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:: Important Dates
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System demonstration paper submission deadline: February 22, 2010
No extensions will be granted.

Tutorials: July 11, 2010
Main conference: July 12-14, 2010
Workshops: July 15-16, 2010

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:: 1. ACL 2010 in Uppsala, Sweden
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The 48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics will be
held in Uppsala, Sweden, July 11-16, 2010. The conference will be organized by
the Department of Linguistics and Philology at Uppsala University.

The conference will take place at Uppsala University Campus in a genuine
university environment, dating back as far as 1477. The city also holds a rich
history, having for long periods been the political, religious and academic
center of Sweden. The proximity to the capital, Stockholm, provides additional
benefits as a potential site for arranging both pre- and post-conference tours,
as well as for excursions or tourism during the conference. The city of Uppsala
is easy to reach by plane, train or car.

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:: 2. Organising Committee
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General Chair: Jan Hajič
Program Chairs: Sandra Carberry and Stephen Clark
Local Arrangements Chair: Joakim Nivre
Workshop Chair: Pushpak Bhattacharyia and David Weir

Tutorial Chair: Lluís Màrquez and Haifeng Wang (王海峰)

System Demonstrations Chair: Sandra Kübler
Student Research Workshop Chairs: Seniz Demir, Jan Raab, Nils Reiter, and Tomek
Strzalkowski (faculty advisor)

Publications: Jing-Shin Chang (張景新) and Philipp Koehn
Mentoring Service: Björn Gambäck and Diana McCarthy
Sponsorship Chairs: Stephen Pulman (Europe), Frédérique Segond (Europe),
Srinivas Bangalore (Americas), Christy Doran (Americas), Hercules Dalianis
(local), and Mats Wirén (local)
Publicity Chairs: Koenraad de Smedt and Beáta Megyesi
Exhibition Chair: Jörg Tiedemann
Local Arrangement Committee: Joakim Nivre (chair), Beáta Megyesi (vice chair),
Rolf Carlson, Mats Dahllöf, Marco Kuhlmann, Mattias Nilsson, Markus Saers, Anna
Sågvall Hein, Per Starbäck, Jörg Tiedemann, Oscar Täckström
Local Organizing Secretariat: Academic Conferences

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:: 3. Main Conference Papers
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Program Co-Chairs:

    Sandra Carberry (University of Delaware, USA)
    Stephen Clark (University of Cambridge, UK)

Important Dates:

    Notification of acceptance: April 20, 2010
    Camera ready papers due: May 16, 2010

http://acl2010.org/papers.html

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:: 4. Student Research Workshop
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Student Research Workshop Co-Chairs:

    Seniz Demir (University of Delaware, USA)
    Jan Raab (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
    Nils Reiter (Heidelberg University, Germany)
    Tomek Strzalkowski (Faculty Advisor) (State University of New York,
Albany, USA)

Important Dates:

    Notification of acceptance: April 12, 2010
    Camera ready papers due: May 10, 2010

http://acl2010.org/srw.html

Funding for Travel

Funding is available to assist student participants with travel to Uppsala and conference expenses. Students whose papers are accepted for presentation at the workshop are eligible for travel assistance based on need. Further details will be provided along with the acceptance letters; however, in general a flat rate stipend will be awarded with the amount depending upon the student's location.

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:: 5. Tutorials
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Tutorial Co-Chairs:

    Lluís Màrquez (Technical University of Catalonia, Spain)

    Haifeng Wang (王海峰) (Baidu.com Inc., China)

Tutorials will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010 and the following tutorials will be offered:

T1: Annotation
Presenter: Eduard Hovy

T2: From Structured Prediction to Inverse Reinforcement Learning
Presenter: Hal Daumé III

T3: Wide-Coverage NLP with Linguistically Expressive Grammars
Presenters: Josef van Genabith, Julia Hockenmaier and Yusuke Miyao

T4: Semantic Parsing: The Task, the State of the Art and the Future
Presenter: Rohit J. Kate and Yuk Wah Wong

T5: Tree-based and Forest-based Translation
Presenters: Yang Liu and Liang Huang

T6: Discourse Structure: Theory, Practice and Use
Presenters: Bonnie Webber, Markus Egg and Valia Kordoni

http://acl2010.org/tutorials.html

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:: 6. System Demonstrations: Final Call for Papers
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System Demonstrations Chair:

    Sandra Kübler (Indiana University, USA)

ACL 2010: ***MODIFIED*** FINAL Call for System Demonstrations

In order to make the reviewing procedure consistent with that for NAACL, the call needed to be changed. Reviewing will *not* be blind. Consequently, the submission must contain author information. The full modified call, with instructions on how to submit, can be read at:

 http://acl2010.org/demos.html

The deadline for submissions is February 22, 2010 (11:59pm Pacific Standard Time).

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:: 7. Workshops
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Workshop Co-Chairs:

     Pushpak Bhattacharyia (Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, India)
     David Weir (University of Sussex, United Kingdom)

The following 13 workshops will be held at ACL 2010:

WS1: SemEval-2010: 5th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluations
Chairs: Katrin Erk, Carlo Strapparava

WS2: Fifth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation and MetricsMATR
Chairs: Chris Callison-Burch, Philipp Koehn, Christof Monz, Kay Peterson

WS3: The 4th Linguistic Annotation Workshop (The LAW IV)
Chairs: Nianwen Xue, Massimo Poesio

WS4: BioNLP2010
Chairs: K. Bretonnel Cohen, Dina Demner-Fushman, Sophia Ananiadou, John Pestian, Jun'ichi Tsujii, Bonnie Webber

WS5: Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics
Chairs: John Hale

WS6: NLP and Linguistics: Finding the Common Ground
Chairs: Lori Levin, William Lewis, Fei Xia

WS7: 11th Meeting of ACL-SIGMORPHON
Chairs: Jeffrey Heinz, Lynne Cahill and Richard Wicentowski

WS8: TextGraphs-5: Graph-based Methods for Natural Language Processing
Chairs: Carmen Banea, Alessandro Moschitti, Swapna Somasundaran, Fabio Massimo Zanzotto

WS9: Named Entities Workshop (NEWS 2010)
Chairs: A Kumaran and Haizhou Li

WS10: Applications of Tree Automata in Natural Language Processing
Chairs: Frank Drewes, Marco Kuhlmann

WS11: Domain Adaptation for Natural Language Processing (DANLP)
Chairs: Hal Daume III, Tejaswini Deoskar, David McClosky, Barbara Plank, Jörg Tiedemann

WS12: Companionable Dialogue Systems
Chairs: Yorick Wilks, Morena Danieli, Björn Gambäck

WS13: GEMS-2010 Geometric Models of Natural Language Semantics
Chairs: Roberto Basili and Marco Pennacchiotti

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:: 8. Mentoring Service
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ACL is providing a mentoring (coaching) service for authors from regions of the
world where English is less emphasized as a language of scientific exchange.
Many authors from these regions, although able to read the scientific literature
in English, have little or no experience in writing papers in English for
conferences such as the ACL meetings. The service will be arranged as follows. A
set of potential mentors will be identified by Mentoring Service Chairs Björn
Gambäck (SICS, Sweden and NTNU, Norway) and Diana McCarthy (Lexical Computing
Ltd., UK), who will organize this service for ACL 2010. If you would like to
take advantage of the service for a submission to the main conference, to the
Student Research Workshop, to the system demonstration session, or to one of the
workshops, please upload your paper in PDF format using the paper submission
software for the mentoring service available at:

https://www.softconf.com/acl2010/acl2010mentor/

The deadline for the mentoring service is six weeks before the respective
submission deadline. An appropriate mentor will be assigned to your paper and
the mentor will get back to you no later than two weeks before the submission
deadline.

Please note that this service is for the benefit of the authors as described
above. It is not a general mentoring service for authors to improve the
technical content of their papers.

Questions about the mentoring service should be referred to
mentoring@acl2010.org.

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:: 9. Recommended Accommodation
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Reservation of accommodation is open. Book before May 20 to take advantage of
the lower prices! http://acl2010.org/accommodation.html

Registration will open early May.

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:: 10. Sponsorship
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:: 11. Newsletter No. 3
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ACL Newsletter No. 3 will be published in April.