

1. Report

In response to the CFP, I received 20 tutorial proposals covering the areas of statistical NLP (7 proposals), Arabic Processing (1 proposal), Grammars and parsing (3 proposals), Data Mining (1 proposals), Semantic Processing (5 proposals) and Multimodal Processing (3 proposals).

The decision criteria used to select 5 among these 20 proposals were the following :

- at most one tutorial per thematic
- tutorials which have been/will be given recently in ACL related conferences were dispreferred
- experienced teachers and people for which I had some evidence that they were good speakers/teachers were preferred.

The reviewing process resulted in the acceptance of 5 proposals namely:

T1. Synchronous Grammars and Tree Automata

David Chiang (USC/Information Sciences Institute) and Kevin Knight (USC/Information Sciences Institute)

T2. Dependency Parsing

Joakim Nivre (School of Mathematics and Systems Engineering) and Sandra K. Ambler (University of Tübingen)

T3. Discourse Annotation: Discourse Connectives and Discourse Relations

Aravind Joshi, Rashmi Prasad and Bonnie Webber

T4. Multimodal Language Processing

Michael Johnston and Srinivas Bangalore, (AT&T Labs--Research)

T5. Mining Unstructured Data

Ronen Feldman (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)

T5 was cancelled by the tutorial giver in June so that in effect, the final tutorial program consisted of 4 tutorials.

As of June 4th, registrations for tutorials were as follows:

T1 32

T2 39

T3 13

T4 10

T5 27 (cancelled, not yet distributed)

2. Calendar

November 4 - First CFP
December 5 - Second CFP
January 5 - Submission deadline for tutorial proposals
January 20 - Notification of acceptance
April 10 - Tutorial descriptions due
June 18 - Tutorial course material due
July 16 - Tutorial date