

For the past 25 years Vox Institute has been in touch with [Prof. Hirst](#) who helped us to improve our acoustic analyses programmes and the scientific underpinning of our research in speech prosody. Dr. Hirst's Praat scripts are in daily use at Vox Institute's acoustic analysis laboratory.

[Daniel Hirst PhD, Dr Hab](#) is a British linguist and phonetician, who lives and works in the South of France. He has been working in the field of speech prosody and phonology for over forty years. After a PhD (1974) on intonation and prosody, he became a researcher for the CNRS (French National Scientific Research Centre) and completed a Habilitation thesis (1987). He is currently Emeritus Research Director for the CNRS and Aix-Marseille University in Aix-en-Provence. He was also appointed Lecture Professor at Tongji University, Shanghai, China from April 2012 until 2015.

Prof Hirst has published numerous articles in several major journals and has contributed chapters to numerous international volumes and was responsible with Albert Di Cristo in 1998 for the edition of *Intonation Systems: a Survey of Twenty Languages* (Cambridge University Press).

In 2000 he founded the ISCA Special Interest Group on Speech Prosody (SProSIG), which in 2002 organised an International Conference on Speech Prosody in Aix-en-Provence, France. Since then, Speech Prosody has become a regular international conference, held every two years (France, Japan, Germany, Brazil, USA, China, Ireland, USA, and Poland). He is also the chief editor of a collection of books published by Springer, entitled *Prosody, Phonology and Phonetics*, which publishes monographs and collections of papers on the subject of Speech Prosody.

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