Student Research Workshop

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Preface

On behalf of the Programme Committee, we are pleased to present the proceedings of the Student Research Workshop held at the Eleventh Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics. Following the tradition of providing a forum for student researchers and the success of the previous workshops held in Bergen (1999), Toulouse (2001) and Budapest (2003), a panel of senior researchers will take part in the presentation of the papers, providing detailed comments on the work of the authors.

The Student Workshop will run as three parallel sessions, during which 9 papers will be presented. These high standard papers were carefully chosen from a total of 33 submissions coming from about 15 countries.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that have contributed in various ways to the success of the Student Workshop: the members of the Programme Committee for their evaluation of the submissions and for taking the time to provide useful detailed comments and suggestions for the improvement of papers; the panelists for providing detailed feedback directly; and the students for their hard work in preparing their submissions.

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We hope you enjoy the Student Research Workshop.

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Track 1: Discourse and Summarisation
14:30-15:00 What’s There to Talk About? A Multi-Modal Model of Referring Behavior in the Presence of Shared Visual Information
Darren Gergle
15:00-15:30 What Humour Tells Us About Discourse Theories
Arjun Karande
15:30-16:00 An Approach to Summarizing Short Stories
Anna Kazantseva

Track 2: Information Extraction and Question Answering
14:30-15:00 Bootstrapping Named Entity Recognition with Automatically Generated Gazetteer Lists
Zornitsa Kozareva
15:00-15:30 Developing an Approach for Why-Question Answering
Suzan Verberne
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Ling Yin

Track 3: Syntax and Lexical Semantics
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Yo Sato
15:00-15:30 Towards Robust Animacy Classification Using Morphosyntactic Distributional Features
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