIA Grand-Est in Nancy. Nancy is in the Northeast of France, but we chose beautiful Annecy to stay close to the Interspeech venue. To keep the tradition of meeting in a more isolated venue, we will gather at Ternelia in Saint-Jorioz, which is on the shore of the lake of Annecy, and surrounded by majestic mountains.

AVSP is a uniquely interdisciplinary conference, focusing on auditory and visual speech information in human perception, machine recognition, and human-machine interaction. We are glad that AVSP conferences continue to attract many researchers from various fields, such as psychology, computer engineering, neuroscience, linguistics, and robotic engineering.

These proceedings contain 41 papers accepted for presentation after receiving two reviews each. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the scientific committee and all other reviewers for their valuable contribution to the paper selection process.

For this meeting, we are grateful to be hearing keynotes from two excellent speakers: Angelo Cangelosi, Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Cognition at the University of Plymouth, and Charles Spence, Professor of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford. The goal of keynotes at AVSP is to get a glance at fields related to AVSP, and their current problems and innovative methods. We are excited to hear about Pr. Cangelosi's and Pr. Spence's work.

We express thanks to the administrative and technical personnel at INRIA Nancy Grand-Est for their assistance in organizing of this conference: Anne-Lise Charbonnier, Louisa Touioui, and Kevin Ledocq. We also thank LORIA and INRIA Nancy for hosting the website and the online proceedings of this conference, and AFCP for their support.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and inspiring conference.

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