

2005-2006 Annual Report
SIGMORPHON (Computational Morphology and Phonology)
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SIGPHON BECOMES SIGMORPHON!

SIGMORPHON is ACL's special interest group for computational morphology, phonology, and phonetics.

It was created as SIGPHON in 1994. In 2006, the membership voted overwhelmingly to expand the scope of the group beyond computational phonology.

When proposing this change in last year's ACL report, we noted that no other ACL SIG covered morphology, whereas SIGPHON had prominently featured it in our last three workshops and their CFPs. Furthermore, there are at least as many morphologists as phonologists on SIGPHON's Executive Committee (Adam Albright, Jason Eisner, Eric Fosler-Lussier, Katrin Kirchhoff, Richard Wicentowski).

The membership also voted to pass several minor procedural changes to the SIG's constitution.

WORKSHOP

Our eighth biannual workshop was held at HLT-NAACL 2006 in New York. The program was chaired by Richard Wicentowski and Greg Kondrak and featured 9 peer-reviewed papers and an invited talk. Participation from linguistics departments was high.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

sigmorphon.org serves the community by maintaining a mailing list, past proceedings, and online bibliographies.

We plan to advertise the SIG's expanded scope in order to recruit new members to the SIG and increase discussion on its mailing list.

Moritz Neugebauer and Christian Monson have recently undertaken a substantial update of the bibliography's contents (see <http://sigmorphon.uni-koeln.de/> for their work in progress).