

# Proposal for Hosting FMA 2015

**Location:** *UK, Birmingham*  
*(Birmingham City University and/or University of Birmingham)*

**Dates:** *11 -12 June 2015*

**Organisers:** *Munevver Kokuer (Birmingham City University, BCU)*  
*Peter Jancovic (University of Birmingham, UoB)*

## **Schedule**

- Web-page available: Dec 2014
- Submission deadline: 27 Feb 2015
- Notification of acceptance / rejection: 27 March 2015
- Camera-ready paper submission deadline: 8 May 2015
- Registration deadline: 15 May 2015

## **Available facilities**

### **Venues for lectures / posters**

- BCU is 15 mins by walk and UoB is 7 mins by train from Birmingham city centre (trains every 10-15 mins)
- Lecture rooms and poster areas of a variety of sizes are available at both venues

### **Hotel and housing facilities**

- There is many good quality hotels in Birmingham city centre (from £40 for single and £60 for twin, both with breakfast)
- B&B accommodation is also available at the UoB campus

### **Geographical Overview**

- Birmingham is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the UK
- Birmingham International Airport has excellent flight connections from/to Europe/Asia – besides standard airlines (e.g., KLM, Lufthansa, Air France, Turkish Airlines), there are also low-cost airlines (e.g., Ryanair, Flybe)
- There is a direct train from the Birmingham International Airport to Birmingham city centre – train approx. every 20 mins and journey taking 10 mins
- Well connected to other locations in the UK – e.g., there are direct trains to London with trains every 20 mins and journey (Virgin train) around 1h 30min

## **Avenues for funding to support the event**

- The registration (expected to be between £50-60) will cover two lunches, coffee breaks and other costs needed for preparation of the conference (note that the venue and facilities will be provided free of charge by the universities)

- We will also have access to possible funding through EURASIP (Dr Kokuer is the EURASIP local liaison officer for the UK) and from both hosting universities to cover expenses of the invited speaker

### **Proposed musical event**

The Reelnote ceili band (<http://www.reelnote.co.uk/>) are a group of English musicians with Irish heritage, who play traditional Irish dance music. The majority of the melody players have been all Ireland champions on their instruments. They are led by Vincent Jordan who is currently president of Comhaltas (<http://comhaltas.ie/about/>) and have worked to teach, promote and archive Irish music since 1951. The band is used to playing at either corporate functions, concerts or dances and could do an instrumental only concert with less musicians.

### **Quality of the team that will organize FMA**

#### **Dr Munevver Kokuer**

Reader, School of Digital Media Technology, Birmingham City University  
Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Essex. Research experience in music pattern processing, data analytics and machine learning. Published over 50 technical papers and researcher on several EU/UK research grants.

Conference organisation experience:

- Co-chair and member of the Organizing Committee of Int. Conference on Applied Informatics for Health and Life Sciences (Kusadasi, Turkey), 2014
- Co-chair for organisation of Workshops and Special Sessions at the Int. Conference on Applied Informatics for Health and Life Sciences (Istanbul, Turkey), 2013
- Int. Program Committee Member of the 4th Int. Workshop on Folk Music Analysis (Istanbul, Turkey), 2014

#### **Dr Peter Jancovic**

Senior Lecturer, School of Electronic, Electrical & Systems Engineering, University of Birmingham

Ph.D. in Computer Science, Queen's University Belfast. Research experience in audio, speech and music analysis, audio pattern processing and machine learning. Published over 50 technical papers and principal-investigator/co-investigator on several UK Research Council and Government funded research grants.

Conference organisation experience:

- Member of the Organizing Committee of 'UK Speech', a 2 day conference of researchers in speech science and technology across the UK and Ireland, with international attendance (the 1<sup>st</sup> conference in Dec. 2012 was hosted at the University of Birmingham and he was a local co-organiser), 2012 – to date.

- Member of the Organizing Committee of 'Interspeech' (Brighton, UK), the main annual international conference on speech science and technology with over 1000 delegates, Sept. 2009
- Co-organiser of the Int. Research Workshop 'One-day Meeting on Unified Models for Speech Recognition and Synthesis', University of Birmingham, Jan. 2007 and Jan. 2009

**Appendices:**

**Map – indicating Birmingham City Centre, BCU and UoB**

