

Cocosda/WRITE Workshop

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

Sunday, June 1st.

9am to 4pm

Participants will have to register but registration is free.

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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 is more forward-looking. 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 discussion.

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

We invite you to join this Workshop, that will be an occasion for a common reflection on the main topics of relevance 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.