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***** Online Registration now OPEN*****

MEDAR 2009
<http://www.medar.info/conference/index.php>
2nd International Conference on Arabic Language Resources and Tools
Held under the auspices of the Egyptian minister of CIT, His Excellence Dr. Tarek Kamel
Grand Hyatt Cairo
Cairo, Egypt
22 - 23 April, 2009

Online Registration is now OPEN
<http://www.medar.info/conference/registration.php>

Important dates

- * 9 March 2009: Notification of acceptance
- * 15 March 2009: Early registration deadline
- * 6 April 2009: Final versions for the proceedings

Conference Schedule

- * 21 April 2009: Tutorials at the Faculty of Computers and Information, Cairo University (FCI-CU)
- * 22-23 April 2009: Conference at the Grand Hyatt Cairo

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TrebleCLEF Summer School on Multilingual Information Access

<http://www.trebleclef.eu/summerschool.php>

Santa Croce in Fossabanda
Pisa, Italy
15-19 June 2009

Objectives

The aim of the Summer School is to give participants a grounding in the core topics that constitute the multidisciplinary area of Multilingual Information Access (MLIA). The School is intended for advanced undergraduate and post-graduate students, post-doctorial researchers plus academic and industrial researchers and system developers with backgrounds in Computer Science, Information Science, Language Technologies and related areas. The focus of the school will be on "How to build effective multilingual information retrieval systems and how to evaluate them".

Programme

The programme of the school will cover the following areas:

- . Multilingual Text Processing
- . Cross-Language Information Retrieval
- . Content and Text-based Image Retrieval, including multilingual approaches
- . Cross-language Speech and Video Retrieval
- . System Architectures and Multilinguality
- . Information Extraction in a Multilingual Context
- . Machine Translation for Multilingual Information processing
- . Interactive Aspects of Cross-Language Information Retrieval
- . Evaluation for Multilingual Systems and Components.

An optional student mentoring session where students can present and discuss with lecturers their research ideas will also be organised.

Location and Dates

The Summer School will be held 15 - 19 June 2009 in the beautiful ex-convent <<http://www.fossabanda.it/>> Santa Croce in Fossabanda, Pisa. Santa Croce provides the perfect setting for study and discussions in a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere and is just a short walk from the town centre and the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower.

Accommodation and Registration

A maximum of 40 registrations will be accepted. Tuition fees are set at 200 Euros up to 30 April and 350 Euros after this date. Tuition fees cover all courses and lectures, course material, lunch and coffee breaks during the School, the Welcome Reception on the evening of Sunday 14 June, and the Social Dinner on Monday 15 June. Accommodation will be on the School site at Santa Croce in Fossabanda.

Financial Support for Students

A number of grants will be made available by TrebleCLEF and by the DELOS Association covering accommodation costs. Students wishing to receive a grant must submit a brief application (maximum 1 page) explaining why attendance at the school would be important for them. The application must be supported by a letter of reference from the student's advisor / supervisor or equivalent.

More information

Further details including the programme of lectures and information on how to register can be found at <<http://www.trebleclef.eu/summerschool.php>>
<http://www.trebleclef.eu/summerschool.php>

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Subject: [Mt-list] cfp: EPIA09 track on Text Mining and Applications

***** CALL FOR PAPERS *****

Text Mining and Applications (TeMA'09) Track of EPIA09

TeMA-2009 will be held at the 14th Portuguese Conference on Artificial Intelligence (EPIA 2009), in University of Aveiro, Portugal, 12-15 October

2009. This track is organized under the auspices of the Portuguese Association for Artificial Intelligence (APPIA).
EPIA 2007 URL: <http://epia2009.appia.pt/>

This announcement contains:

[1] Track description; [2] Topics of interest; [3] Important dates; [4] Paper submission; [5] Track fees; [6] Organizing Committee; [7] Program Committee and [8] Contacts.

[1] Track Description:

Pure symbolic methods for Language Processing alone are unable to address human languages complexity. Text Mining and Machine Learning techniques applied to text, raw or annotated, brought up new insights and completely shifted the approaches to Human Language Technologies. Both approaches, symbolic and statistical based, when duly integrated, bridge the gap between language theories and effective use of languages, and enable important applications. Our aim, with this track, is to bring together innovative contributions to fill in this gap.

The track of Text Mining and Applications is a forum for researchers working in natural language processing (NLP), computational linguistics (CL), Machine Learning (ML) and related areas.

Authors are invited to submit their papers on any of the issues identified below. Papers will be blindly reviewed by three members of the Programme Committee. Best papers will be published at Springer, in LNAI series. If there are additional papers whose quality is sufficiently high for deserving to be presented at TeMA'09, those other accepted papers will be published in a conference proceedings book.

[2] Topics of Interest

Text Mining:

- Language Models.
- Multi-word Units.
- Lexical Knowledge Acquisition.
- Word and Multi-word Sense Disambiguation.
- Semantic Restrictions Extraction.
- Acquisition and Usage of Ontologies in Text Mining.
- Pattern Extraction methodologies.
- Topic Segmentation.
- Word and Multi-word Translation Extraction.
- Sentiment Analysis.
- Text Entailment.
- Document Clustering and Classification.
- Algorithms and Data Structures for Text Mining.
- Information Extraction.

Applications:

- Natural Language Processing.
- Example-Based/Statistical Machine Translation.
- Automatic Summarization.
- Intelligent Information Retrieval.
- Multilingual access to multilingual information.
- Question-Answering Systems.
- E-training and E-learning.

[3] Important dates

15-April-09: Paper submission deadline
31-May-09: Notification of paper acceptance
15-July-09: Deadline for final versions
12-15 October-2009: Conference dates

[4] Paper submission

Submissions must be full technical papers on substantial, original, and previously unpublished research. Papers can have a maximum length of 12 pages. All papers should be prepared according to the formatting instructions of Springer LNAI series. Authors should omit their names from the submitted papers, and should take reasonable care to avoid indirectly disclosing their identity.

All papers should be submitted in PDF format through the conference management website at: <https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/EPIA2009>.

[5] Track Fees:

Track participants must register at the main EPIA 2009 conference. No extra fee shall be paid for attending this track.

[6] Organizing Committee:

Joaquim F. Ferreira da Silva. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal.
José G. Pereira Lopes. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal.
Gaël Dias. Universidade da Beira Interior, Portugal.
Vitor R. Rocio. Universidade Aberta, Portugal.

[7] Program Committee:

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Subject: [Mt-list] Call for Software Demos at ACL-IJCNLP-09

CALL FOR SOFTWARE DEMONSTRATIONS

at the joint conference of the 47th Annual Meeting of the ACL and the 4th
IJCNLP

Suntec, Singapore

August 2-7, 2009

http://isoft.postech.ac.kr/~hernus/acl_demo/

Deadline for submission: March 30, 2009

The ACL-IJCNLP-09 Program Committee invites proposals for the Demonstrations Program. We encourage both the submission of early research prototypes and interesting mature systems. Commercial sales and marketing activities are not appropriate in the Demonstrations Program, and should be arranged as part of the Exhibit Program.

Areas of Interest

Areas of interest include all topics related to theoretical and applied computational linguistics, such as (but not limited to) the topics listed for the conference paper submission:
<http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/callforpapers.html>

The systems may be of the following kinds:

- * Natural Language Processing systems or system components
- * Application systems using language technology components
- * Software tools for computational linguistics research
- * Software for demonstration or evaluation
- * Development tools

Format for Submissions

Demo proposals consist of the following parts, which should all be sent to the Demo Chairs. Please use the main ACL-IJCNLP paper formatting guidelines.

- * An extended abstract of the technical content to be demonstrated, including title, authors, full contact information, references, and acknowledgements.
- * A "script outline" of the demo presentation, including accompanying narrative, and either a Web address for accessing the demo or visual aids (e.g., screenshots, snapshots, or diagrams).
- * A detailed description of the hardware, software and internet service requirements expected to be provided by the local organizer.

The entire proposal should not be more than four pages.

Submissions Procedure

The deadline for proposals is March 30, 2009. Submissions must be received electronically. Please submit your proposals and any inquiries to (both chairs):

Gary Geunbae Lee (gblee@postech.ac.kr) and
Sabine Schulte im Walde (schulte@ims.uni-stuttgart.de)

Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of their relevance to computational linguistics, innovation, scientific contribution, presentation, as well as potential logistical constraints.

Accepted submissions will be allocated maximum four pages in the Companion Volume to the Proceedings of the Conference.

Demonstrations Chairs

Gary Geunbae Lee (Pohang University of Science and Technology)
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