

Cross-Linguistic Discourse Annotation: Towards Shared Resources, Tools and Methods

(TextLink: COST Action IS1312)

Call for Papers

The TextLink COST Action addresses Discourse Relational Devices (DRDs) in terms of resources, annotation models (including their comparability), and tools both for annotating DRDs and interconnecting annotated data. With a network covering research on no less than 20 different languages, written as well as spoken discourse, in a variety of genres and registers, and corpora that range from « in construction » to « fully annotated », the second Action Conference will constitute a milestone in (re)defining the objectives that need to be reached in view of constructing a TextLink Portal that make these resources and tools more widely known and available.

The meeting is open to everyone, both current members of TextLink and other researchers and practitioners working in the area.

Venue : Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church, Budapest

Dates : 11 – 13 April 2016

In addition to the main meeting, there will be a WG2 workshop on 14 April 2016, focusing on the comparison of annotation schemes and their interfacing.

More info: <http://textlink.ii.metu.edu.tr/node/788>

Invited speakers :

Andrei Popescu-Belis (Idiap, Genève)

Nina Vyatkina (University of Kansas)

We invite presentations on topics closely related to specific TextLink goals:

- Development of DRD-annotated resources
- Development of DRD-lexicons
- Comparison of existing resources and their metadata
- (Cross-linguistic) interoperability of annotation schemes
- Challenges for existing annotation schemes
- Using existing resources to identify and gather data on DRDs in mono-lingual and cross-lingual resources
- Correlating DRDs with other types of linguistic data (syntactic analyses, semantic roles, modality, aspect, etc.)

- Tools for the (semi-)automatic annotation of DRDs
- Proof-of-Concept proposals for TextLink portal

Presentation formats :

- oral
- poster
- demos

The conference will host three different types of sessions :

- Presentation of joint work between DIFFERENT TextLink partners, including results from STSM research, joint projects, ...)
- Theoretical and methodological research in line with the TextLink objectives
- Discussion of use cases that the TextLink tools and methods should address

Submission Information :

We invite the submission of abstracts of up to one page of content (excluding references). All submissions have to be in pdf format. We will be using the EasyChair conference system to manage submissions : <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=tl2016>

Important Dates :

Submission of Abstracts : 15 January 2016

Notification of Acceptance : 30 January 2016

Registration : 15 February 2016

Information regarding venue, accommodation, registration fees will be communicated in the call for participation. Up to 50 grants contributing to travel and accommodation costs will be available for participants according to the COST rules.

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