We are happy to present Laughter Workshop 2018, the 5th triannual workshop on Laughter. This year’s workshop is hosted at Sorbonne Université, named for the great theologian and founder of the Parisian university, but not apparently a man with a great laugh. Laughter Workshop 2018 continues the tradition of presenting high-quality talks and posters on laughter from a variety of perspectives such as phonetics, cognitive neuroscience, formal semantics and pragmatics, cognitive psychology, and artificial intelligence.

17 submissions were received for the main session, and each was reviewed by two experts. 10 talks were selected for oral presentation; the poster session hosts most of the remaining submissions.

We are lucky to have three world famous researchers as invited speakers—Sophie Scott and Gary McKeown. They both represent a broad range of perspectives and disciplines. We are sure that their talks will stimulate much interest and (hopefully) at least some controversy. Together with the accepted talks and posters we look forward to a productive and interactive conference.

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