Call for Papers

Pre LREC-2008 Workshop:

Uses and usage of language resource-related standards

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In recent years more and more standards related to the representation and processing of language resources (LRs) have been issued by different organizations (e.g., ISO, Oasis, LISA, W3C, TEI etc.). While some of these have been designed explicitly for the purpose of modeling language (e.g., LAF, OLAC, IMDI, etc), other standards in use in the community are originally geared to the representation of properties of texts (e.g., TEI). Still others have been defined with broader, not inherently language or text-related purposes in mind. Apart from standards for representation and linguistic description, recently standards for resource management are also emerging.

The formal standardisation process is only one aspect of the evolution of a standard. The application and the real use seem to be even more important. A standard is useful for the community only if it is actually applied. The workshop will concentrate on standards which are in use, experiences with standards as well as tools to enhance the use of standards. In particular we will encourage contributions in the following areas:

(a) experiences with different types of standards:
- research contexts inviting/impeding the use of standards
- standards and exploitation of LRs
- use of language vs. text encoding standards
- use of standards for representation vs. linguistic description
- standards for different types of LRs (corpora, archives, dictionaries, spoken vs. written language etc)
- standards used in the localization process
- competing standards (comparison of competing standards, motivations for preferring one standard over another)

(b) use of standards from different vantage points:
- data providers (support for standards, e.g., data category registry)
- data users (e.g., standards supporting resource exploitation)
- tool developers (e.g., corpus annotation tools supporting standards, standards aware localization tools)

(c) new horizons in standardization
Standards.txt
- standardization for resource management (e.g., resource validation) and best practices
- efforts to make language resource-related standards communicate with each other (e.g., mappings, upper structures)
- interaction of language resource-related standards with non-language data standards
- special requirements for multilingual resources
- special requirements for multimodal resources
- methodologies for the evaluation of standards

Submission Instructions
Submissions should not exceed ten (10) pages, including references. We strongly recommend the use of the LaTeX style files or Microsoft Word document template that will be made available on the LREC Conference Web site. A description of the required format will be made available to those who are unable to make direct use of these style files.

Submission will be electronic. The only accepted format for submitted papers is Adobe PDF. The papers must be submitted no later than 15th February 2008. Papers submitted after that time will not be reviewed. For details of the submission procedure, please consult the submission webpage reachable via the workshop website.

Questions regarding the submission procedure should be directed to andreas.witt(a)uni-tuebingen.de

Important Dates
Deadline for submission of Papers: 15th February 2008
Notification of Acceptance: 18th March 2008
Deadline for final paper submission: 2nd April 2008

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