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To whom it may concerns

NOTaS, the Dutch Organisation of Language and Speech Technology, would like to express its full support to your INTERSPEECH 2023 bid.

Nearly twenty years ago, NOTaS was established as a partnership between SMEs and academic research groups to jointly promote both research and use of Language and Speech technology in the Netherlands.

Since then, NOTaS has become the Dutch organisation that is informed first about new (inter)national programs and projects in the field of Human Language Technology (HLT), often resulting in public-private partnerships that involve member organisations of NOTaS.

The collaboration between companies and knowledge institutions has proven to be very fruitful in the actual deployment of the HLT. SMEs are often too small for their own research departments and knowledge institutions are often too far away from the daily practice, to cooperate in day-to-day workflow. NOTaS provides a meeting point for both worlds, helping the SMEs and the research organisations to set up joint innovation projects that create new business value.

NOTaS sees the arrival of a leading conference such as INTERSPEECH in the Netherlands as a clear stimulus to intensify the use of HLT on the one hand, and as a perfect opportunity to unlock the academic knowledge of leading international researchers for knowledge institutions and industry on the other in the Netherlands. Moreover, INTERSPEECH offers especially commercial players in its association a great opportunity for exposure in show&tell sessions, and exhibitions.

NOTaS therefore wholeheartedly supports the offer of the Delft University of Technology and the University of Twente to organise the conference in the Netherlands in 2023.

Kind regards,

Fabrice Nauze,

Chairman of NOTaS