UniDive core group meeting 15

12 March 2024, 14:00-15:30

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Attendants

CG members: Alina, Atul, Beata, Bruno, Dan, Joakim, Marie, Nurit, Olesea, ~~Verginica~~, Agata
Invitees: Voula (WG2 co-leader), Victoria (training school local organizer)

Agenda

- [MWE-UD workshop](#) - latest news
    - [VOULA] 52 submissions in 3 tracks (MWE, UD, MWE/UD), reviewing just started
    - Potential authors for funding - expression of interest will be requested after the reviewing
    - Acceptance rate in the past: UD usually 50%, MWE - sometimes 60%, sometimes 23%. We might try to keep this rate high enough for larger diversity.
    - [NURIT] Should the conference grants also go to the MWE-UD workshop?
        - [NURIT] This budget is quite low:
            - ITC Conference grants budget: 1,000 EUR
            - Dissemination Conference grants: 500 EUR
            - Last year we gave two ITC grants, total of 970 EUR (conference fee + 1 COST daily allowance)
        - OK to promote the workshop for these grants
    - Eligible expenses:
        - The workshop is encoded in the budget as a meeting
        - Registration fee is not reimbursed
        - Travel is reimbursed, also for the main conference (several days before the workshop)
        - Daily allowance for ~2 days
    - [VOULA] SIGLEX agreed to allocate some money to the MWE-UD workshop
- [1st Training School](#) in Chișinău (July 8-12) - latest news
    - MC vote - relocation to Chișinău validated unanimously
    - Trainers & courses
        - Course 1 - annotating a (S)UD treebank for a new language
            - Confirmed by Sylvain Kahane
        - Course 2 - annotating MWEs in a new language

- - - Confirmed by Verginica and Voula
  - Course 3 - transfer learning for low-resourced languages
    - Ivan, Lonneke, Tanja - declined
    - Miryam - will probably decline but is still considering (until March 20)
    - If Miryam declines - 3 possible other solutions
      - Other experts to contact
      - Publish a call for course trainers
      - Skip the course this time, focus more on corpus annotation - preferred solution
  - Course 4 - corpus annotation infrastructure (annotation platforms, format validators, Git etc.) - first ideas from Bruno, Dan and Agata
  - Brainstorming **hackaton** on topics submitted by the trainees => maybe to be gathered together with the projects (open questions people face in their projets)
  - Victoria proposed also a **poster** session
  - Discussion
    - [VICTORIA] Posters could be a criterion to select participants
    - [DAN] Another idea - effective addition of a new resource to UD/PARSEME
      - Submission of a project of a resource creation related to UD/PARSEME
    - [BRUNO] Preparing input data for annotation (a few sentences with glosses & translations) is already a pre-requisite for Sylvain's course
    - [VOULA] Pre-requisites will already keep the trainees busy, we should not overload them with an new obligation.
    - [VICTORIA, JOAKIM] Posters are a great form to discuss one's work
    - Other selection criteria:
      - The resourcedness status of the language
      - Geographical and gender balance
      - YRI are preferred
  - What we finally propose as **input from the trainees**:
    - Each trainee should submit a project for a construction of a resource related to the topics of the training school
    - An open question related to the project can be submitted for the brainstorming hackaton
    - Optionally, the selected project can be presented as posters
- [ALL] Year 3 events
  - WG2 meeting + 3rd General Meeting + 3rd UniDive workshop - early 2025 (January-March)
    - Call sent out on 19/02
    - Veronika Lipp explicitly encouraged to submit a proposal (after consultation with Giuseppe), due to the training school relocation in 2023.
    - Proposals:
      - Budapest (Veronika Lipp)
      - Yerevan (Anna Danielyan)

- Malta (Lucienne Bugeja, via Claudia Borg)
- Informal proposal from Theo Zacharis from Athens (*We can organise it in Athens, if there are no other proposals*). Voula and Stella were considering also submitting a proposal for Athens but it was too late to book convenient rooms. Maybe next year.
  - All in favor of **Budapest** (very central venue, good facilities, not too expensive, we promised to reconsider it)
  - WG3 shared task on Morpho-Syntactic Analyso-Parsing - first ideas of 2025 venues
    - SemEval excluded (deadline in 2 weeks)
    - CONLL - check the deadline
    - UD workshop
    - IWPT workshop
- [AGATA] Generic schedule for a UniDive event organization - signal any issue you might see
- [MARIE: after 15:00] WG4 co-leadership
  - Abigail Walsh stepping down, taking a more active role in a task
  - Olha Kanishcheva (Ukraine/Germany) taking up the role
- [AGATA] A strategy for integrating new UniDive members
  - Could we make the ongoing tasks and their leaders more visible on the website (as a starting point for new members), similarly to WG1?
    - Objective and short description of the task
    - Entry point (link to a document)
    - Names of the co-leaders
  - [JOAKIM] We should not ask the task leaders more than a minimal description of the task
- [ALINA] Feedback on the deliverables spreadsheet - to discuss at the next CG meeting
- Any other business
- Next meeting: **Apr 16, 2024 11:00-12:30 AM**

TODO

- [AGATA: urgent] Check if Olha must be validated by an MC vote
- [AGATA] Replace Abigail with Olha in the mailing lists and on webpages.
- [AGATA] Publish the guidelines for newcomers
- [WG LEADERS] Ask taks leaders for a minimal description of each task:
  - Objective and short description of the task
  - Entry point (document)
  - Names of the co-leaders
- [JOAKIM] Check the CONLL shared task deadline
- [AGATA, VICTORIA, TRAINERS] Prepare a detailed schedule with deadlines
- [AGATA] Inform the event organization proposers
- [AGATA] Schedule the deliverables spreadsheet on the agenda of Apr 16