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:: Editorial
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Greetings from Korea for ACL 2012!

The local organizing committee members are working hard to make ACL 2012 one of the most successful and memorable annual meetings of ACL. Following Jeju Travel Tips in the first newsletter, we have included updated hotel information in this newsletter. There is a full range of accommodation in Jeju, but you may want to act as early as possible to secure your options. We are also happy to announce the first call for papers by SIGDAT and SIGNLL for EMNLP-CoNLL 2012. Please note that the paper submission deadline for EMNLP-CoNLL is March 28, 2012. Please note also that ACL student workshop paper submission deadline is 20 February and fast approaching, to be followed by the deadline for other submissions to ACL. We look forward to seeing you all in Korea!

Local Organizing Chairs, Gary Geunbae Lee and Jong C. Park

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:: Reminder of Paper Submission Deadlines
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- 20 February 2012 - Student workshop paper submission deadline
- 18 March 2012 - Short paper, workshop paper, system demonstrations submission deadline

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:: EMNLP-CoNLL 2012
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Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and Natural Language Learning (EMNLP-CoNLL) July 12-14, 2012, Jeju, Korea, <http://emnlp-conll2012.unige.ch/>

First Call for Papers

SIGDAT, the Association for Computational Linguistics Special interest group on linguistic data and corpus-based approaches to NLP, and SIGNLL, the ACL Special Interest Group on Natural Language Learning, invite submissions to EMNLP-CoNLL 2012.

1. Topics

We solicit papers on all areas that may be of interest to the SIGDAT and SIGNLL communities, including but not limited to:

- Phonology and morphology, tagging and chunking, segmentation
- Syntax and parsing
- Semantics
- Discourse, dialogue, and pragmatics
- Summarization and generation
- Machine translation
- Information retrieval and question answering
- Information extraction
- Spoken language processing
- Text mining and natural language processing applications
- Multilinguality
- Sentiment analysis and opinion mining
- Models of language in social context
- NLP for the Web
- Computational models of human language acquisition
- Supervised, unsupervised and semi-supervised machine learning methods applied to natural language, including speech
- Statistical methods (Bayesian learning, graphical models, kernel methods, statistical models for structured problems)
- Symbolic learning methods (rule induction and decision tree learning, lazy learning, inductive logic programming, analytical learning, transformation-based error-driven learning)
- Biologically-inspired methods (Neural Networks, Evolutionary Computing)
- Reinforcement learning, active learning
- Learning architectures for structural and relational NLP tasks
- Computational models of language evolution and historical change
- Computational learning theory analysis of language learning
- Empirical and theoretical comparisons of language learning methods, including novel evaluation methods
- Models of induction and analogy in linguistics

2. Important Dates

- Paper submission deadline: March 28, 2012
 - Author response period: May 1-4, 2012
 - Acceptance notification: May 18, 2012
 - Camera-ready copy due: June 3, 2012
 - Conference meeting: July 12-14, 2012
- All deadlines refer to 11:59pm PST (UTC/GMT-8 hours)

3. Submissions

Submissions should describe original, unpublished work. Papers presented at EMNLP-CoNLL should mainly contain new material that has not been presented at any other meeting with publicly available proceedings. Papers that have been or will be submitted to other meetings or publications must disclose this information at submission time. Please list all other meetings where the paper has been submitted in the "other submissions" field on the submission site.

Each submission consists of a paper of up to nine (9) pages of content and any number of additional pages containing references only, together with optional supplementary material as described below. The paper must conform to the official ACL 2012 style guidelines. Please use the official ACL 2012 style files for the paper. We reserve the right to reject submissions if the paper does not conform to these styles, including letter size and font size restrictions.

More details about the submission can be found in the conference homepage.

4. Committee

- General Chair: Jun'ichi Tsujii - Microsoft Research Asia
- Program Chairs: James Henderson - University of Geneva / Marius Pasca - Google
- Publication chair: Naoaki Okazaki - University of Tohoku

5. Shared Task: Modeling Multilingual Unrestricted Coreference in OntoNotes

EMNLP-CoNLL 2012 will continue the CoNLL tradition of having the highest profile shared task in the NLP world. This year's task will be automatic anaphoric mention detection and coreference resolution using the English, Chinese and Arabic language portions of the OntoNotes 5.0 data given predicted information on the other layers.

The shared task is described in its own Call for Participation (<http://aclweb.org/portal/content/conll-2012-shared-task>). For detailed information and submissions, please see the shared task web page (<http://conll.cemantix.org/2012/>). Questions about the CoNLL-2012 shared task can be sent to conll-2012-st@cemantix.org.

In order to receive future calls and other information about the shared task, participants should register their intent to participate, in either or both of the two tracks, by sending an e-mail to conll-2012-st@cemantix.org. Although the deadline for registration is not until January 22, 2012, we recommend participants to register as early as possible, in order not to miss any information.

Shared Task Dates:

- December 28, 2011: Registration begins
- January 22, 2012: Trial Data available
- February 10, 2012: Registration deadline
- February 19, 2012: Training and development set available
- April 22, 2012: Test set available
- April 26, 2012: System outputs collected
- April 29, 2012: System results due to participants
- May 6, 2012: System papers due
- May 15, 2012: Reviews back to authors
- May 22, 2012: Camera ready papers due
- July 12-14, 2012: EMNLP-CoNLL conference, Jeju, Korea

Shared Task Organizers

- Sameer Pradhan (Chair) - Raytheon BBN Technologies, Cambridge, MA
- Alessandro Moschitti - University of Trento, Italy
- Nianwen Xue Brandeis - University, Waltham, MA

Advisory Committee

- Mitchell Marcus - University of Pennsylvania
- Martha Palmer - University of Colorado
- Lance Ramshaw - Raytheon BBN Technologies
- Ralph Weischedel - Raytheon BBN Technologies

6. SIGs

See www.sigdat.org for more information about SIGDAT, and see [ifarm.nl/signll](http://farm.nl/signll) for more information about SIGNLL.

7. Contacts

Email: emnlp-conll2012@unige.ch

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:: Hotel Information
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1. Main hotel (Tutorial Venue)

[The Shilla Jeju]

As well as highly advanced facilities and services, The Shilla's guestrooms are designed to give you the best quality, restfulness and refinement.

- Location: 5 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- <http://www.shilla.net/en/jeju/index.jsp>
- Special room rates (excluding TAX & SVC) / 1,130 KRW=1 USD (as of January 10, 2012)
 - Superior & Deluxe Room (Mountain View): 190,000 KRW/night
 - Superior & Deluxe Room (Ocean View): 230,000 KRW/night*the rates are discounted over 45%
- Breakfast coupon: 20,000 KRW/person
- Extra advantages
 - Welcome Chocolates and Digital Photo Frame will be set up at each room.
 - Free print-out up to 36 snaps will be serviced by request.
- Facilities
 - Casino, Duty Free Shop, Fitness, Business Center, Outdoor Garden, Outdoor Pool, Souvenir Shop, Leisure Activities, etc.

2. Sub hotels (Fully furnished accommodation and budget hotels)

- Location: within 10 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Room rates (excluding TAXES) / 1,130 KRW=1 USD (as of January 10, 2012)
 - Hotels: 120,000 KRW/2persons ~ 160,000 KRW/5persons (Breakfast 15,000 KRW/person)
 - Condominium & Family Hotel: 135,000 KRW/5persons ~ 320,000 KRW/16persons (Breakfast 7,000 ~ 10,000 KRW/person)
 - Youth Hostel: 70,000 KRW/2persons ~ 200,000 KRW/10persons (Breakfast 9,000 KRW/person)
- Exact room rates and conditions will be posted soon.

>> Hotels

[Suites Hotel]

- Location: 5 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Outdoor Pool, Business Center, etc.
- http://www.suites.co.kr/index_eng.html

[Hana Hotel]

- Location: 5 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Convenience store, Food therapy, etc.
- http://www.hotelhana.co.kr/html/eng/in_010.asp

>> Condominium & Family Hotel

[Poonglim Resort]

- http://www.poonglimresort.co.kr/resort_jeju/jeju.asp (No English Service)
- Location 10 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Convenience store, Business Center, Outdoor Pool, Snack Bar, etc.

[Well Resort]

- Location: 10 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Convenience store
- <http://wellresort.co.kr/> (No English Service)

>> Youth Hostel

[SP Resort]

- Location 10 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Convenience store, laundry room, Outdoor Pool, Barbeque place, etc.
- <http://www.spresort.co.kr/> (No English Service)

[Jazz Village]

- Location 10 minutes by car from ICC Jeju
- Facilities: Convenience store, Internet Lounge, Outdoor Pool, Barbeque place, etc.
- <http://www.jazzvillage.co.kr/> (No English Service)