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-Canadian one dollar coin ("loonie") (\$) = 100 cents

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Smoking Laws: Smoking is not permitted by law in public buildings, on public transit, in shopping malls, and in most restaurants, pubs, nightclubs and casinos. Many restaurants and other establishments have designated smoking areas such as patios or outside heated seating areas. Please smoke in designated areas only.

INTERESTING FACTS

Population: The following are approximate population numbers based on 2001 Canadian Census reports:

- City of Vancouver: 582,045- the largest group (35%) is between ages 25 and 45 years
- Greater Vancouver: 2, 028, 996- 49.5% of BC's population of 4.1 million

Time Zones: The majority of British Columbia is in the Pacific Standard Time Zone; however, a small portion of the province that borders the Rocky Mountains are in the Mountain Time Zone, one hour ahead of the Pacific Zone. Daylight Savings Time is in effect from 0200hr on the first Sunday in April until 0200hr on the last Sunday in October.

INSIDER INFORMATION

Knowing where to turn to hear what's happening in a city can make all the difference. Here's where the locals look to find out what's happening in Vancouver.

"The Arts Hotline": call 604.684.ARTS (604.684.2787) for the latest information on performing and visual arts events in and around Vancouver. Live assistance is available Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST. The Arts Hotline is a service of the Alliance for Arts & Culture, 938 Howe St. (at Smithe), home of the Arts Info Centre. Drop in Monday to Friday, 9-5 p.m.

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The Georgia Straight is Vancouver's news-and-entertainment weekly offering an up-to-date calendar of events for the city. Whether it's live theatre, concerts, dance, films, restaurants or children's activities, the "Straight" is Vancouver's best bet for planning a night out. The Straight also publishes thoughtful features and profiles covering the city's political and cultural life. The Straight is published on Thursdays and is available free at grocery stores, clothing outlets, theatres, and many other locations around the city. The Georgia Straight is located at 1770 Burrard Street, 2nd floor; phone: 604.730.7000; www.straight.com.

The Vancouver Sun is the major newspaper, published every morning except Sunday; complete entertainment section Thursdays; weekly TV Guide on Fridays. Mac Parry, former editor of "Vancouver", "Western Living" and "VISTA" writes "Talk of the Town", a gossipy look at who's who

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Vancouver Transit System: The Vancouver transit system, TransLink, is made up of a network of buses and unique services such as the SeaBus and SkyTrain. TransLink provides transit services covering over 1800 square kilometres of the Greater Mainland of Vancouver - getting around the city is convenient, easily accessible and often provides beautiful views of the city!

To contact TransLink, call 604.953.3333 or visit their website at www.translink.bc.ca.

Buses Coast Mountain Bus Co. operates TransLink's bus services, running busiest routes from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. It also operates the popular cross-harbour passenger ferry service, SeaBus.

SkyTrain SkyTrain, a completely automated light rapid transit system, offers fast, efficient service between downtown Vancouver and the suburbs. SkyTrain stations and cars are wheelchair accessible and are closely linked with bus service at almost all stations. SkyTrain operates daily, every 2-5 minutes

SeaBus SeaBus is a unique, passenger-only, wheelchair accessible ferry service that connects Vancouver from Waterfront Station to Lonsdale Quay on the North Shore. The scenic crossing of Burrard Inlet takes 12 minutes and offers a breathtaking perspective of the city, sea and mountains

West Coast Express The commuter train service, West Coast Express, links several outer suburbs to downtown Vancouver. Early morning services run westbound from Mission and late afternoon services eastbound from Vancouver, Monday to Friday only

False Creek AquaBus For those wanting to get to the shops, restaurants, theatre and public market of Granville Island, a fun, fast and scenic route is available. The False Creek AquaBus provides service to/from Granville Island and several docks located along the downtown Seawall. Runs daily, 9am to 7pm, approximately every 20 minutes. For more information, visit www.aquabus.bc.ca.

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One Zone: \$ 2.25 Adults / \$ 1.50 Concession

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Contact: For up-to-date fare and schedule information, as well as driving directions for all major ferry terminals, visit www.bcferries.bc.ca or call BC Ferries at 250.386.3431, within BC 1.888.223.3779 BC Ferries accepts advance reservations for many of their services. Reservations Line: call 1.888.724.5223

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Conference Program

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

- 3:00-6:30 Registration
 6:00-8:00 Opening Reception (*partially sponsored by Google*)

Thursday, October 6, 2005

- 7:30-5:30 Registration
 8:45-9:00 Opening Session
 9:00-10:00 **Invited Talk: Larry Hunter**
 10:00-10:30 **Break**

Session 1A: Anaphora and Information Structure

- 10:30-10:55 *Improving LSA-based Summarization with Anaphora Resolution*
 Josef Steinberger, Mijail Kabadjov, Massimo Poesio and Olivia Sanchez-Graillet
 10:55-11:20 *Data-driven Approaches for Information Structure Identification*
 Oana Postolache, Ivana Kruijff-Korbyova and Geert-Jan Kruijff
 11:20-11:45 *Using Semantic Relations to Refine Coreference Decisions*
 Heng Ji, David Westbrook and Ralph Grishman
 11:45-12:10 *On Coreference Resolution Performance Metrics*
 Xiaoqiang Luo

Session 1B: Error Detection and Correction

- 10:30-10:55 *Improving Multilingual Summarization: Using Redundancy in the Input to Correct MT errors*
 Advait Siddharthan and Kathleen McKeown
 10:55-11:20 *Error Detection Using Linguistic Features*
 Yongmei Shi and Lina Zhou
 11:20-11:45 *Semantic Similarity for Detecting Recognition Errors in Automatic Speech Transcripts*
 Diana Inkpen and Alain Desilets
 11:45-12:10 *Redundancy-based Correction of Automatically Extracted Facts*
 Roman Yangarber and Lauri Jokipii

Session 1C: Word Alignment

- 10:30-10:55 *NeurAlign: Combining Word Alignments Using Neural Networks*
 Necip Fazil Ayan, Bonnie J. Dorr and Christof Monz
 10:55-11:20 *A Discriminative Matching Approach to Word Alignment*
 Ben Taskar, Lacoste-Julien Simon and Klein Dan
 11:20-11:45 *A Discriminative Framework for Bilingual Word Alignment*
 Robert C. Moore
 11:45-12:10 *A Maximum Entropy Word Aligner for Arabic-English Machine Translation*
 Abraham Ittycheriah and Salim Roukos

12:10-2:00 Lunch on your own

Session 2A: Topic Tracking and Entity Detection

- 2:00-2:25 *A Large-Scale Exploration of Effective Global Features for a Joint Entity Detection and Tracking Model*
 Hal Daume III and Daniel Marcu
 2:25-2:50 *Novelty Detection: The TREC Experience*
 Ian Soboroff and Donna Harman
 2:50-3:15 *Tell Me What You Do and I'll Tell You What You Are: Learning Occupation-Related Activities for Biographies*
 Elena Filatova and John Prager
 3:15-3:40 *Using Names and Topics for New Event Detection*
 Giridhar Kumaran and James Allan

Locations During Conference:

Foyer	Registration
Salon A/B/C	All Plenary Sessions
Salon A	All Track A
Salon B	All Track B
Salon C	All Track C
Salon D/E/F	Demo/Poster Reception
DUC	Seymour
IWPT	Mackenzie

Thursday, October 6, 2005 (continued)**Session 2B: Text Categorization and Learning**

- 2:00–2:25 *Investigating Unsupervised Learning for Text Categorization Bootstrapping*
Alfio Gliozzo, Carlo Strapparava and Ido Dagan
- 2:25–2:50 *Speeding up Training with Tree Kernels for Node Relation Labeling*
Jun'ichi Kazama and Kentaro Torisawa
- 2:50–3:15 *Kernel-based Approach for Automatic Evaluation of Natural Language Generation Technologies: Application to Automatic Summarization*
Tsutomu Hirao, Manabu Okumura and Hideki Isozaki
- 3:15–3:40 *Discretization Based Learning for Information Retrieval*
Dmitri Roussinov and Weiguo Fan

Session 2C: Machine Translation

- 2:00–2:25 *Local Phrase Reordering Models for Statistical Machine Translation*
Shankar Kumar and William Byrne
- 2:25–2:50 *HMM Word and Phrase Alignment for Statistical Machine Translation*
Yonggang Deng and William Byrne
- 2:50–3:15 *Inner-Outer Bracket Models for Word Alignment using Hidden Blocks*
Bing Zhao, Niyu Ge and Kishore Papineni
- 3:15–3:40 *Alignment Link Projection Using Transformation-Based Learning*
Necip Fazil Ayan, Bonnie J. Dorr and Christof Monz

3:40-4:15 Break**Session 3A: Language Modeling**

- 4:15–4:40 *Predicting Sentences using N-Gram Language Models*
Steffen Bickel, Peter Haider and Tobias Scheffer
- 4:40–5:05 *Training Neural Network Language Models on Very Large Corpora*
Holger Schwenk and Jean-Luc Gauvain
- 5:05–5:30 *Minimum Sample Risk Methods for Language Modeling*
Jianfeng Gao, Hao Yu, Wei Yuan and Peng Xu

Session 3B: Robust Dialogue Processing

- 4:15–4:40 *A Salience Driven Approach to Robust Input Interpretation in Multimodal Conversational Systems*
Joyce Y. Chai and Shaolin Qu
- 4:40–5:05 *Error Handling in the RavenClaw Dialog Management Architecture*
Dan Bohus and Alexander Rudnicky
- 5:05–5:30 *Effective Use of Prosody in Parsing Conversational Speech*
Jeremy G. Kahn, Matthew Lease, Eugene Charniak, Mark Johnson and Mari Ostendorf

Session 3C: Summarization

- 4:15–4:40 *Automatically Learning Cognitive Status for Multi-Document Summarization of Newswire*
Ani Nenkova, Advaith Siddharthan and Kathleen McKeown
- 4:40–5:05 *Bayesian Learning in Text Summarization*
Tadashi Nomoto
- 5:05–5:30 *Discourse Chunking and its Application to Sentence Compression*
Caroline Sporleder and Mirella Lapata

Friday, October 7, 2005

7:30-5:30 Registration
 9:00-10:00 **Invited Talk: Sanjeev Khudanpur**

10:00-10:30 Break**Session 4A: Training and Adaptation**

- 10:30-10:55 *A Comparative Study on Language Model Adaptation Techniques Using New Evaluation Metrics*
 Hisami Suzuki and Jianfeng Gao
- 10:55-11:20 *PP-attachment Disambiguation using Large Context*
 Marian Olteanu and Dan Moldovan
- 11:20-11:45 *Compiling Comp Ling: Weighted Dynamic Programming and the Dyna Language*
 Jason Eisner, Eric Goldlust and Noah A. Smith
- 11:45-12:10 *Learning What to Talk about in Descriptive Games*
 Hugo Zaragoza and Chi-Ho Li

Session 4B: Question Answering

- 10:30-10:55 *Using Question Series to Evaluate Question Answering System Effectiveness*
 Ellen Voorhees
- 10:55-11:20 *Combining Deep Linguistics Analysis and Surface Pattern Learning: A Hybrid Approach to Chinese*
Definitional Question Answering
 Fuchun Peng, Ralph Weischedel, Ana Licuanan and Jinxi Xu
- 11:20-11:45 *Enhanced Answer Type Inference from Questions using Sequential Models*
 Vijay Krishnan, Sujatha Das and Soumen Chakrabarti
- 11:45-12:10 *A Practically Unsupervised Learning Method to Identify Single-Snippet Answers to Definition Questions on the Web*
 Ion Androutsopoulos and Dimitrios Galanis

Session 4C: Opinion and Sentiment Analysis

- 10:30-10:55 *Collective Content Selection for Concept-to-Text Generation*
 Regina Barzilay and Mirella Lapata
- 10:55-11:20 *Extracting Product Features and Opinions from Reviews*
 Ana-Maria Popescu and Oren Etzioni
- 11:20-11:45 *Recognizing Contextual Polarity in Phrase-Level Sentiment Analysis*
 Theresa Wilson, Janyce Wiebe and Paul Hoffmann
- 11:45-12:10 *Identifying Sources of Opinions with Conditional Random Fields and Extraction Patterns*
 Yejin Choi, Claire Cardie, Ellen Riloff and Siddharth Patwardhan

12:10-2:00 Lunch on your own**Session 5A: Textual Entailment and Inference**

- 2:00-2:25 *Disambiguating Toponyms in News*
 Eric Garbin and Inderjeet Mani
- 2:25-2:50 *A Semantic Approach to Recognizing Textual Entailment*
 Marta Tatu and Dan Moldovan
- 2:50-3:15 *Detection of Entity Mentions Occuring in English and Chinese Text*
 Kadri Hacioglu, Benjamin Douglas and Ying Chen
- 3:15-3:40 *Robust Textual Inference via Graph Matching*
 Aria Haghighi, Andrew Ng and Christopher Manning

Friday, October 7, 2005 (continued)**Session 5B: Word Sense and Polysemy**

- 2:00–2:25 *Bootstrapping Without the Boot*
Jason Eisner and Damianos Karakos
- 2:25–2:50 *Differentiating Homonymy and Polysemy in Information Retrieval*
Christopher Stokoe
- 2:50–3:15 *Unsupervised Large-Vocabulary Word Sense Disambiguation with Graph-based Algorithms for Sequence Data Labeling*
Rada Mihalcea
- 3:15–3:40 *Domain-Specific Sense Distributions and Predominant Sense Acquisition*
Rob Koeling, Diana McCarthy and John Carroll

Session 5C: Named Entity Recognition and Transliteration

- 2:00–2:25 *Chinese Named Entity Recognition with Multiple Features*
Youzheng Wu, Jun Zhao, Bo Xu and Hao Yu
- 2:25–2:50 *Cluster-specific Named Entity Transliteration*
Fei Huang
- 2:50–3:15 *Extracting Personal Names from Email: Applying Named Entity Recognition to Informal Text*
Einat Minkov, Richard C. Wang and William W. Cohen

Session 6A: Sequence Models

- 4:15–4:40 *Part-of-Speech Tagging using Virtual Evidence and Negative Training*
Sheila M. Reynolds and Jeff A. Bilmes
- 4:40–5:05 *Bidirectional Inference with the Easiest-First Strategy for Tagging Sequence Data*
Yoshimasa Tsuruoka and Jun'ichi Tsujii
- 5:05–5:30 *Context-Based Morphological Disambiguation with Random Fields*
Noah A. Smith, David A. Smith and Roy W. Tromble

Session 6B: Large-Scale Systems

- 4:15–4:40 *Mining Key Phrase Translations from Web Corpora*
Fei Huang, Ying Zhang and Stephan Vogel
- 4:40–5:05 *Robust Named Entity Extraction from Large Spoken Archives*
Benoit Favre, Frédéric Bechet and Pascal Nocera
- 5:05–5:30 *Mining Context Specific Similarity Relationships Using The World Wide Web*
Dmitri Roussinov, Leon J. Zhao and Weiguo Fan

Session 6C: Statistical Parsing

- 4:15–4:40 *Hidden-Variable Models for Discriminative Reranking*
Terry Koo and Michael Collins
- 4:40–5:05 *Disambiguation of Morphological Structure using a PCFG*
Helmut Schmid
- 5:05–5:30 *Non-Projective Dependency Parsing using Spanning Tree Algorithms*
Ryan McDonald, Fernando Pereira, Kiril Ribarov and Jan Hajic

6:00-9:00 Demos and Posters Reception**Posters:**

- Making Computers Laugh: Investigations in Automatic Humor Recognition*
Rada Mihalcea and Carlo Strapparava
- Optimizing to Arbitrary NLP Metrics using Ensemble Selection*
Art Munson, Claire Cardie and Rich Caruana
- Word Sense Disambiguation Using Sense Examples Automatically Acquired from a Second Language*
Xinglong Wang and John Carroll
- Using MONA for Querying Linguistic Treebanks*
Stephan Kepser
- KnowItNow: Fast, Scalable Information Extraction from the Web*
Michael J. Cafarella, Doug Downey, Stephen Soderland and Oren Etzioni
- A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Hybrid Phone-Manner Representations for ASR*
Eric Fosler-Lussier and C. Anton Rytting
- Emotions from Text: Machine Learning for Text-based Emotion Prediction*
Cecilia Ovesdotter Alm, Dan Roth and Richard Sproat
- Combining Multiple Forms of Evidence While Filtering*
Yi Zhang and Jamie Callan
- Handling Biographical Questions with Implicature*
Donghui Feng and Eduard Hovy
- The Use of Metadata, Web-derived Answer Patterns and Passage Context to Improve Reading Comprehension Performance*
Yongping Du, Helen Meng, Xuanjing Huang and Lide Wu
- Identifying Semantic Relations and Functional Properties of Human Verb Associations*
Sabine Schulte im Walde and Alissa Melinger
- Accurate Function Parsing*
Paola Merlo and Gabriele Musillo
- Recognising Textual Entailment with Logical Inference*
Johan Bos and Katja Markert
- A Self-Learning Context-Aware Lemmatizer for German*
Praharsana Perera and René Witte
- A Robust Combination Strategy for Semantic Role Labeling*
Lluís M^a Marquez, Mihai Surdeanu, Pere Comas and Jordi Turmo
- A Methodology for Externally Evaluating Information Extraction Performance*
Michael Crystal, Alex Baron, Katherine Godfrey, Linnea Micciulla, Yvette Tenney and Ralph Weischedel
- Multi-Lingual Coreference Resolution With Syntactic Features*
Xiaoqiang Luo and Imed Zitouni
- Analyzing Models for Semantic Role Assignment using Confusability*
Katrin Erk and Sebastian Pado
- Improving Statistical MT through Morphological Analysis*
Sharon Goldwater and David McClosky
- A Translation Model for Sentence Retrieval*
Vanessa Murdock and W. Bruce Croft
- Maximum Expected F-Measure Training of Logistic Regression Models*
Martin Jansche
- Evita: A Robust Event Recognizer For QA Systems*
Roser Saur^y, Robert Knippen, Marc Verhagen and James Pustejovsky

6:00-9:00 Demos and Posters Reception**Posters (continued):**

Using Sketches to Estimate Associations

Ping Li and Kenneth W. Church

Context and Learning in Novelty Detection

Barry Schiffman and Kathleen McKeown

A Shortest Path Dependency Kernel for Relation Extraction

Razvan Bunescu and Raymond Mooney

Multi-way Relation Classification: Application to Protein-Protein Interactions

Barbara Rosario and Marti Hearst

BLANC: Learning Evaluation Metrics for MT

Lucian Lita, Monica Rogati and Alon Lavie

Composition of Conditional Random Fields for Transfer Learning

Charles Sutton and Andrew McCallum

Saturday, October 8, 2005

8:00-5:30 Registration

9:00-10:00 **Invited Talk: Ellen Voorhees****10:00-10:30 Break****Session 7A: Machine Translation**10:30-10:55 *Translating with Non-contiguous Phrases*

Michel Simard, Nicola Cancedda, Bruno Cavestro, Marc Dymetman, Eric Gaussier, Cyril Goutte, Kenji Yamada, Philippe Langlais and Arne Mauser

10:55-11:20 *Word-Level Confidence Estimation for Machine Translation using Phrase-Based Translation Models*

Nicola Ueffing and Hermann Ney

11:20-11:45 *Word-Sense Disambiguation for Machine Translation*

David Vickrey, Luke Biewald, Marc Teyssier and Daphne Koller

11:45-12:10 *The Hiero Machine Translation System: Extensions, Evaluation, and Analysis*

David Chiang, Adam Lopez, Nitin Madnani, Christof Monz, Philip Resnik and Michael Subotin

Session 7B: Grammar and Parsing10:30-10:55 *Comparing and Combining Finite-State and Context-Free Parsers*

Kristy Hollingshead, Seeger Fisher and Brian Roark

10:55-11:20 *Morphology and Reranking for the Statistical Parsing of Spanish*

Brooke Cowan and Michael Collins

11:20-11:45 *Some Computational Complexity Results for Synchronous Context-Free Grammars*

Giorgio Satta and Enoch Peserico

11:45-12:10 *Incremental LTAG Parsing*

Libin Shen and Aravind Joshi

Session 7C: Computational Psycholinguistics and Biomedical Language Processing10:30-10:55 *Automatic Question Generation for Vocabulary Assessment*

Jonathan Brown, Gwen Frishkoff and Maxine Eskenazi

10:55-11:20 *Parallelism in Coordination as an Instance of Syntactic Priming: Evidence from Corpus-based Modeling*

Amit Dubey, Patrick Sturt and Frank Keller

11:20-11:45 *Using the Web as an Implicit Training Set: Application to Structural Ambiguity Resolution*

Preslav Nakov and Marti Hearst

Session 8A: Multilingual Approaches2:00-2:25 *A Backoff Model for Bootstrapping Resources for Non-English Languages*

Chenhai Xi and Rebecca Hwa

2:25-2:50 *Cross-linguistic Projection of Role-Semantic Information*

Sebastian Pado and Mirella Lapata

2:50-3:15 *OCR Post-Processing for Low Density Languages*

Okan Kolak and Philip Resnik

3:15-3:40 *Inducing a Multilingual Dictionary from a Parallel Multitext in Related Languages*

Dmitriy Genzel

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Session 8B: Semantic Roles and Relations

- 2:00–2:25 *Exploiting a Verb Lexicon in Automatic Semantic Role Labelling*
Robert Swier and Suzanne Stevenson
- 2:25–2:50 *A Semantic Scattering Model for the Automatic Interpretation of Genitives*
Dan Moldovan and Adriana Badulescu
- 2:50–3:15 *Measuring the Relative Compositionality of Verb-Noun (V-N) Collocations by Integrating Features*
Sriram Venkatapathy and Aravind Joshi
- 3:15–3:40 *A Semi-Supervised Feature Clustering Algorithm with Application to Word Sense Disambiguation*
Zheng-Yu Niu, Dong-Hong Ji and Chew Lim Tan

Session 8C: Question Answering

- 2:00–2:25 *Using Random Walks for Question-focused Sentence Retrieval*
Jahna Otterbacher, Gunes Erkan and Dragomir Radev
- 2:25–2:50 *Multi-Perspective Question Answering Using the OpQA Corpus*
Veselin Stoyanov, Claire Cardie and Janyce Wiebe
- 2:50–3:15 *Automatically Evaluating Answers to Definition Questions*
Jimmy Lin and Dina Demner-Fushman
- 3:15–3:40 *Integrating Linguistic Knowledge in Passage Retrieval for Question Answering*
Jörg Tiedemann

3:40-4:15 Break

Session 9A: Search

- 4:15–4:40 *Searching the Audio Notebook: Keyword Search in Recorded Conversation*
Peng Yu, Kaijiang Chen, Lie Lu and Frank Seide
- 4:40–5:05 *Learning a Spelling Error Model from Search Query Logs*
Farooq Ahmad and Grzegorz Kondrak
- 5:05–5:30 *Query Expansion with the Minimum User Feedback by Transductive Learning*
Masayuki Okabe, Kyoji Umemura and Seiji Yamada

Session 9B: Text Segmentation

- 4:15–4:40 *An Orthonormal Basis for Topic Segmentation in Tutorial Dialogue*
Andrew Olney and Zhiqiang Cai
- 4:40–5:05 *A Generalized Framework for Revealing Analogous Themes across Related Topics*
Zvika Marx, Ido Dagan and Eli Shamir
- 5:05–5:30 *Flexible Text Segmentation with Structured Multilabel Classification*
Ryan McDonald, Koby Crammer and Fernando Pereira

Session 9C: Dialog Systems

- 4:15–4:40 *The Vocal Joystick: A Voice-Based Human-Computer Interface for Individuals with Motor Impairments*
Jeff A. Bilmes, Xiao Li, Jonathan Malkin, Kelley Kilanski, Richard Wright, Katrin Kirchoff, Amar Subramanya, Susumu Harada, James Landay, Patricia Dowden and Howard Chizeck
- 4:40–5:05 *Speech-based Information Retrieval System with Clarification Dialogue Strategy*
Misu Teruhisa and Kawahara Tatsuya
- 5:05–5:30 *Learning Mixed Initiative Dialog Strategies By Using Reinforcement Learning On Both Conversants*
Michael English and Peter Heeman

Conference Program At-A-Glance

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

3:00-6:30 Foyer Registration
6:00-8:00 Salon A/B/C Opening Reception (partially sponsored by Google)

Thursday, October 6, 2005

7:30-5:30 Foyer Registration
8:45-9:00 Salon A/B/C Opening Session
9:00-10:00 Salon A/B/C Invited Talk: Larry Hunter
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12:10 Salon A Session 1A: Anaphora and Information Structure
 Salon B Session 1B: Error Detection and Correction
 Salon C Session 1C: Word Alignment
12:10-2:00 Lunch on your own
2:00-3:40 Salon A Session 2A: Topic Tracking and Entity Detection
 Salon B Session 2B: Text Categorization and Learning
 Salon C Session 2C: Machine Translation
3:40-4:15 Break
4:15-5:30 Salon A Session 3A: Language Modeling
 Salon B Session 3B: Robust Dialogue Processing
 Salon C Session 3C: Summarization

Friday, October 7, 2005

7:30-5:30 Foyer Registration
9:00-10:00 Salon A/B/C Invited Talk: Sanjeev Khudanpur
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12:10 Salon A Session 4A: Training and Adaptation
 Salon B Session 4B: Question Answering
 Salon C Session 4C: Opinion and Sentiment Analysis
12:10-2:00 Lunch on your own
2:00-3:40 Salon A Session 5A: Textual Entailment and Inference
 Salon B Session 5B: Word Sense and Polysemy
 Salon C Session 5C: Named Entity Recognition and Transliteration
3:40-4:15 Break

Conference Program At-A-Glance (continued)**Friday, October 7, 2005**

4:15-5:30	Salon A	Session 6A: Sequence Models
	Salon B	Session 6B: Large-Scale Systems
	Salon C	Session 6C: Statistical Parsing
6:00-9:00	Salon D/E/F	Demos and Posters Reception

Saturday, October 8, 2005

8:00-5:30	Foyer	Registration
9:00-10:00	Salon A/B/C	Invited Talk: Ellen Voorhees
10:00-10:30		Break
10:30-12:10	Salon A	Session 7A: Machine Translation
	Salon B	Session 7B: Grammar and Parsing
	Salon C	Session 7C: Computational Psycholinguistics and Biomedical Language Processing
12:10-2:00		Lunch on your own
2:00-3:40	Salon A	Session 8A: Multilingual Approaches
	Salon B	Session 8B: Semantic Roles and Relations
	Salon C	Session 8C: Question Answering
3:40-4:15		Break
3:40-5:30	Salon A	Session 9A: Search
	Salon B	Session 9B: Text Segmentation
	Salon C	Session 9C: Dialog Systems

Sunday, October 9, 2005

9:00-6:00	Seymour MacKenzie	Document Understanding (DUC) Workshop 1
6:00-8:00	Foyer	Parsing Technologies (IWPT) Workshop 2
		IWPT Reception

Monday, October 10, 2005

9:00-6:00	Seymour MacKenzie	Document Understanding (DUC) Workshop 1
9:15-5:30		Parsing Technologies (IWPT) Workshop 2