

# International Society for Music Information Retrieval

ISMIR Society Meeting  
Virtual Conference

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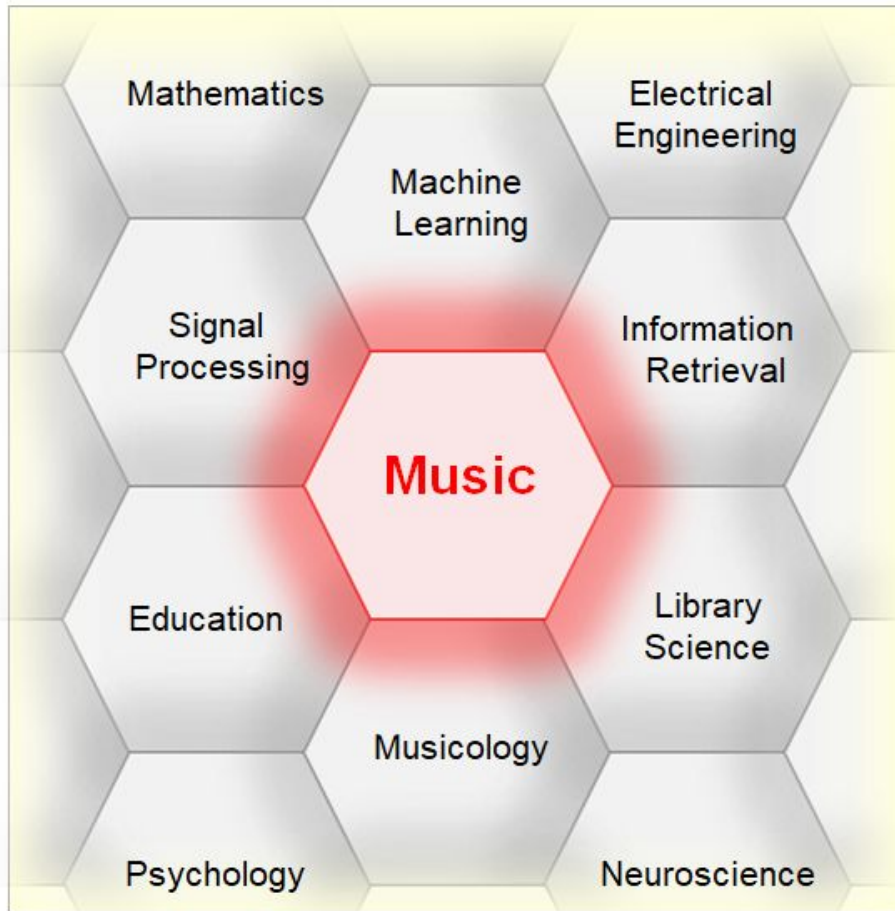
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- Research of computational systems to help humans better make sense of music-related data
- Multifaceted area drawing from a diverse set of disciplines



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- We love music and technology ...
- We love being independent ...
- We love meeting each other ...
- We love openness and diversity ...

# Who is the ISMIR Society?

You, and anyone else who paid the membership fee.

ISMIR board (January 2020 to December 2021)

- President: Meinard Müller, Int. AudioLabs Erlangen, Germany
- President-elect: Geoffroy Peeters, Télécom Paris, France
- Secretary: Audrey Laplante, Université de Montréal, Canada
- Treasurer: Bob L.T. Sturm, KTH, Sweden
- Member-at-large: Blair Kaneshiro, Stanford University, USA
- Member-at-large: Estefanía Cano, AudioSourceRe, Ireland
- Member-at-large: Mark Sandler, Queen Mary University of London, GB
- Student member: Andrew M. Demetriou, TU Delft, The Netherlands

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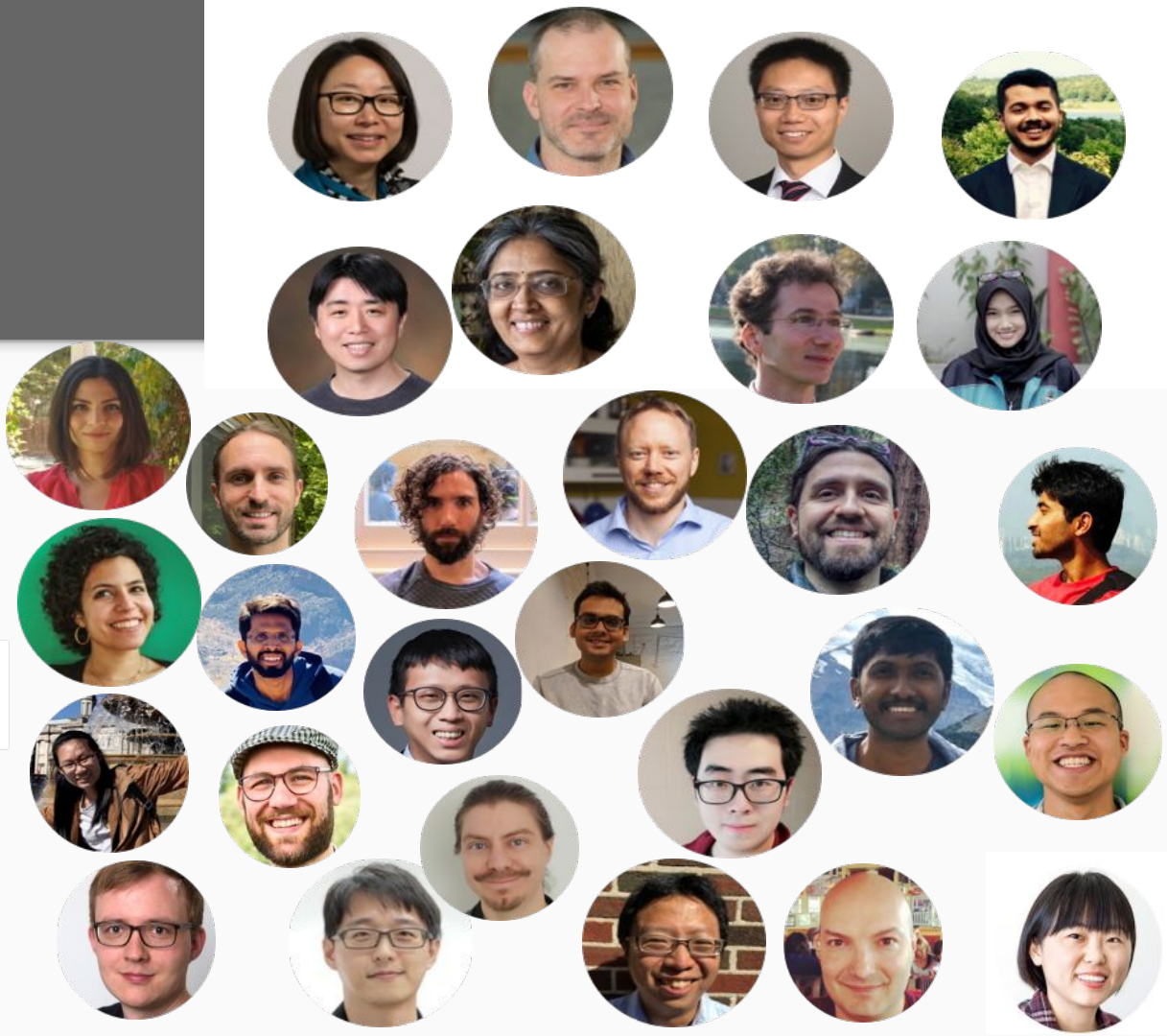
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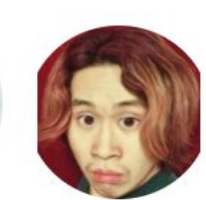
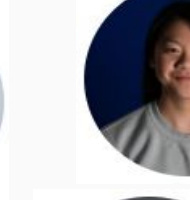
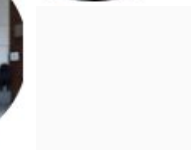
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Organizing Team  
Many Thanks!





Volunteers  
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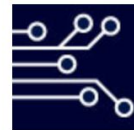
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- WiMIR, Diversity & Inclusion
- Financial Status
- Website and Digital Footprint
- Next ISMIR conferences
- ISMIR Election



LATEST ARTICLES

POPULAR ARTICLES



Characterising Confounding  
Effects in Music Classification  
Experiments through  
Interventions

Editors in chief: Anja Volk, Emilia Gómez, Simon Dixon

Editorial Board: Matthew Davies, Johanna Devaney, Arthur Flexer, Xiao Hu, Olivier Lartillot, Jin Ha Lee, Florence Levé, Meinard Mueller, Bryan Pardo, Geoffroy Peeters, Markus Schedl, Julian Urbano

**Papers published:**

- 2018: **8** (18 submitted)
- 2019: **8** (18 submitted)
- 2020: **19** (39 submitted)
- 2021 (until Oct): **22 (38 submitted)**

**Paper types:** research, overview, dataset

**Web traffic:**

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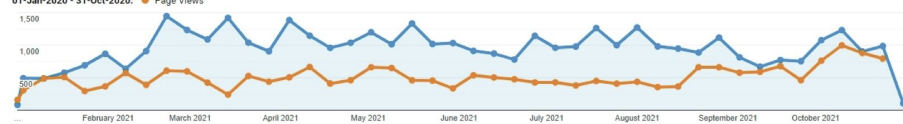


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01-Jan-2021 - 31-Oct-2021: ● Page Views  
01-Jan-2020 - 31-Oct-2020: ● Page Views



Page Views  
**89.79%**  
42,413 vs 22,347

Unique Page Views  
**84.03%**  
33,960 vs 18,454

Avg. Time on Page  
**31.05%**  
00:02:41 vs 00:02:03

Bounce Rate  
**-9.30%**  
64.67% vs 71.30%

% Exit  
**-0.73%**  
58.00% vs 58.43%



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Special Collection

20th Anniversary of ISMIR

## Special Issues

Published

- *20th anniversary of ISMIR - Guest ed.: A. Flexer, Fl. Levé, G. Peeters, J. Urbano*

Under-reviewing

- *“AI and music creativity” Guest ed.: B. Sturm, S. Uitdenbogerd, A. Huang, H. Koops*

Call for Proposals – TISMIR Special Collection 2022

- *Guidelines published*

## What's next ?

- **Best paper candidates: Invitation for free publication of an extended publication**
- **All authors can extend great ISMIR papers (50% new material)**



Special Collection

TISMIR Special Collection Proposal Guidelines

Collection launched: 19 May 2021

Guidelines for *TISMIR* Special Collections[PDF version downloadable here](#)

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- A team of **guest editors (GEs)** consists of typically **3 to 5 members**, with one member serving as designated **Lead GE**. It is strongly encouraged that the team is diverse and experienced with a broad representation from different organizations and countries
- Motivation, timeliness, and **importance of the topic** (e.g., recent activities in conferences, research projects, and funding programs).
- A tentative **list of topics** covered in the special collection.
- A tentative **schedule** of submission and review.
- Relation to any recent special issues published or planned for publication in other journals/ transactions/ magazines.

# WiMIR



In 2021...

- **WiMIR** now in its 11th year.
- **WiMIR Plenary Session** took place for the 7th time.
- **WiMIR Mentoring Program** completed its 6th round.
- **WiMIR@ISMIR Grants** were offered for the 6th time: Registration fees, childcare expenses.
- **ISMIR Conference Code of Conduct** is in place for the 4th time.
- **WiMIR Workshop** was held (virtually) for the 4th time.
- **WiMIR Volunteers** support the Mentoring Program, Workshop, Blog.

# ISMIR2021 Diversity & Inclusion



- Diversity & Inclusion Chairs: Blair Kaneshiro, Jordan B. L. Smith
- Newcomer Chairs: Nick Gang, Elona Shatri
- **ISMIR2021 Grants** for students, newcomers, D&I, unaffiliated.
  - 298 registration grants and 10 childcare grants awarded.
- **WiMIR** Keynote and Special Sessions.
- **Newcomer Initiatives:** Newcomer Squads, “Getting the most out of ISMIR” sessions.
- Community surveys and blog posts.
- Special call for papers, special LBD track.



# Broadening Diversity & Inclusion

MIR continues to develop and grow as a diverse and inclusive community!

- **ISMIR Diversity Summit** brought community organizers together.
- **Local MIR-themed meetups**, e.g., IndabaX, BISH Bash.
- Potential **new initiatives and communities**.

Join the conversation!

- D&I discussions with ISMIR Board, WiMIR, and community organizers in the special session following this Business Meeting.



# Financial Status

## Previous Balance (Reported Oct 15, 2020)

		Account 1	Account 2
Current balances		USD	CDN
	Bank (TD)	39,965.37	8,702.45
	Paypal	1,534.15	2,697.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,499.52</b>	<b>11,399.55</b>

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## Activity Over the Past Year

		Account 1 USD	Account 2 CAD	
Income	Membership fees (paypal)	270.00	0.00	27 paid 10 USD each
	ISMIR 2019 Surplus	33,309.26	0.00	received Oct 21 2020
	ISMIR 2020 Surplus	0.00	74,477.40	received June 23 2021
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>33,579.26</b>	<b>74,477.40</b>	
Expenses	Paypal and TD Bank fees	- 18.45	- 64.07	
	ISMIR 2020 expenses	- 3,790.07	- 8,037.50	
	TISMIR typesetting	- 0.00	- 1,094.47	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>- 3,808.52</b>	<b>- 9,196.04</b>	

# Financial Status

## Current Balance (Oct 21, 2021)

	Account 1	Account 2
	USD	CDN
Bank (TD)	71,074.63	76,025.73
Paypal	195.63	655.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,270.26</b>	<b>76,680.91</b>

# Financial Status

## ISMIR Society Running Nice Surplus

- We all owe huge thanks to the successful financial management of previous conferences! (notably 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- ISMIR is a non-profit organization (NPO) with **no** other revenue
- ISMIR is an independent society, and has a very healthy financial outlook
- This is what allows the society to fund students, WiMIR grants, TISMIR and other initiatives

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## 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

# ISMIR Website

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)

ISMIR

👍 Please help us keep the ISMIR website updated!

# 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>



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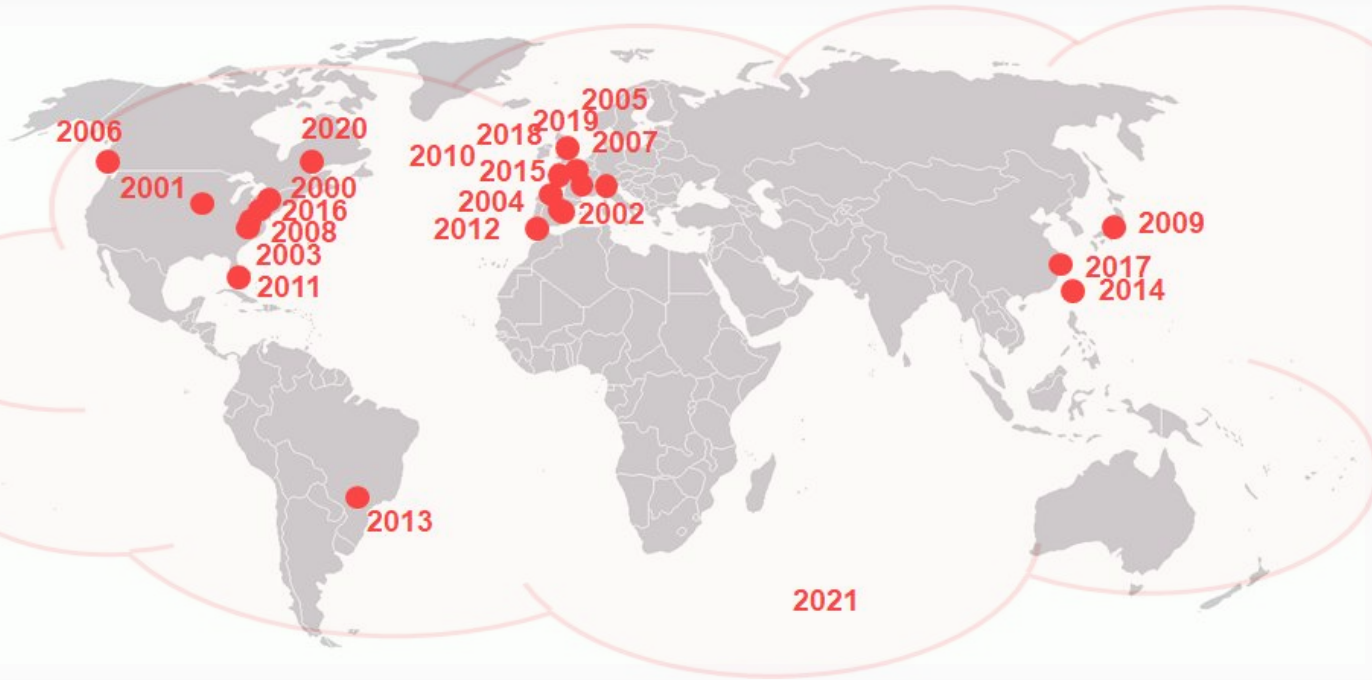


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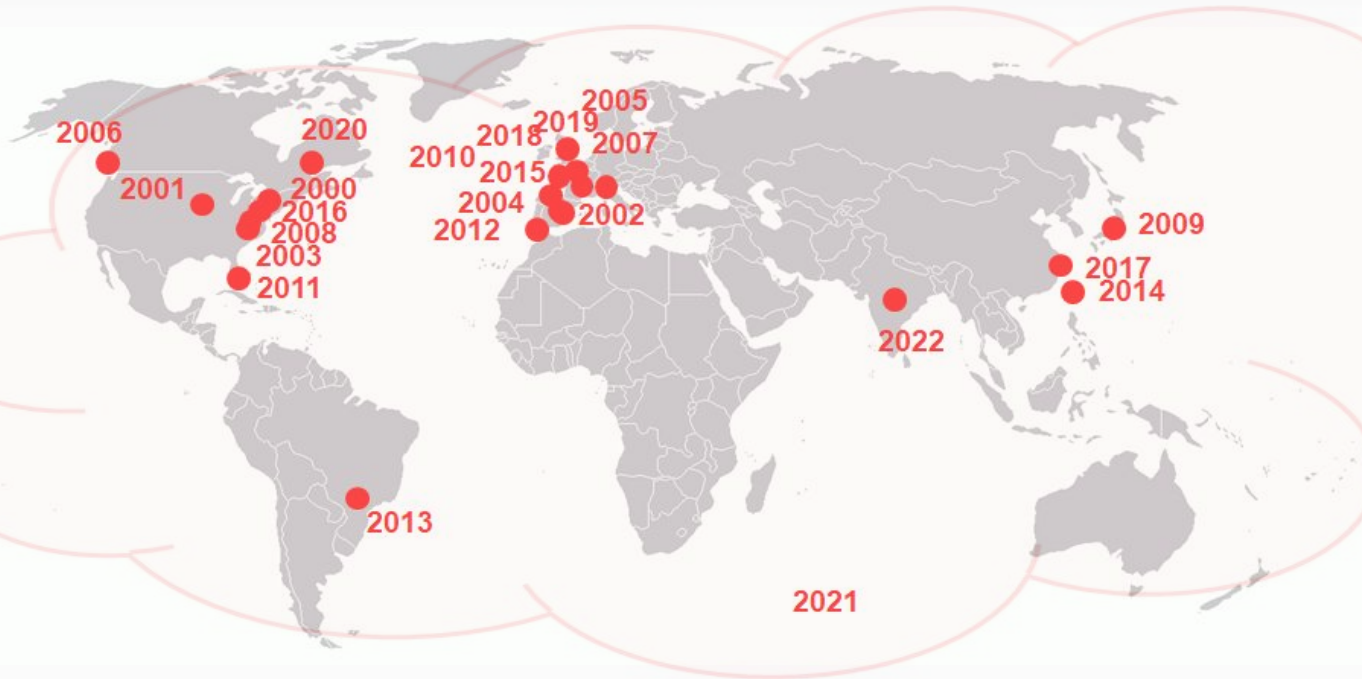
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ISMIR 2023 and beyond

- We are still welcoming bids
- See the [“Guide for making a proposal for the organisation of the ISMIR Conference”](#)
- Hybrid format

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- Member-at-large: Christof Weiss, AudioLabs Erlangen, Germany
- Student member: Alia Morsi, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

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- Smooth transition to next ISMIR generation ...
- New ideas, same spirit ...

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