Keynote

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Research on laughter in vocal communication and its progress in the last decade
The beginning of this workshop series goes back 10 years from now. Since then the research on laughter as a vocal signal has been made a substantial progress and is reflected by numerous studies by colleagues from different labs presented at various workshops, conferences and journals. This personal re-view attempts to enlighten the scientific achievements of the last decade on a topic largely ignored before that period. The talk will also include some ideas on research questions which still seems to be underexplored.

Bio After his PhD 2003 in Phonetics from Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany, with a thesis on tempo variation in speech production he worked in past and present as a lecturer and researcher in various projects on speech synthesis and language learning at Saarland University and at the University of Luxembourg. Currently he leads a French-German project on individual feedback in computer-assisted spoken language learning. His main research interests include non-native speech and phonetic learner corpora, stylistic and dialectal variation of speech, historical aspects of speech communication research, and nonverbal vocalisations.