

## Message of the O-COCOSDA Convener



Welcome to Oriental-COCOSDA/CASLRE 2015 in Shanghai, China. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Oriental-COCOSDA, the Oriental chapter of the International Coordinating Committee on Speech Databases and Speech I/O Systems and Assessment. We are gradually upgrading Oriental COCOSDA to a conference with new name CASLRE, Conference on Asian Spoken Language Research and Evaluation. Oriental COCOSDA will be a part of the conference where country/regional activities will be reported.

I would like to thank the colleagues from China headed by Conference Chair Professor Kaibao HU and technical committee chair, Professor Hongwei Ding for enormous efforts making the event possible this time in China. I would also like to thank all of the organization committee for the great efforts of the managements.

As an organization without any membership fees or financial resource, the annual meetings have continued since 1998, making Oriental-COCOSDA one of the most active organizations in Asia. Some of our long standing members are also active in other well-known international scholarly communities and acting as liaison. This means our members could also be more involved in the international community at large.

What began as a workshop has now grown into conferences with peer reviewed full papers. Conference proceedings were indexed by IEEE Xplore in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, and will be indexed again by IEEE Xplore this year. While indexing is entirely subject to the discretion of each organizer, the action was nonetheless well received by younger colleagues towards travel subsidies and career track records.

Over the years, the Oriental-COCOSDA has fostered, directly and indirectly, several multi-national research collaborations in Asia. Using a common platform for data collection and providing unrestricted access of collected corpora towards research and development as well as performance assessment is no longer just an aim, but there are projects in progress.

Following the Oriental-COCOSDA convention from the very beginning, there will be reports of activity updates from regional members each year. Please attend Oriental COCOSDA country report session on the last day.

In what is my last message as Oriental-COCOSDA Convener, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the community. We will of course continue to serve the community but we would be grateful for your continued cooperation to Oriental COCOSDA/CASLRE.

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