

UniDive core group meeting 17

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CG members: Alina, Atul, Beata, Bruno, Dan, Joakim, Marie, Nurit, Olesea, Verginica, Voula, Agata

Agenda

- [WG LEADERS: 20 min.] Issues from WG activities and WG interactions
 - [VERGINICA - WG2]
 - Several ongoing tasks: wordhood survey; ELEXIS parallel corpus; survey on MWE lexicons (to turn into a book chapter); community survey on using MWE lexicons in NLP tasks; new task on harmonizing lemmatization rules; new task on MWE canonical forms (with Jan Odijk as a new member)
 - All tasks have rather regular meetings + monthly WG2 meetings
 - Need for synergies with WG1 wrt. lexicon-corpus interface task - need for more details about new guidelines for annotating non-verbal MWEs.
 - [MARIE-CATHERINE - WG4]
 - 3 subtasks: promoting low-resource languages (from educational perspective); survey of measures of language diversity (proposal sent to Computational Linguistics); measure for shared task diversity
 - [Paper by Miryam de Lhoneux and colleagues on arxiv](#) - currently developing a measure of typological diversity for a shared task (a PhD student, Esther Ploeger, presented their current work) => potential synergy with WG3
 - [JOAKIM - WG3]
 - Meeting last week
 - 3 ongoing tasks; slow but steady progress in at least 2 tasks: shared task (early July - first version of data for English + script for UD conversion); conceptual investigation about multi-/cross-linguality (survey results being analysed)
 - documentation task non moving (3 out of 4 co-leaders stepped down); bottom-up approach did not work very well; one possible reason might be that WG3 is heavily affected by the recent developments in NLP, with focus

- o on LLMs; Should we report on the modest progress or should we redefine the task? To discuss after the summer.
 - o [BRUNO - WG1]
 - Meeting last week
 - Task 1.1 (typology-related): New task leader (Flavio), redefining the task
 - Task 1.2 (MWE annotation): Ongoing discussion on Gitlab, new guidelines to publish
 - Task 1.3 (morphosyntactic guidelines): Overlap with previous discussions on UD Github
 - Task 1.4 (tools): A bit behind the schedule
 - New task 1.5: Annotation of spoken data (Sylvain and Kaja as co-leaders)
 - o Potential WG3-WG1 synergy in UD treebank conversion for the WG3 shared task
 - [Slides](#) (p. 14-15) presenting the idea of the annotation scheme
 - Potential of using Grew-match for corpus conversion
 - Making graph rewriting rules as generic as possible, to be re-usable from one language to another
 - Emails already exchanged between Bruno, Joakim and Omer
 - [BRUNO] Probably easy to do with Grew - to discuss with Omer in Moldova
 - [DAN] Also possible with Udapi (Dan's student is already doing something similar) - also to discuss in Moldova
 - [JOAKIM] Saving time is not the most crucial; more important: lowering the bar for the people to enter this task; user support also needed
- [BEATA, AGATA] Top-up budget
 - o Budget year 2 amendment, with extended budget, drafted late April; approved by COST and the MC mid-May
 - o Total budget 243,000 EUR (initial budget: 218,000 EUR; extension by 25,000 EUR = 11.5%)
 - o Budget increase per event:
 - MWE-UD workshop (from 7,200 EUR to 23,040 EUR)
 - Training School (from 72,800 EUR to 84,210 EUR)
 - ITC or Dissemination Conference Grant (from 1,500 EUR to 4,500 EUR)
- [VOULA] [MWE-UD workshop](#) - summary
 - o 1 day event, 26 accepted archival submissions
 - o Interesting program, well balanced across the 3 tracks (MWE, UD, MWE/UD)
 - o Opening and closing session slides, with other statistics and announcements, will be available soon
 - o Registration numbers: 3rd biggest event co-located with LREC-COLING
 - o LREC-COLING and ACL - working towards giving doi identifiers to workshop proceedings
 - o ACL anthology might add data on best paper awards in workshops
 - o MWE section of SIGLEX - preparing the next event (not with COLING but rather at ACL 2025, which is in Europe).
 - Could we have support from UniDive again?

- Synergies planned but not yet decided
 - UD workshop - will be part of SyntaxFest 2025 (Ljubljana, dates not yet decided)
 - Shared task possible but not sure to have the data ready
 - ACL - not very happy that the MWE workshop was not co-located with an ACL event
 - [BEATA] Budget of the workshop (23,040), savings (23,040 - 18,348 = ~4,692 EUR)
 - [1st Training School](#) in Chişinău (July 8-12) - latest news
 - [ATUL] Project submissions: 57 submission, selected 56
 - [BEATA, AGATA] Selection of the trainees, confirmations, budget (75,710 + LOS 8,500)
 - 52 participants eligible for the reimbursement + 7 trainers; (still waiting for 2 answers about the student status)
 - 63 trainees total, 51 accepted invitations by now
 - [VICTORIA, OLESEA] Local organisation
 - A1 poster sizes (another floor than the courses)
 - How much could be spent on coffee breaks? => LOS = 8500 EUR, split as needed but must be justified with invoices and timesheets
 - Invitations sent to people with visas
 - Progress on social events: top attractions and social events - [Here](#)
 - Registration form is in progress
 - [Olesea] Accepted projects, published on webpage [here](#)
 - [Olesea] Poster Templates [Here](#). Mailing in progress.
 - [AGATA] [Schedule](#), with interactions between the 3 courses
 - Recording the lectures - modalities to decide
 - [NURIT] STSMs
 - 2nd call:
 - 5 STSMs granted
 - 3 female, 2 male
 - 2 ITC, 3 non-ITC
 - Assigned budget 10,400 EUR
 - Remaining budget **3,865 EUR**
 - Plan a last-minute (after Chisinau) all like last year
 - STSM beneficiary can ask for up to 50% budget before the event - write to Beata
 - [AGATA] 3rd general meeting in Budapest (Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics)
 - Dates
 - 28 Jan 2025: WG2 meeting
 - 29-30 Jan 2025: General Meeting
 - Proposals of PC chairs
 - **Veronika Lipp** - accepted
 - Ranka
 - [VERGINICA, AGATA] To have a continuation with the 2nd meeting (Victoria, **Ranka**, Johanna)

- [ATUL] Ranka should be able to handle Open Review
 - [ATUL] Some documentation was drafted about Open Review, can share with UniDive
 - Olha Kanischeva
 - [AGATA] Consider age balance within the PC chairs
 - [MARIE-CATHERINE] Olha is well organized, but check if available for 2 events (for continuation)
 - [OLESEA] She is also available to co-chair, would like to also learn about Open Review
 - Others:
 - [AGATA] Petya Osenova
 - [VERGINICA] Yva Stoyanova
 - 3-4 co-chairs should be enough
 - Ranked list: Veronika, Ranka, Olesea, Olha, Petya, Iva
- [JOAKIM, GÜLŞEN: 10 min.] WG3 shared task on Morpho-Syntactic Analyso-Parsing - 2025 venues
 - SyntaxFest 2025 Ljubiana; 5 conferences on syntax (TLT, DepLing, UDW, IWPT, CxGs+NLP) dates to decide
 - ~~SemEval excluded (deadline passed)~~
 - CONLL - no shared task this year; plans to resume in 2025; the dates are also unclear
 - The choice depends on the timing - SyntaxFest is the first choice if not too early
- [AGATA: 5 min.] Year 3 budget
 - First draft [here](#)
 - 2 onsite events (Budapest, shared task culmination)
 - More money to STSMs and conferences
 - Any need for a 3rd onsite event?
 - [VOULA] Help organizing another MWE workshop in 2025
 - [VERGINICA] Can the UD workshop be supported?
 - [JOAKIM] In the ST is part of the event, then the UD workshop is already covered
 - Split the 50-person shared task budget into the 2 workshops UD and MWE
- [ALINA: 5 min.] Mid-term evaluation => reschedule
 - New task 1.5 - which deliverables should be assigned to this task => to discuss with the task leaders
 - Deliverables spreadsheet is up to date
 - [AGATA] Should collect feedback from event participants (see a sample [form](#) collecting feedback from a PARSEME meeting)? Should we have a mid-term satisfaction survey? => discuss next time
- [3 min.] Next meetings:
 - No CG meeting needed in July
 - First meeting in September - fill in this [poll](#)
 - The other recurrent meetings will be planned after September

TODO

- [ALL: 25 JUNE] Fill in this [poll](#) for the next CG meeting in the first full week of September
- [AGATA] Newsletter
- Training school
 - [AGATA] Check the TS webpage => comments to Victoria and Olesea
 - [AGATA, VICTORIA] Re-discuss lectures online (the lecturers were reluctant?)
 - [VICTORIA, OLESEA, AGATA] Re-discuss recording the sessions (camera rather than Teams)
- [Task 1.2 leaders] When publishing the non-verbal MWE guidelines, announce it also to WG2
- [AGATA] Start discussing with PC chairs for Budapest
- [NURIT] Plan the last-minute call for STSMs (mid-July, once the Chisinau budget is clear)
- [ATUL] Shared the documentation on Open Review
- [AGATA] Add the MWE workshop to the year 3 budget
- [BRUNO] Discuss with the task 1.5 leaders which UniDive deliverables fit this task