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Subject: [Mt-list] CFP: SiMPE '09 at ACM MobileHCI. Submission deadline in a week.

Hello Everyone,

SiMPE has now been endorsed by SIGdial. The paper deadline is a week from now, May 05. Please do consider a submission. The CFP is below.

SiMPE 2009 Organizers.

Call for papers

Fourth Workshop on Speech in Mobile and Pervasive Environments
(in conjunction with ACM MobileHCI '09)
Bonn, Germany

September 15, 2009
<http://research.ihost.com/SiMPE>

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Topics of Interest

All areas that enable, optimize or enhance speech in mobile and pervasive environments and devices. Possible areas include, but are not restricted to:

Speech Interfaces/Applications for Developing Regions
Speech User Interaction in Cars
Multilingual Speech Recognition

Robust Speech Recognition in Noisy and Resource-Constrained Environments
Memory/Energy Efficient Algorithms
Multimodal User Interfaces for Mobile Devices
Protocols and Standards for Speech Applications
Distributed Speech Processing
Mobile Application Adaptation and Learning
Prototypical System Architectures
Design and Usability Testing of Mobile Interfaces
User Modeling

Submissions

We seek original, unpublished papers in the following three categories:

- (a) Position papers that describe novel ideas that can lead to interesting research directions,
- (b) Early results or work-in-progress that has significant promise, or,
- (c) Full papers.

Papers should be of 4-8 pages in length in the MobileHCI publication format. The LaTeX and Microsoft Word templates are available at the ACM Template site. All submissions should be in the PDF format and should be submitted electronically through the workshop submission web site, <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=simpe09>. Since the submission deadlines are dependent on the MobileHCI conference, we will not be able to grant any extensions in any circumstances.

We also welcome participation without paper submission.

Note: Since the workshop also aims to be a meeting point for researchers working in this area, at least one author of accepted papers has to attend the workshop to present their work, else the paper will not be included in the final workshop proceedings. Participants who wish to attend the workshop will have to register for the main conference as well.

For any comments regarding submissions and participation, contact: namit AT in DOT ibm DOT com, rnitendra AT in DOT ibm DOT com, andrew.kun AT unh DOT com.

Seed Questions

- What are the usability issues with speech on mobile devices?
- Are there efficient ways of enabling voice search on the device?
- How to make voice UIs flexible and adaptive?
- Are there any novel and easier ways to handle multiple languages and dialects?
- How do we construct speech systems with small footprints of memory and power consumption?
- How can we distribute processing more efficiently given the increased available computing power on handhelds? How do we trade this off with a remote server to conserve energy?
- How can we design scalable speech applications?
- How can we leverage context (such as location) to make more intelligent UIs that reduce the 'cognitive burden' of semi-literate/illiterate users?
- How to design speech interfaces that are safe and robust for using in cars?

Key Dates

- Position Paper Submission Deadline: May 5, 2009 (11:59 PM Amsterdam Time)
- Notification of Acceptance: May 19, 2009
- Early Registration Deadline: June 1, 2009,
- Workshop: 8:45AM -- 5:00PM, September 15, 2009.

Websites:

SiMPE Workshop: <http://research.ihost.com/SiMPE>
ACM MobileHCI '09 : <http://www.mobilehci09.org/>

SiMPE 2008: <http://research.ihost.com/SiMPE/2008>
SiMPE 2007: <http://research.ihost.com/SiMPE/2007>
SiMPE 2006: <http://research.ihost.com/SiMPE/2006>

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Subject: [Mt-list] ELRA - Language Resources Catalogue - Update
Our apologies if you have received multiple copies of this announcement.

ELRA - Language Resources Catalogue - Update

ELRA is happy to announce that 1 new Speech Corpus is now available in its catalogue:

ELRA-S0299 Alcohol Language Corpus (BAS ALC)

ALC contains recordings of 88 German speakers that are either intoxicated or sober. The type of speech ranges from read single digits to full conversation style. Recordings were done during drinking test where speakers drank beer or wine to reach a self-chosen level of alcoholic intoxication. Recordings were performed in two standing automobiles. In the intoxicated state 30 items were sampled from each speaker, while in the sober state 60 items were recorded.

For more information, see: http://catalog.elra.info/product_info.php?products_id=1097

For more information on the catalogue, please contact Valérie Mapelli <mailto:mapelli@elda.org>

Visit our On-line Catalogue: <http://catalog.elra.info>

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From: away@computing.dcu.ie
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Subject: [Mt-list] ACL-IJCNLP 2009 Call for Exhibits
ACL-IJCNLP 2009 Call for Exhibits

The Annual Meeting of the ACL is the primary event for computational linguistics (CL) and natural language processing (NLP) in the calendar year. In 2009, it is combined with the International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing, which is the premier event for CL and NLP in Asia. In recent years, the event has attracted over 1000 professionals from around the world. The number and calibre of participants, from academia and industry, provides an unrivalled opportunity to share ideas and catch up on the latest advances in the field. In addition, the Singapore venue for ACL-IJCNLP 2009 will provide a focal point for the rapidly-growing Asian market.

If you have a commercial product or service of interest to the CL and NLP community, the ACL 2009 exhibits program is the perfect way to introduce it to potential customers. Possible application areas include: mobile communications, machine translation, the semantic web, language interfaces to robots, dialogue systems, CL publications and e-journals.

The ACL 2009 exhibits space is ideally located near both the presentation halls and breakout spaces. High-speed internet connectivity as well as a wide range of audio-visual equipment is available to exhibitors.

We hope to feature a wide range of products in the exhibits program, including:

- * NLP technologies, including machine translation, natural language understanding, dialogue processing and natural language generation systems
- * Next-generation web services based on NLP technologies
- * Natural language processing components, such as lexicons and parsers
- * Speech recognition and understanding systems
- * Speech translation and spoken dialogue systems

- * Tools and software used in NLP research, such as tools for corpora analysis
- * Tools and software for developing natural language applications, for example, dialogue design tools, and tools for customizing NLP and speech recognition systems
- * Tools and software for teaching NLP
- * Corpora
- * Technical books and publications related to NLP/CL

Note that the exhibits program is targeted primarily at commercial products.

On behalf of the ACL-IJCNLP 2009 organising committee, we would like to invite you to be part of the ACL-IJCNLP 2009 exhibits program. If you are interested, please contact the Exhibition Chairs (see below). The presence of your organization will greatly enhance the event, and facilitate the further advancement of the field of CL/NLP.

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ACL-IJCNLP 2009 Exhibition Co-Chairs

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From: away@computing.dcu.ie
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 Subject: [Mt-list] Tutorials at ACL-IJCNLP 2009
 Tutorial details are now available for ACL-IJCNLP 2009.
 Full details of the tutorials are available at:

<http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/tutorials.html>

The tutorials announced are as follows:

T1: Fundamentals of Chinese Language Processing

Date/Time: Morning, 2 Aug 2009
 Presenters/organisers: Chu-Ren Huang and Prof. Qin LU (both from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

T2: Topics in Statistical Machine Translation

Date/Time: Morning, 2 Aug 2009
 Presenters/organisers: Kevin Knight (USC/Information Sciences Institute)
 Philipp Koehn (University of Edinburgh)

T3: Semantic Role Labeling: Past, Present and Future

Date/Time: Morning, 2 Aug 2009
 Presenter/organiser: Lluís Màrquez (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)

T4: Computational Modeling of Human Language Acquisition

Date/Time: Afternoon, 2 Aug 2009
 Presenter/organiser: Afra Alishahi (Saarland University)

T5: Learning to Rank and Applications

Date/Time: Afternoon, 2 Aug 2009
 Presenter/organiser: Hang Li (Microsoft Research Asia)

T6: State-of-the-art NLP Approaches to Coreference Resolution: Theory and Practical Recipes

Date/Time: Afternoon, 2 Aug 2009

Presenter/organisers: Simone Paolo Ponzetto (University of Heidelberg) and Massimo Poesio (Universita' di Trento)

Please send inquiries concerning ACL-IJCNLP 09 tutorials to tutorials-acl09 "at" sussex "dot" ac "dot" uk

Tutorials Co-Chairs

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