

Call for Bids: Hosting the 9th GESPIN Conference

The GESPIN conference invites bids from academic institutions and research organizations interested in hosting the next edition of the Gesture and Speech in Interaction (GESPIN) conference in 2027. GESPIN is a leading international forum for researchers in gesture, speech, and multimodal communication, bringing together scholars from various disciplines to explore the relationship between these modalities in **human interaction**.

Conference Themes: GESPIN covers a wide range of topics, including but not limited to:

- Gesture and multimodal dialogue
- Speech, gesture modeling, and integrative analysis
- Behavioral and neuroscientific studies of speech and gesture production/perception
- Gesture and embodied cognition
- Gesture and speech in child development
- Multimodal language learning and teaching, gesture in education
- Multimodality in speech therapy
- Multimodal resources, gesture and speech corpora
- Gesture and individual differences
- Virtual and augmented reality
- Gesture recognition and/or generation
- Embodied conversational agents
- Social signal processing
- Audio-visual applications

This list is not exhaustive, and we welcome additional topics related to gesture and speech interaction.

- **Conference Format:** The GESPIN conference should include:
- **Single-track oral sessions** to ensure that all participants can engage with the presentations.
- **Poster sessions** to facilitate interactive discussions on a wide range of topics.
- **Submission Types:** The conference will accept:
- **Full papers (6 pages)** or
- **Abstracts** for consideration.

The organizing team is expected to provide the option for **online, open access proceedings**, allowing participants to publish their contributions for broader dissemination.

Affordability: One of GESPIN's central goals is to ensure the participation of young researchers and students from around the world. Therefore, **conference fees should be kept as low as possible**, with special attention to affordability for foreign students.

Organizing Committee: The local organizing committee should work closely with GESPIN's program committee, particularly on key decisions such as the selection of papers, scheduling, and program design. Close collaboration is essential to maintaining the high quality and inclusive nature of GESPIN conferences.

How to Submit Your Bid: Interested institutions are encouraged to submit a bid that includes:

- Proposed dates for the conference
- Details of the venue, facilities, and accommodation options
- Budget and plans for keeping costs low, especially for international students
- Information about local organizing committee members and their relevant experience
- Outline of the conference format and sessions
- Plans for collaborating with GESPIN's program committee

Please send your bid to gaelle.ferre@univ-poitiers.fr by DEADLINE.

For more information about GESPIN, please visit our website: <http://gespin.amu.edu.pl/>.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to collaborating with you to make the next GESPIN conference a successful and enriching event!