



## 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the European Acoustics Association

The 25th General Assembly of the European Acoustics Association was held in **Krakow, Poland on Sunday, 7th September 2014**. All the current issues of the EAA were discussed during the meeting in which there was representation of 18 out of 26 full member societies. The Israeli Acoustics Association was accepted as associate member (see details in a different section of this newsletter) and was also represented in the meeting. In the following lines you may read on some of the topics discussed during the meeting.

### ACTA ACUSTICA united with ACUSTICA

A major subject of discussions concerned the open access possibility of the journal. At the moment Acta Acustica united with Acustica has a “green” status in Sherpa Romeo, but the green open access has embargo of 12 months and no gold open access is possible. Following negotiations with Hirzel Verlag, the publisher of the journal, a survey among our members will be launched in order to access the priorities and the opinions of the potential authors on this issue.

### YOUNG ACOUSTICIANS NETWORK

Following the report of the co-ordinator **Xavier Valero** the number of members is continuously growing and network is active in LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and emails. Recently, the YAN made a survey of student’s mobility, see the results on the presentation found in Fenestra. New Co-ordinator of the YAN will be **Christina Zahorano**, will take over the duties from Xavier soon.

### NEW RESEARCHERS SUPPORT

EAA is continuously encouraging the involvement of the new researchers in all the major EAA events. Following this approach, this year EAA has given 10 grants (free registrations to Forum Acusticum 2014) to 10 young acousticians. Also in Forum Acusticum 2014 six *EAA best paper and presentation awards* were to be selected among 45 applicants. These awards are worth 500€ each and the awards are sponsored by the **Head Genuit Foundation**. EAA expresses our gratitude to the Head Genuit Foundation for their donation to the EAA to support the activities of the new acousticians.

### EXTERNAL RELATIONS

A decision was made in the board and was announced in the GA on the support of the film project called “in Pursuit of Silence”, which will be is a meditative film about the value of silence, our relationship with sound, and the implications of living in such a noisy world. (see: <http://www.pursuitofsilence.com/>). The production of the film became known to the EAA through a letter from the president of IoA suggesting the involvement of the EAA and the European National Societies in the production by some sponsorship. EAA will eventually sponsor the film by \$5000. Individual support from the member societies is also possible. Thus EAA will get many benefits from the release of the film to be announced after the negotiations with the producers are over and the contract is signed.

The EAA will co-ordinate activities on a Pan-European level for the promotion of the **International Awareness day of the year 2017**.

The year of 2019 has been considered as “**The Year of Sound 2019**”. It is an initiative strongly supported by the International Commission for Acoustics . EAA will be actively involved in all the related events.



## **MODIFICATIONS OF INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

As some of the internal regulations are out-dated while there is a need to add terms in existing regulations or even add regulations for issues mentioned in the Statutes the board of EAA is currently preparing the new version of internal regulations and when the work is ready the draft will be sent to all national societies. The aim is to have the new regulations approved in the next EAA GA to be held in **Maastricht on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015**, just before the start of the next Euronoise conference. A brief outline of the planned changes was reported during the GA.

Of particular importance is the modification of the internal regulations concerning the Technical Committees (TCs). The EAA Board believes that the TCs should be more actively involved in the EAA events and that their Chairmen should be in closer contact with the EAA board in discussing the issues related to their field of specialization. The TCs should be active in the preparation of special sessions in all the major EAA Conferences, and in the organization of special thematic workshops and symposia. The regulations should encourage the participation of more individual members of the societies in the TCs activities.