



# Odyssey 2008: The Speaker and Language Recognition Workshop

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**Odyssey 2008:** *The Speaker and Language Recognition Workshop* will be cohosted by Spescom DataVoice and Stellenbosch University in scenic Stellenbosch, South Africa. Odyssey'08 is an ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop held in cooperation with the ISCA Speaker and Language Characterization SIG and with technical cosponsorship by the IEEE and the IET. ISCA grants are available to enable students and young scientists to participate.\* The need for fast, efficient, accurate, and robust means of recognizing people and languages is of growing importance for commercial, forensic, and government applications. The aim of this workshop is to continue to foster interactions among researchers in speaker and language recognition as the successor of the 1994 *Automatic Speaker Recognition Workshop* (Martigny), 1998 *RLA2C Workshop* (Avignon), 2001 *A Speaker Odyssey* (Crete), *Odyssey 2004: The Speaker and Language Recognition Workshop* (Toledo), and *IEEE Odyssey 2006: The Speaker and Language Recognition Workshop* (San Juan).

## Topics

Topics of interest include speaker recognition (verification, identification, segmentation, and clustering); text-dependent and -independent speaker recognition; multispeaker training and detection; speaker characterization and adaptation; features for speaker recognition; robustness in channels; robust classification and fusion; speaker recognition corpora and evaluation; use of extended training data; speaker recognition with speech recognition; forensics, multimodality, and multimedia speaker recognition; speaker and language confidence estimation; language, dialect, and accent recognition; speaker synthesis and transformation; biometrics; human recognition; and commercial applications.

## Paper Submission

Prospective authors are invited to submit papers written in English via the Odyssey website at <http://www.speakerodyssey.com>. The style guide, templates, and submission form can be downloaded from the Odyssey website. Two members of the Scientific Committee will review each paper. Each accepted paper must have at least one uniquely registered author. The workshop proceedings will be published on CD.

## Schedule

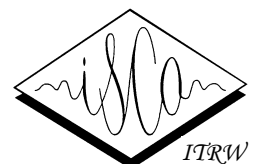
Draft papers due	15 July 2007
Notification of acceptance	15 September 2007
Final papers due	30 October 2007
Preliminary program	30 November 2007
Workshop	21-25 January 2008

## Venue, Accommodation, Information and Registration

Venue: Stellenbosch, historic campus town in the wine-lands, approximately 50km from Cape Town and 30km from Cape Town International Airport.

Accommodation: There is a wide range of tourist accommodations in and around Stellenbosch.

Registration and further information: [www.speakerodyssey.com](http://www.speakerodyssey.com).



\*ISCA Grants: <http://www.isca-speech.org/workshops.html>