

ATA Science and Technology Division

To: Board of Directors and Past Presidents
From: Carola F Berger, S&TD Administrator,
Mery Molenaar, S&TD Assistant Administrator
Date: April 2, 2020
Re: ATA Science & Technology Division Status Report April 2020

In brief

- Planning for ATA61 is underway. In a joint effort with the Language Technology Division, we submitted a proposal for a panel discussion on neural machine translation and invited 4 experts in the field, who all agreed to participate. The proposal was submitted under the Language Technology track.
- We received a relative large number of high quality proposals for the science and technology track, 12 proposals (of which 3 were possibly misclassified), which the S&TD administrator and assistant administrator reviewed. As instructed, we recommended 4 of the remaining 9 proposals and waitlisted another 4.
- We will monitor communications and developments regarding ATA61 and Covid-19 from ATA HQ and will adjust our planning for ATA61 in regards to social events accordingly.
- We updated the website with news and reports in February.
- We uploaded a set of presentations from the science and technology track from ATA60 Palm Springs onto the conference materials resource sections of the S&TD website.
- We posted an entry to the blog in March with a review of the ATA60 science & technology conference sessions.
- We were active on the groups.io e-mail forum (127 members), Facebook group (182 members), Twitter feed (671 followers), and LinkedIn group (200 members). All social media groups had more or at least the same number of members compared to January 2020. Activity on the groups.io e-mail forum has increased significantly compared to the old Yahoo discussion group (now defunct).
- At last count, we have 1754 members (a decrease of 295 members compared to April 2019).

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- Carola F. Berger – Administrator, Facebook Admin
- Mery Molenaar – Assistant Administrator
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