

EACL 2012 NEWSLETTER NO. 1 **(September 30, 2011)**

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Important Dates

Main conference paper submission deadline: November 4, 2011
Student research workshop paper submission deadline: November 18, 2011
System demonstration paper submission deadline: December 4, 2011
Tutorial proposals submission deadline : September 30, 2011
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1.- EACL 2012 in Avignon, France

The EACL conference is the triennial conference of the European chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL). EACL-2012 will be held in Avignon, France, April 23-27, 2012. The conference will be organized by the Laboratoire d'Informatique d'Avignon at Avignon University.

The conference will take place at Sainte Marthe University Campus in a genuine university environment, dating back as far as 1303. The city of Avignon, located at the confluence of the Rhône and Durance rivers, is well known for its ramparts, its famous PontSaint-Bénézet and the Palais des Papes, which has been classified a World Heritage of Humanity site. The city of Avignon is easy to reach by TGV train, plain or car.

2.- Organising Committee

General Chair: Walter Daelemans (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

Program Chairs: Mirella Lapata (University of Edinburgh, UK) and Lluís Màrquez (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain)

Workshop Committee chairs : Kristiina Jokinen (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Alessandro Moschitti (University of Trento, Italy)

Tutorials Committee chairs : Eneko Agirre (University of the Basque Country, Spain) and Lieve Macken (University College Ghent, Belgium)

Student research workshop chairs: Pierre Lison (University of Oslo, Norway), Mattias Nilsson (Uppsala University, Sweden) and Marta Recasens (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Student research workshop faculty advisor: Laurence Danlos.

System Demonstrations Committee chair: Frédérique Segond.

Publications Committee : Adrià de Gispert (University of Cambridge, UK) and Fabrice Lefèvre (University of Avignon, France)

Sponsorship Committee chair : Massimiliano Ciaramita

Mentoring service : Caroline Sporleder (Saarland University, Germany) and Gertjan van Noord (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

Local Organising Committee : Marc El-Beze, (chair), Frederic Bechet (Publicity chair), Yann Fernandez, Stéphane Huet (Exhibits local chair), Tania Jimenez, Fabrice Lefevre, Georges Linares, Alexis Nasr, Eric SanJuan, Iria Da Cunha

3.- Main Conference Call for Papers

EACL 2012 is the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics. The conference invites the submission of papers on substantial, original, and unpublished research on all areas of computational linguistics, broadly conceived to include disciplines such as psycholinguistics, speech, information retrieval, multimodal language processing. The conference welcomes theoretical, empirical, and application-orientated papers as well as papers targeting emerging domains such as bioinformatics and social media.

The list of topics includes, but is not limited to:

- phonetics, phonology, and morphology
- word segmentation, tagging and chunking
- syntax, parsing, grammar formalisms, and grammar induction
- semantics
- pragmatics, discourse, and dialogue
- generation and summarization
- information retrieval and question answering
- information extraction
- sentiment analysis and opinion mining
- machine translation and multilingual systems
- spoken language processing and language modeling
- dialogue systems and multimodal systems
- language resources and tools
- psychological and mathematical models of language and language acquisition
- machine learning and algorithms for natural language
- natural language processing applications
- domain and genre adaptation of data-driven NLP systems
- evaluation methodology

Important Dates

Paper submission deadline: November 4, 2011

Author response period: December 27-30, 2011

Notification of acceptance: January 13, 2012

Camera-ready papers due: March 9, 2012

Papers available on-line: April 19, 2012

EACL 2012 Conference: April 23 - 27, 2012

All deadlines refer to 11:59pm Samoa time (UTC/GMT -11 hours)

Requirements

Papers should describe original work; they should emphasize completed work rather than intended work, and should indicate clearly the state of completion of the reported results. A paper accepted for presentation at EACL 2012 cannot be presented at any other meeting with publicly available published proceedings. Papers that are being submitted to other conferences or workshops must indicate this on the submission page. If the paper is accepted by both EACL 2012 and another meeting or publication, it must be withdrawn from one of them. Furthermore, its authors must notify the program chairs, within a week of receiving the EACL 2012 acceptance

notification, whether or not they have chosen EACL 2012 for presentation of their work.

Review and Selection

Reviewing of papers will be double-blind, and all submissions will receive three independent reviews. Final decisions on the program will be made by the Program Committee, consisting of the Program Co-Chairs and Area Chairs.

Submissions will be assessed with respect to appropriateness, clarity, soundness/correctness, meaningful comparison, originality/innovativeness, and impact of ideas or results.

Publication and Presentation

All papers that are accepted will be published in the proceedings of the conference, and will be presented orally or as a poster presentation as determined by the program committee. The decisions as to which papers will be presented orally and which as poster presentations will be based on the nature rather than on the quality of the work. Authors will be also asked on submission to state their preferred mode of presentation. EACL 2012 will continue aiming to give poster presentations a high status. There will be no distinction in the conference proceedings between papers that are assigned different presentation modes.

Submission Information

All submissions must be submitted electronically as PDF and must follow the two-column format of EACL proceedings. Authors are strongly recommended to use the style files available on the conference web site. Papers may consist of up to nine (9) pages of content and any number of additional pages containing references only.

EACL 2012 will also accept complementary materials accompanying the papers. Such extra material may include long technical proofs that do not fit into the paper, sample inputs and outputs from a system, details of experimental results, pseudo-code or source code for running experiments, and data. The reviewers and the program committee reserve the right to judge the paper solely on the basis of the 9 (content) pages; looking at any extra material is up to the discretion of the reviewers and is not required. Submission of supplementary material is entirely optional. The paper should stand on its own, excluding any supplement.

As reviewing will be double-blind, the paper should not include the authors' names and affiliations. Furthermore, self-references that reveal the author's identity, e.g., "We previously showed (Smith, 1991) ...", should be avoided. Instead, use citations such as "Smith previously showed (Smith, 1991) ...". Authors should not use anonymous citations and should not include any acknowledgments. Papers that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected without review.

The deadline for submission is 11:59pm Samoa Time (UTC/GMT -11 hours) on November 4, 2011. Additional instructions for electronic submission will be posted on the conference website at eacl2012.org

4.- Student Research Workshop Call for Papers

EACL 2012 will continue the tradition of providing a forum for student researchers who are investigating various areas related to Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing. Participants will have the opportunity to get feedback both from a wide audience in general and from selected panelists -- experienced researchers who prepare in-depth comments and questions in advance of the presentation.

The European Association of Computational Linguistics would like to invite student researchers to submit their work to the workshop. Original and unpublished research is invited on all aspects of Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing, including, but not limited to:

- pragmatics, discourse, semantics, syntax and the lexicon
- phonetics, phonology and morphology
- linguistic, mathematical and psychological models of language
- information retrieval, information extraction, question answering
- generation, summarization and paraphrasing
- speech recognition, speech synthesis
- corpus-based language modeling
- multi-lingual processing, machine translation, translation aids
- spoken and written natural language interfaces, dialogue systems
- language resources and tools
- multi-modal language processing, multimedia systems

- message and narrative understanding systems
- other Natural Language Processing applications

The main conference will also feature tutorials and workshops. Further information on these is available at the main conference website: eacl2012.org

2. Submission Requirements

Seeing that the main mission of the student workshop is to provide the participants with a wide audience and useful feedback, the emphasis of the workshop will be on work in progress. It will therefore normally be open to students who have settled on their thesis direction but who still have significant research left to do; those students in the final stages of their thesis are encouraged to submit to the main conference. Papers should clearly indicate directions for future research where appropriate. The papers can have more than one author, however all authors must be students.

A paper accepted for presentation at the Student Workshop cannot be presented or have been presented at any other meeting with publicly available proceedings. Double submissions to the EACL main conference and the Student Research Workshop are not allowed. A student can only submit one paper to the Student Workshop. Papers that are being submitted to other conferences must indicate this on the submission page. Students who have previously presented at an ACL/EACL/NAACL student session will not be eligible to present again at the student session of any of these conferences. These students are instead encouraged to submit to the main conference.

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The deadline for submission is 11:59pm Samoa Time (UTC/GMT -11 hours) on **November 18, 2011**.

Papers have to be submitted before the deadline through the START conference portal for the workshop, which is available at the following URL: <https://www.softconf.com/eacl2012/EACL-SRW-2012/>

4. Reviewing Procedure

The reviewing of the papers will be blind. Reviewing will be managed by the Student Workshop Co-Chairs and a team of reviewers. Each submission will be matched with a mixed panel of student and senior researchers for review, and will receive three independent reviews. The final acceptance decision will be based on the results of the review.

5. Important Dates

Paper submission deadline: November 18, 2011

Notification of acceptance: January 27, 2012

Camera-ready papers due: March 9, 2012

Papers available on-line: April 19, 2012

Student Research Workshop (The session will be held during the EACL main conference): April 25 - 27, 2012

All deadlines refer to 11:59pm Samoa time (UTC/GMT -11 hours)

5.- Tutorials

Proposals are invited for the Tutorial Program of the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association

for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2012), to be held in Avignon, France, from April 23 to April 27, 2012. The selected tutorials will be given on the Monday and Tuesday preceding the main conference (April 23 and 24).

EACL 2012 seeks proposals for tutorials in all areas of computational linguistics, broadly conceived to include disciplines such as linguistics (including psycholinguistics and other subfields), speech, information retrieval and multimodal processing.

We particularly welcome (1) tutorials which cover advances in newly emerging areas not previously covered in an (E)ACL related tutorial, or (2) tutorials which provide introductions into related fields which are potentially relevant for the CL community (e.g. bioinformatics, social media, human language processing, machine learning techniques). In order to gather a widespread audience, the interest of the tutorial and the quality of the instructors will also be taken into account.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration for tutorials is regulated by ACL policies:

http://aclweb.org/adminwiki/index.php?title=Policy_on_tutorial_teacher_payment

The conversion to euros will be done as follows: €550 for up to 20 people, plus €25 per person for registrants between 21 to 50, plus €18 per person for registrants greater than 50.

Please NOTE: Remuneration for Tutorial presenters is fixed according to the above policy and does not cover registration fees for the main conference.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Proposals for tutorials should contain:

1. A title and brief description of the tutorial content and its relevance to the ACL community (not more than 2 pages).
2. A brief outline of the tutorial structure showing that the tutorial's core content can be covered in a three-hour slot (excluding a coffee break). In exceptional cases six-hour tutorial slots are available as well.
3. The names, postal addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the tutorial instructors, including a one-paragraph statement of their research interests and areas of expertise.
4. A list of previous venues and approximate audience sizes, if the same or a similar tutorial has been given elsewhere; otherwise an estimate of the audience size.
5. A description of special requirements for technical equipment (e.g. internet access). Proposals should be submitted by electronic mail, in plain ASCII text, to tutorials at [eacl2012 dot org](mailto:eacl2012@org), no later than September 30th 2011.

The subject line should be: "EACL 2012 TUTORIAL PROPOSAL".

PLEASE NOTE:

- only proposals submitted by e-mail will be taken into account.
- you will receive email confirmation from us that your proposal has been received. If you do not receive this confirmation 24 hours after sending the proposal, please contact us personally using both [e.agirre at ehu dot es](mailto:e.agirre@ehu.es) and [lieve.macken at hogent dot be](mailto:lieve.macken@hogent.be)

TUTORIAL SPEAKER RESPONSIBILITIES

Accepted tutorial speakers will be notified by November 3rd, 2011, and must then provide abstracts of their tutorials for inclusion in the conference registration material by December 16th, 2011. The description should be

in two formats: an ASCII version that can be included in email announcements and published on the conference web site, and a PDF version for inclusion in the electronic proceedings (detailed instructions to follow).

Tutorial speakers must provide tutorial materials, at least containing copies of the course slides as well as a bibliography for the material covered in the tutorial, by February 1st, 2012.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission deadline for tutorial proposals: September 30th, 2011

Notification of acceptance: November 3rd, 2011

Tutorial descriptions due: December 16th, 2011

Tutorial course material due: February 1st, 2012

Tutorial dates: April 23-24, 2012

TUTORIAL CHAIRS

Eneko Agirre, University of the Basque Country, Spain and Lieve Macken, University College Ghent, Belgium

Please send inquiries concerning EACL 2012 tutorials to: tutorials at eacl2012 dot org

6.- Workshops Call for Papers

Similarly to previous conferences, the submission and reviewing of workshop proposals for EACL, NAACL-HLT, and ACL will be coordinated.

Proposals for workshops should contain:

1. A title and brief (2-page max) description of the workshop topic and content.
2. The desired workshop length (one or two days), and an estimate of the number of attendees.
3. The names, postal addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the organizers, with one-paragraph statements of their research interests and areas of expertise.
4. A list of potential members of the program committee, with an indication of which members have already agreed.
5. A description of any shared tasks associated with the workshop.
6. A description of special requirements for technical needs.
7. A note specifying which venue(s) (EACL versus NAACL-HLT versus ACL) would be acceptable to you; if all are acceptable, you may express preference for one or the other.

There will be a single workshop committee, coordinated by the three sets of workshop chairs. This single committee will review the quality of the workshop proposals. Once the reviews are complete, the workshop chairs will work together to assign workshops to each of the three conferences, taking into account the location preferences given by the proposers.

The ACL has a set of policies on workshops. You can find the ACL's general policies on workshops at <http://www.cis.udel.edu/~carberry/ACL/Workshops/workshop-support-general-policy.html>, the financial policy for workshops at <http://www.cis.udel.edu/~carberry/ACL/Workshops/workshop-conf-financial-policy.html>, and the financial policy for SIG workshops at

<http://www.cis.udel.edu/~carberry/ACL/Workshops/workshops-Sig-financial-policy.html>.

Please submit proposals in plain text in the body of an email to the workshop organizers

no later than October 28, 2011, 23:59:59 UTC/GMT

(which is 18:59:59 EST, 15:59:59 PST, and 08:59:59 JST on Oct 29).

Notification of acceptance of workshop proposals will occur no later than **November 11, 2011**.

Since the three conferences will occur at different times, the timescales for the submission and reviewing of workshop papers, and the preparation of camera-ready copies, will be different for each conference. Suggested timescales for each of the conferences are given below. Workshop organizers should not deviate from this schedule unless absolutely necessary.

Workshop organisers are also requested to pay attention to the fact that there will be only a week between the

notification of the workshop acceptance and sending out the first CFPs for the workshop. Thus it is important that the workshop proposals are already well structured and organised at the time of the submission, to allow quick launch of the first CFP.

TIMELINES FOR 2012 WORKSHOPS

SHARED DATES

Oct 28, 2011 **Workshop proposal deadline**

Nov 11, 2011 **Notification of acceptance**

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Nov 18, 2011 Proposed 1st workshop CFP

Jan 27, 2012 Proposed paper due date

Feb 24, 2012 Proposed notification of acceptance

Mar 09, 2012 Camera-ready deadline

Apr 23-24, 2012 Workshops

7.- Mentoring Service

EACL 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 E/ACL meetings.

Although the formal deadline for the mentoring service has now passed, the EACL still has some capacity available to accept additional requests for the mentoring service. If you want to apply for the mentoring service, please contact the co-chairs as soon as possible via mentoring@eacl2012.org

Questions about the mentoring service should be referred to mentoring@eacl2012.org

8.- Sponsorship

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or finding out more about sponsorship opportunities is encouraged to contact the sponsorship chairs:

Massimiliano Ciaramita (sponsorship chair) : massi@google.com

Eric SanJuan (local sponsorship chair) : eric.sanjuan@univ-avignon.fr

9.- Newsletter No. 2

EACL Newsletter No. 2 will be published before the end of November, giving among other things more information on recommended accommodation, registration and tutorial program.