



Second Call for Papers

Eleventh International Conference on *Text, Speech and Dialogue*

TSD 2008

September 8–12, 2008, Brno, Czech Republic



TSD 2008 is organized by the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, Brno, and the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen. The conference is supported by International Speech Communication Association.

Venue: Brno, Czech Republic

TSD series evolved as a prime forum for interaction between researchers in both spoken and written language processing from the former East Block countries and their Western colleagues. Proceedings of TSD form a book published by Springer-Verlag in their Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence (LNAI) series.

Topics: Topics of the TSD 2008 conference will include (but are not limited to): *text corpora and tagging; transcription problems in spoken corpora; sense disambiguation; links between text and speech oriented systems; parsing issues; parsing problems in spoken texts; multi-lingual issues; multi-lingual dialogue systems; information retrieval and information extraction; text/topic summarization; machine translation; semantic networks and ontologies; semantic web; speech modeling; speech segmentation; speech recognition; search in speech for IR and IE; text-to-speech synthesis; dialogue systems; development of dialogue strategies; prosody in dialogues; emotions and personality modeling; user modeling; knowledge representation in relation to dialogue systems; assistive technologies based on speech and dialogue; applied systems and software; facial animation; visual speech synthesis.* Papers on processing languages other than English are strongly encouraged.

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Format of the Conference: The conference program will include oral presentations and poster/demonstration sessions with sufficient time for discussions of the issues raised. Papers will be presented in plenary or topic oriented sessions. The conference will welcome several keynote speakers – **Jerry Hobbs**, ISI USC, USA, **Elizabeth Shriberg**, SRI, USA, and **Graeme Hirst**, University of Toronto, Canada have confirmed to attend. Social events including a trip in the vicinity of Brno will allow for additional informal interactions.

Submission of Papers: Authors are invited to submit a full paper not exceeding 8 pages formatted in the LNCS style (see <http://www.springer.de/comp/lncs/authors.html#Proceedings>). The authors are asked to submit their papers using the on-line form. Papers submitted to TSD 2008 must not be under review by any other conference or publication during the TSD review cycle, and must not be previously published or accepted for publication elsewhere. As reviewing will be blind, the paper should not include the authors' names, affiliations or self-references that reveal the author's identity. The authors are strongly encouraged to write their papers in TeX or LaTeX formats, that are necessary for the final versions. The paper format for review has to be either PDF or PostScript file with all required fonts included.

Authors are also invited to present actual projects, developed software or interesting material relevant to the topics of the conference. The presenters of the demonstration should provide the abstract not exceeding one page. The abstracts will not appear in the conference proceedings.

Important Dates:

March 15, 2008 **Submission of abstracts**
 March 22, 2008 **Submission of full papers**
 May 15, 2008 Notification of acceptance
 May 31, 2008 Final papers (camera ready) and registration
 July 23, 2008 Submission of demonstration abstracts
 July 30, 2008 Notif. of acceptance for demonstrations
 September 8–12, 2008 Conference date

Submission of abstract serves for better organization of the review process only – for the actual review a full paper submission is necessary.

Official Language of the conference is English.

Conference Fees: The conference fee depends on the date of payment and on your status. It includes one copy of the proceedings, refreshments, local transp., social events and organizing costs. The fee does not include accommodation.

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| Early Payment (by May 31th): | CZK 8500 | CZK 7000 |
| Payment (by August 15th): | CZK 10000 | CZK 8500 |
| On-site payment: | CZK 12000 | CZK 10000 |

The payment may be refunded up until August 15, at the cost of CZK 1500. No refund is possible after this date. All costs are in Czech Crowns (Czech Koruna, CZK).

At least one of the authors has to register and pay the registration fee by June 16, 2008 for their paper to be included in the conference proceedings. The organizing committee will provide grants for participants from developing countries.

Accommodation: The organizing committee will arrange discounts on accommodation in the 3-star hotel at the conference venue.

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Location: Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic with a population of almost 400.000. The city is the country's judiciary and trade-fair center. Brno is the capital of Moravia, which is in the south-east part of the Czech Republic. Brno had been a Royal City since 1347 and with its six universities it forms also a cultural center of the region.

Brno can be reached easily by direct flights from London, Moscow, Barcelona and Prague and by trains or buses from Prague (200 km) or Vienna (130 km).