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-- Important Dates

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Early Registration Deadline: March 19, 2012
Tutorials and Workshops: April 23-24, 2012
Main conference: April 25-27, 2012

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1.- EACL 2012

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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 Pont Saint-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, plane or car.

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2.- Organizing Committee

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

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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.

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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, sponsorship), Tania Jimenez, Fabrice Lefèvre, Georges Linares, Alexis Nasr, Eric SanJuan, Iria Da Cunha

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3.- Registration

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Registration for EACL 2012 is now open! Please go to the EACL 2012 website at http://www.eacl2012.org for information about registration and online registration.

Early registration deadline is March 19, 2012.

If you need a letter of invitation for visa purpose please contact contact@eacl2012.org

4.- Accommodation

A list of hotels with useful information is available from http://eacl2012.org/hotels/index.html

Don't wait too long to make a reservation, as Avignon is a popular touristic destination the time of the conference.

5.- Tutorials

The following tutorials will be presented:

T1: Monday morning session 23/4 (9:00-12:30)  
Computational Linguistic Approaches to Language Acquisition (Shuly Wintner)

T2: Monday afternoon session 23/4 (14:00-17:30)  
Compositionality in distributional semantics (Marco Baroni)

T3: Tuesday morning session 24/4 (9:00-12:30)  
Sentiment Analysis and Opinion Mining (Bing Liu)

T4: Tuesday afternoon session 24/4 (14:00-17:30)  
Web-Based Open-Domain Information Extraction (Marius Pasca)


6.- Workshops

Two-day Workshops:
W0: Joint workshop of ROBUS and UNSUP: Robust Unsupervised Learning in Natural Language Processing.


W2: Joint workshop of LINGVIS and UNCLH: Visualization of Language Patterns and Uncovering Language History from Multilingual Resources.

Monday Workshops:


W4: Workshop on Computational Approaches to Deception Detection

W5: Innovative hybrid approaches to process textual data

Tuesday Workshops:

W6: ATANLP: Second Workshop on Applications of Tree Automata Techniques in Natural Language Processing (ATANLP)

W7: SASN2012: Workshop on Semantic Analysis in Social Networks


7.- Accepted Papers and Acceptance Rates

Main conference papers: Please see the list of accepted papers for the main conference session at:
http://eacl2012.org/accepted-papers

Acceptance rate: 314 submissions, 27% acceptance rate

Student research workshop: Please see the list of accepted papers for the student research papers at: http://eacl2012.org/student-research-workshop
Acceptance rate: 38 submissions, 29% acceptance rate
Demonstration papers: Please see the list of accepted papers for the main conference session at: http://eacl2012.org/system-demonstration
Acceptance rate: 37 submissions, 57% acceptance rate.

8.- Sponsors

EACL 2012 gratefully acknowledges the following commitments in sponsorship:

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- Natural Language Engineering Lab, Universidad Politécnica de València: http://users.dsic.upv.es/grupos/nle

9.- Keynote speakers

Regina Barzilay (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)
Martin Cooke (Ikerbasque, Basque Foundation for Science, Spain)
Raymond Mooney (University of Texas at Austin, USA)
10.- Student Travel Grants

Five EACL Studentships are available on a competitive basis, covering up to 500 euros of conference expenses (registration, travelling, accommodation). Only students who have a paper accepted at either the EACL main conference or Student Workshop are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students who have a paper accepted at the Student Workshop and with limited travel funds.

Applications must be emailed to student-workshop@eacl2012.org and they must include the following documents:
- Applicant’s name, email, affiliation, PhD/masters year, source and amount of yearly income, and overview of the estimated conference costs
- Motivation letter
- Recommendation letter from a university faculty member
- Proof of student status

Important dates:
9 March: studentship applications due
23 March: studentship notifications