

## LREC 2006

### WORKSHOP: NETWORKING THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE RESOURCES FOR AFRICAN LANGUAGES

#### Final Programme

Monday 22 May 2006

14:30 – 14:45 Opening; Scene setting; Aims. [JC Roux]

#### Area surveys

14:45 – 15:00 Language resources and tools in West Africa. [D Gibbon]

15:00 – 15:15 Language resources and tools in East Africa. [A Hurskainen]

15:15 – 15:30 Language resources and tools in Central Africa [J Emejulu, J Kwenzi-Mikala, F Idiata, S Ndinga Koumba-Binza]

15:30 – 15:45 Language resources and tools in Southern Africa [JC Roux & S Bosch]

#### Projects per area

15:45 – 16:00 **West Africa:** Cologne initiative on language processing in African languages. [A Fleisch & F Seidel]

16:00 – 16:15 **East Africa:** Speech mining to make African oral patrimony accessible. [N Abdillahi, N Pascal, J-F Bonastre & F Bechet]

16:15 – 16:30 **East Africa:** Developing an annotated corpus for Gikuyu using machine learning techniques. [P Wagacha, G De Pauw & K Getao]

**16:30 – 17:00 Tea / Coffee break** [Posters of outstanding accepted presentations.]

17:00 – 17:15 **Southern Africa:** Saving an African language: Computer assisted lexicon and grammar for translation purposes. [A Kasonde]

17:15 – 17:30 **Southern Africa:** Share and share alike - developing language resources for African language translators. [R Gauton]

17:30 – 17:45 **Southern Africa:** Resource development for South African Bantu languages: Computational morphological analysers and machine-readable lexicons. [S Bosch, J Jones, L Pretorius & W Anderson]

#### Larger projects and infrastructures

17:45 – 18:00 The African Anaphora project. [K Safir, A Anghelescu, S Murray & J Rett]

18:00 – 18:15 From corpora to spell checkers: First steps in building an infrastructure for collaborative development of African language resources. [D Yie-Chien Liu, S Chun-Feng Su, L Yu-Hsuan Lai, E Hsiao-Yun Sung, J Yi-Lung Hsu, S Yin-Chi Hsieh, O Streiter]

#### Networking language resources

18:30 – 19:00 General discussion on text and speech resources; standardization; network formation, future activities [Facilitator: JC Roux]