

Call for Participation

LREC 2008 COCOSDA¹/WRITE² Workshop

Towards common priorities and recommendations for the future of Language and Speech Resources

Marrakech, Sunday 1st June 2008

No registration fee

We invite you to join this Workshop, which will be an occasion for a common reflection on the main topics in the area of Language and other related Resources, intended in a broad sense, and to contribute to joint recommendations to funding agencies and towards policy development in this area.

Final Program

9.00 – 11.15 COCOSDA Session – Joseph Mariani – Opening of COCOSDA Session

- 9.00 – 9.15 Chiu-yu Tseng (report, Convenor Oriental COCOSDA)
- 9.15 – 9.30 Steve Cassidy (region: Oceania)
- 9.30 – 9.45 Justus Roux (region: Africa)
- 9.45 – 10.00 Chris Cieri (region: North America)
- 10.00 – 10.15 Khalid Choukri (region: Europe)
- 10.15 – 10.30 Thorsten Trippel (on behalf of Ksenia Shalnova) (topic: Local Language Speech Technology Initiative)
- 10.30 – 10.45 Nick Campbell (topic: Resources for Speech Synthesis)
- 10.45 – 11.00 Briony Williams (topic: SaltMil Report)
- 11.00 – 11.15 Discussion

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.30 WRITE-FLaReNet Session – Steven Krauwer

- 11.30 – 11.45 Nicoletta Calzolari and Steven Krauwer – WRITE and FLaReNet
- **The Chart for the area of LRs in its different dimensions – Khalid Choukri**
 - 11.45 – 12.00 Khalid Choukri
 - 12.00 – 12.15 Chris Cieri
 - 12.15 – 12.30 Discussion
- **Harmonisation of formats and standards and Definition of evaluation protocols and evaluation procedures (and LRs for evaluation) – Jan Odijk**
 - 12.30 – 12.45 Nancy Ide
 - 12.45 – 13.00 Discussion
 - 13.00 – 13.15 Edouard Geoffrois
 - 13.15 – 13.30 Discussion

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

¹ Coordinating Committee on Speech Databases and Assessment.

² Written Resources Infrastructure, Technology and Evaluation.

14.30 – 15.30 Continuation WRITE-FLaReNet Session**– Methods and models for LR building, reuse, interlinking and maintenance and for the automatic construction and processing of LRs – Nuria Bel**

- 14.30 – 14.45 Alan Lee, Aravind Joshi
- 14.45 – 15.00 Discussion
- 15.00 – 15.15 Junichi Tsujii
- 15.15 – 15.30 Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Conclusions and next steps – Nicoletta Calzolari

- Joseph Mariani
 - Steven Krauwer
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The COCOSDA/WRITE workshop will consist of three main components.

Following the COCOSDA tradition the first session will consist of six brief presentations of recent developments in a number of key areas and brief regional reports. These presentations will be followed by a general discussion where we try to arrive at an analysis of where we stand in relation to speech and related multimodal/multimedia resources and where we are heading.

The second session follows the WRITE tradition and focus on forward-looking views, approaches, and strategies. We will first give a brief presentation of the new EC FLaReNet project and its international extension, which can be seen as a follow-up of the language and speech technology roadmap actions initiated by ENABLER and ELSNET that led to the creation of WRITE. The objective of FLaReNet is to formulate recommendations for a long term European strategy and policy for language resources (in a very broad sense). During this session there will be brief presentations by various speakers (from all over the world), that we will invite to give their views on the main issues that will be addressed by FLaReNet:

- the Chart for the area of LRs in its different dimensions;
- methods and models for LR building, reuse, interlinking and maintenance;
- methods for the automatic construction and processing of LRs;
- harmonisation of formats and standards;
- definition of evaluation protocols and evaluation procedures.

The brief presentations will be followed by general discussions.

In the last session we will summarise the key trends and identify some agreed-upon priorities for the future.

Registration is free.

Organisers: Dafydd Gibbon, Khalid Choukri, Nicoletta Calzolari, Steven Krauwer and Joseph Mariani.
