

Message of the Chair of the Local Organising Committee

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Dear LREC 2006 Participants,

On behalf of the European Language Resources Association (ELRA) and the Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale of Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (ILC – CNR), it is our pleasure to welcome in Genoa the Fifth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, LREC 2006. The Conference takes place at the Magazzini del Cotone, Genoa, from May 22nd to May 28th 2006.

The LREC conference has a long tradition dating back to the first meeting in Granada, 1998 until the last in Lisbon, 2004.

The LREC conference addresses all scientists in the world working on basic research and applications in the field of Computational Linguistics, Human Language Technology and Information Society Technology. The conference offers an excellent opportunity to highlight recent trends as well as general aspects of the field and gives to the researchers a chance to share experiences, points of view and results.

With more than 500 accepted papers and so many participants, LREC 2006 well represents the vitality and growth of Computational Linguistics. Therefore, we hope that the conference will provide a stimulating scientific environment for exchange of results and ideas for future research.

We would like to thank all the members of the different committees involved in the organization of this Conference.

We acknowledge the Regione Liguria economic support, as well as the provision of technical equipment by Datasiel and Computer Shop.

We hope you will enjoy your visit to Genoa, and remember both the scientific and social aspects of LREC 2006 as a pleasant and worthwhile experience.

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