CALL FOR PAPERS

Twenty-Third Biennial
Conference on Motor Speech
&
Signal Analytics for Motor Speech Workshop

February 25-28, 2026, in Tempe, AZ

We are pleased to announce that the twenty-third biennial Conference on Motor Speech (CMS 2026) will be held in late February in beautiful Tempe, AZ. The CMS 2026 is a biennial international conference for researchers who are interested in motor speech disorders; normal aspects of speech motor control; and technology for studying, assessing, and managing speech production. The conference will open with the 4th biennial Signal Analytics for Motor Speech (SAMS) workshop. This workshop aims to bring together the engineering and motor speech communities to explore their intersection and foster new collaborations. All attendees are encouraged to participate in SAMS. Details on how to submit an abstract to either the Conference or the workshop are provided below.

In addition to its signature activities, CMS 2026 will offer a unique opportunity to shape the future of our community. As we navigate a pivotal transitional moment in our long history, attendees will be invited to take part in discussions and focus groups and to share their insights directly with the organizing team. Your voice will help guide the evolution of the conference and its role in the field.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, August 17, 2025	Deadline for Submissions
Friday, November 14, 2025	Notification of Acceptance (First Author)
Friday, February 6, 2026	Early Registration Deadline
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 (afternoon only)	SAMS Workshop
Thursday-Saturday (morning only), February 26-28, 2026	Conference on Motor Speech

LOCATION

CMS 2026 will be held in Tempe, AZ, with rooms reserved at the Hyatt Place Tempe.

CONFERENCE PLANNERS

Conference on Motor Speech

Program Co-Chairs:	Ayoub Daliri, Ph.D. Rene Utianski, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS
Conference Co-Chairs:	Heather Clark, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS Yana Yunusova, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Signal Analytics for Motor Speech Workshop

Program Chair:	Alan Wisler, Ph.D.
Conference Co-Chairs:	Julie Liss, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Visar Berisha, Ph.D.

Additional Planners

Publications:	Christopher Dromey, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Conference Management:	Mark Hakel, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Mentoring Program:	Adam Buchwald, Ph.D.
	Katie Hustad, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

OUR WEBSITE

Because our mailing list is relatively small, please share this call for papers with those who may be interested. Information about the Conference is also available on the following website: http://www.madonna.org/news/motor_speech.html

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS

All extended abstracts submitted for the motor speech conference are peer-reviewed by experts in the field. The extended abstracts are published online.

A selection of papers from the Conference will be published in special issues of the Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research and the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology. Presentations in both the podium and poster formats will be considered equally for publication. We encourage those wishing to publish in the special issues to prepare their manuscripts in advance of the Conference so that they can be submitted soon after the meeting. The final submission deadline will be May 22, 2026. Peer review will involve members of the Scientific Review Committee as Guest Associate Editors. Authors submitting manuscripts will be expected to serve as reviewers of other manuscripts.

NETWORKING AND MENTORED OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Based on the overwhelming interest and responses expressed at the last Conference, we will continue the mentoring program for doctoral students and post-docs, in which they are paired with a more senior researcher as a mentor. Both formal and informal mentorship interactions will be planned to provide opportunities for interaction. These include mentoring pairings and an outing on Thursday afternoon. Anyone interested in this program (as either mentor or mentee) can indicate their interest in participating during the conference registration process. This program is developed and organized by Adam Buchwald and Katie Hustad.

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The program committee for the 2026 Conference on Motor Speech is seeking scientific papers for presentation at the Conference in Tempe, AZ. Previously unpublished scientific work relating to any aspect of speech motor control or motor speech disorders will be considered.

Relevant topics include, but are not restricted to:

Differential diagnosis
Treatment/Rehabilitation/ Intervention
Healthy speech
Voice
Language
Dysarthria
Apraxia of speech
Stuttering (developmental and acquired)
Childhood apraxia of speech
Functional speech disorders

Modeling
Artificial Intelligence/ machine learning
Remote data collection
Neuromodulation
Electrophysiology
Neuroimaging
Sensory perturbation
Acoustics
Kinematics
Perceptual Analysis

Traditional oral platform presentations and regular poster formats are available. Platform presentations will be limited to 12 minutes, followed by 8 minutes of discussion. Please note that back-to-back podium presentations will not be granted to single laboratories.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Reading Committee will review proposals without knowledge of authorship. Selection of papers will be made based on committee judgments of scientific merit and contribution to the overall composition of the Conference. Proposals with evidence that data collection and analysis are complete will be prioritized. If any portion of the data has been presented or published, this information should be provided in the submission. First authors will be notified of the committee's decision by November 14, 2025.

SUBMISSION

We are using the CMT system for submission again. Click on the link (https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/User/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCMS2026%2FSubmission%2FManage), and log in if you have submitted before. If not, please create an account. After logging in or creating an account, you will be able to click on a link to "create a new submission." Please fill out the form completely. You will also submit the following as a separate ***electronic document (PDF format)***.

1. ***Proposal***: Submitted proposals should include a title, a concise description of the rationale and specific purpose of the research, followed by methods, results, and discussion (**NO AUTHOR INFORMATION**). The proposal should be no longer than 500 words. Authors are encouraged to use figures, but if included, each figure should be a legible, single panel no larger than 4" x 4", and the total word count will be reduced by 50 words per figure (e.g., a submission with two figures can have a maximum of 400 words). The file name should include keywords related to the proposal.
2. **Pre-conference/Conference Presentation:** You will be asked to indicate your preference for presenting at SAMS and/or the Conference on Motor Speech.
3. **Abstract:** The system has a section for an abstract. Please include a one-sentence summary.

For ASHA CEUs, we are required to print a **disclosure statement** in the program. When you submit your proposal, you will be required to type up a disclosure statement for each author. Each person must have a separate disclosure statement. It may not be one statement for all authors. Some examples are below.

- Dr. Jones is employed by Acme Hospital, received a research grant from the National Institutes of Hearing, serves on the Pediatric Advisory Board, and receives a consulting fee. He has no nonfinancial relationships to disclose.
- Jason Smith is employed by Home Therapies and has no relevant financial or nonfinancial benefit related to his presentation. He has no nonfinancial relationships to disclose.
- Dr. Moore is employed by Cornell Medical College, New York Presbyterian Hospital. She receives a consulting fee from Ida Institute and serves on the board. She has no nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

For ASHA CEUs, we are also required to have an **objective** for each paper or presentation. There will be a place to enter one objective per submission. Some examples are below.

- The learner will be able to describe how a vocal tract model can be used to better understand speech produced by human talkers.
- The learner will be able to list 3 factors that influence intelligibility.

DEADLINE: August 17, 2025

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