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:: Important Dates
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Main conference paper submission deadline: February 15, 2010
Student research workshop paper submission deadline: February 15, 2010
System demonstration paper submission deadline: February 22, 2010
No extensions will be granted.

Tutorials: July 11, 2010
Main conference: July 12-14, 2010
Workshops: July 15-16, 2010

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:: 1. ACL 2010 in Uppsala, Sweden
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The 48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics will be held in Uppsala, Sweden, July 11-16, 2010. The conference will be organized by the Department of Linguistics and Philology at Uppsala University.

The conference will take place at Uppsala University Campus in a genuine university environment, dating back as far as 1477. The city also holds a rich history, having for long periods been the political, religious and academic center of Sweden. The proximity to the capital, Stockholm, provides additional benefits as a potential site for arranging both pre- and post-conference tours, as well as for excursions or tourism during the conference. The city of Uppsala is easy to reach by plane, train or car.

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:: 2. Organising Committee
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General Chair: Jan Hajič
Program Chairs: Sandra Carberry and Stephen Clark
Local Arrangements Chair: Joakim Nivre
Workshop Chair: Pushpak Bhattacharyia and David Weir
Tutorial Chair: Lluís Màrquez and Haifeng Wang (王海峰)
System Demonstrations Chair: Sandra Kübler
Student Research Workshop Chairs: Seniz Demir, Jan Raab, Nils Reiter, and Tomek Strzalkowski (faculty advisor)
Publications: Jing-Shin Chang (張景新) and Philipp Koehn
Mentoring Service: Björn Gambäck and Diana McCarthy
Sponsorship Chairs: Stephen Pulman (Europe), Frédérique Segond (Europe), Srinivas Bangalore (Americas), Christy Doran (Americas), Hercules Dalianis (local), and Mats Wirén (local)

Publicity Chairs: Koenraad de Smedt and Beáta Megyesi
Exhibition Chair: Jörg Tiedemann
Local Arrangement Committee: Joakim Nivre (chair), Beáta Megyesi (vice chair), Rolf Carlson, Mats Dahllöf, Marco Kuhlmann, Mattias Nilsson, Markus Saers, Anna Sågvall Hein, Per Starbäck, Jörg Tiedemann, Oscar Täckström
Local Organizing Secretariat: Academic Conferences


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:: 3. Main Conference Call for Papers
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Program Co-Chairs:

    Sandra Carberry (University of Delaware, USA)
    Stephen Clark (University of Cambridge, UK)

Important Dates:

    Paper submission deadline:
            February 8, 2010 abstracts for both long and short papers (not mandatory)
            February 15, 2010, 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time

    Notification of acceptance: April 20, 2010
    Camera ready papers due: May 16, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) is the flagship conference for research on language and computation. The 48th Annual Meeting of the ACL (ACL 2010) seeks submission of papers on original and unpublished research in all area of computational linguistics, broadly conceived to include areas such as psycholinguistics, speech, information retrieval, multimodal language processing, and language issues in emerging domains such as bioinformatics. In addition, we want to stress that both theoretical, as well as practical and empirical papers, are sought for the conference.

ACL 2010 has the goal of a broad technical program. Thus, ACL 2010 invites papers in the following categories:

Research papers
- theoretical computational linguistics
- empirical/data-driven approaches
- paradigms/techniques/strategies
- analysis papers
- resources and evaluation
- applications/systems
- negative result (report of a sensible experiment or approach that failed to achieve the desired results)

Survey papers (new emerging area, field relevant to computational linguistics, etc.)

Position papers (we are particularly soliciting papers co-authored by two individuals with opposing positions, though single-authored papers are welcome)

Challenge papers (a challenge to the field in terms of setting out a goal for the next 5/10/20 years)

Each category will have a separate review form. All the review forms are available from the conference website: http://acl2010.org/reviewforms.html

For further information regarding requirements of long and short papers, reviewing, review forms, formatting and submission details, see the conference website:

http://acl2010.org/papers.html

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:: 4. Student Research Workshop Call for Papers
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Student Research Workshop Co-Chairs:

        Seniz Demir (University of Delaware, USA)
        Jan Raab (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
        Nils Reiter (Heidelberg University, Germany)
        Tomek Strzalkowski (Faculty Advisor) (State University of New York, Albany, USA)

Important Dates:

   Paper submissions deadline: February 15, 2010,
   Notification of acceptance: April 12, 2010
   Camera ready papers due: May 10, 2010

The Student Research Workshop is an established tradition at ACL conferences. The workshop provides a venue for student researchers investigating topics in Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing to present their work and receive feedback from a general audience. Participants will have the opportunity to present their work as a poster or as a 10-minute talk followed by a poster presentation.

We would like to invite student researchers to submit their work to the workshop. Since this workshop is an excellent opportunity to ask for suggestions, to receive useful feedback and to run your ideas by an international audience of researchers, the emphasis of the workshop will be on work in progress. The research being presented can come from any topic area within computational linguistics including, but not limited to, the following topic areas:

- pragmatics, discourse, semantics, syntax and the lexicon
- phonetics, phonology and morphology
- linguistic, mathematical and psychological models of language
- information retrieval, information extraction, question answering
- summarization and paraphrasing
- language generation
- speech recognition, speech synthesis
- corpus-based language modeling
- multi-lingual processing, machine translation, translation aids
- spoken and written natural language interfaces, dialogue systems
- multi-modal language processing, multimedia systems
- message and narrative understanding system

For further information regarding requirements, reviewing, formatting and submission details, see the conference website:

http://acl2010.org/srw.html

Funding for Travel

Funding is available to assist student participants with travel to Uppsala and conference expenses. Students whose papers are accepted for presentation at the workshop are eligible for travel assistance based on need. Further details will be provided along with the acceptance letters; however, in general a flat rate stipend will be awarded with the amount depending upon the student's location.

Sponsors:
Student Research Workshop is being generously supported by National Science Foundation, ACL Walker Student Fund, and The European Chapter of the ACL (EACL).

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:: 5. Tutorials
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Tutorial Co-Chairs:

Lluís Màrquez, Technical University of Catalonia, Spain
Haifeng Wang (王海峰), Baidu.com Inc., China

Tutorials will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010. The tutorial program will be published in February 2010 on the conference website.

http://acl2010.org/tutorials.html

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:: 6. Workshops
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Workshop Co-Chairs:

Pushpak Bhattacharyia (Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, India)
David Weir (University of Sussex, United Kingdom)

The following 13 workshops will be held at ACL 2010:

WS1: SemEval-2010: 5th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluations
Chairs: Katrin Erk, Carlo Strapparava

WS2: Fifth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation and MetricsMATR
Chairs: Chris Callison-Burch, Philipp Koehn, Christof Monz, Kay Peterson

WS3: The 4th Linguistic Annotation Workshop (The LAW IV)
Chairs: Nianwen Xue, Massimo Poesio

WS4: BioNLP2010
Chairs: K. Bretonnel Cohen, Dina Demner-Fushman, Sophia Ananiadou, John Pestian, Jun'ichi Tsujii, Bonnie Webber

WS5: Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics
Chairs: John Hale

WS6: NLP and Linguistics: Finding the Common Ground
Chairs: Lori Levin, William Lewis, Fei Xia

WS7: 11th Meeting of ACL-SIGMORPHON
Chairs: Jeffrey Heinz, Lynne Cahill and Richard Wicentowski

WS8: TextGraphs-5: Graph-based Methods for Natural Language Processing
Chairs: Carmen Banea, Alessandro Moschitti, Swapna Somasundaran, Fabio Massimo Zanzotto

WS9: Named Entities Workshop (NEWS 2010)
Chairs: A Kumaran and Haizhou Li

WS10: Applications of Tree Automata in Natural Language Processing
Chairs: Frank Drewes, Marco Kuhlmann

WS11: Domain Adaptation for Natural Language Processing (DANLP)
Chairs: Hal Daume III, Tejaswini Deoskar, David McClosky, Barbara Plank, J÷rg Tiedemann

WS12: Companionable Dialogue Systems
Chairs: Yorick Wilks, Morena Danieli, Bj÷rn GambΣck

WS13: GEMS-2010 Geometric Models of Natural Language Semantics
Chairs: Roberto Basili and Marco Pennacchiotti

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:: 7. Mentoring Service
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ACL is providing a mentoring (coaching) service for authors from regions of the world where English is less emphasized as a language of scientific exchange. Many authors from these regions, although able to read the scientific literature in English, have little or no experience in writing papers in English for conferences such as the ACL meetings. The service will be arranged as follows. A set of potential mentors will be identified by Mentoring Service Chairs Björn Gambäck (SICS, Sweden and NTNU, Norway) and Diana McCarthy (Lexical Computing Ltd., UK), who will organize this service for ACL 2010. If you would like to take advantage of the service for a submission to the main conference, to the Student Research Workshop, to the system demonstration session, or to one of the workshops, please upload your paper in PDF format using the paper submission software for the mentoring service available at:

https://www.softconf.com/acl2010/acl2010mentor/

The deadline for the mentoring service is six weeks before the respective submission deadline. An appropriate mentor will be assigned to your paper and the mentor will get back to you no later than two weeks before the submission deadline.

Please note that this service is for the benefit of the authors as described above. It is not a general mentoring service for authors to improve the technical content of their papers.

Questions about the mentoring service should be referred to mentoring@acl2010.org.

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:: 8. Sponsorship
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Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or finding out more about sponsorship opportunities is encouraged to contact the sponsorship chairs: sponsorship@acl2010.org

Stephen Pulman (Europe)
Frédérique Segond (Europe)
Srinivas Bangalore (Americas)
Christy Doran (Americas)
Hercules Dalianis (local)
Mats Wirén (local)

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:: 9. Newsletter No. 2
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ACL Newsletter No. 2 will be published before the end of February, giving among other things more information on recommended accommodation, registration and tutorial program.