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**Introduction**

In order to satisfy the information needs of a wide range of researchers across a number of disciplines, large textual datasets require careful design, collection, cleaning, encoding, annotation, storage, retrieval, and curation. This daunting set of tasks has coalesced into a number of key themes and questions that are of interest to the contributing research communities: (a) what sampling techniques can we apply? (b) what quality issues should we be aware of? (c) what infrastructures and frameworks are being developed for the efficient storage, annotation, analysis and retrieval of large datasets? (d) what affordances do visualisation techniques offer for the exploratory analysis approaches of corpora? (e) what legal paths can be followed in dealing with IPR and data protection issues governing both the data sources and the query results? (f) how to guarantee that corpus data remain available and usable in a sustainable way?

Over the past years, the CMLC workshop series has gathered researchers interested in these long-standing topics while also willing to address newly developing trends in the field. At each meeting, we also made sure to reserve space for national corpus project reports. In the year 2020, we expected our meeting to be co-located with the LREC conference, which had unfailingly hosted the previous CMLC events, from Istanbul through Reykjavík, Portorož and Miyazaki. Unfortunately, due to the spreading COVID-19 pandemic, the May date had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, we are hereby offering the present volume of proceedings, with thanks to the contributing Authors and heartfelt gratitude to the Reviewers. Whether we will be able to suggest an alternative date or mode for the meeting, time will tell. The relevant information will be placed on the CMLC-8 homepage at [http://corpora.ids-mannheim.de/cmlc-2020.html](http://corpora.ids-mannheim.de/cmlc-2020.html).

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