A full-day workshop at LREC 2014
Tuesday, 27 May 2014.
Reykjavik (Iceland)

SALTMIL: http://ixa2.si.ehu.es/saltmil/
LREC 2014: http://lrec2014.lrec-conf.org/en/
Website: http://ixa2.si.ehu.es/saltmil/
Paper submission: https://www.softconf.com/lrec2014/SaLTMiL/

The 9th International Workshop of the Special Interest Group on Speech and Language
Technology for Minority Languages (SaLTMiL) will be held in Reykjavík, Iceland, on May 24,
2014, as part of the 2014 International Language Resources and Evaluation Conference
(LREC). (For SALTMIL see: http://ixa2.si.ehu.es/saltmil/); it is also framed as one of the
activities of European project Abu-Matran (
 http://www.abumatran.
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).   Entitled "Free/open-source language resources for the machine translation of
less-resourced languages", the workshop is intended to continue the series of SALTMIL/LREC
workshops on computational language resources for minority languages, held in Granada
(1998), Athens (2000), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (2002), Lisbon (2004), Genoa (2006),
Marrakech (2008), La Valetta (2010) and Istanbul (2012), and is also expected to attract the
audience of Free Rule-Based Machine Translation workshops (2009, 2011, 2012). The
workshop aims to share information on language resources, tools and best practice, to save
isolated researchers from starting from scratch when building machine translation for a
less-resourced language. An important aspect will be the strengthening of the
free/open-source language resources community, which can minimize duplication of effort and
optimize development and adoption, in line with the LREC 2014 hot topic 'LRs in the
Collaborative Age' (
 http://is.gd/LREChot
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The whole-day workshop will consist of short oral papers, a poster session preceded by a
poster-boaster session (2 minutes, 2 slides per poster), and a round table.

Papers are invited that describe research and development in the following areas:

- FOS LR for rule-based machine translation (dictionaries, rule sets)
- FOS LR for statistical machine translation (corpora)
- FOS tools to annotate, clean, preprocess, convert, etc. LRs for machine translation
- Machine translation as a tool for creating or enriching FOS LRs for less-resourced languages

Position papers and (web based) demonstrations will also be considered for presentation.

The best papers, as evaluated by the programme committee, will be presented orally and the remaining paper will be presented in poster format.

We expect short papers of max 6,000 words (up to 6 pages) describing research addressing one of the above topics, to be submitted as PDF documents by using the LREC 2014 START conference management system (https://www.softconf.com/lrec2014/SaLTMiL/).

Submissions should be anonymized. When submitting a paper through the START page, authors will be kindly asked to share the resources that have been used for the work described in their paper or that are the outcome of their research. For further information on this initiative, please refer to http://lrec2014.lrec-conf.org/en/calls-for-papers/lrec-2014-special-highlight/ .

Submissions of papers should follow the same style as the papers for the main LREC conference (an Author's Kit made of specific guidelines and downloadable templates will be published on the conference web site in due time). All contributions will be included in the workshop proceedings (CD). They will also be published on the SALTMIL website.

The registration fees will be duly announced at the LREC 2014 site. Registration in the workshop willl include a coffee break and the Proceedings of the Workshop. Registration will be handled by the LREC 2014 Secretariat.

Important dates

Deadline for paper submission: February 10 2014 February 17, 2014
Notification of acceptance sent: March 3, 2014 March, 10, 2014 March, 14, 2014
Camera-ready paper due: March 21, 2014

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