Announcement and Call for Papers

Third International Workshop on *Text*, *Speech* and *Dialogue*

TSD 2000

September 13–16, 2000, Brno, Czech Republic

TSD 2000 is organised by the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, Brno, and the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, under the auspices of the Dean of the Faculty of Informatics of Masaryk University. The workshop is supported by International Speech Communication Association. The organizing committee has submitted a proposal for including the workshop into the High-level Scientific Conferences Program of EU.

Topics: TSD 2000 will be concerned with topics in the field of natural language processing, in particular: *Corpora, texts and transcription; Speech analysis, recognition and synthesis and their intertwining within NL dialogue systems.*

Topics of the workshop 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, especially parsing problems in spoken texts; Multilingual issues, especially multilingual dialogue systems; Information retrieval and text/topic summarization; Speech modeling; Speech segmentation; Speech recognition; Text-to-speech synthesis; Dialogue systems; Development of dialogue strategies; Assistive technologies based on speech and dialogue; Applied systems and software.*

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Submission of papers: Authors should submit extended abstracts not exceeding 1000 words by March 10, 2000 to the e-mail address: `tsd2000@fi.muni.cz` on or before *March 10, 2000.*

Submission must also include the author(s) name, affiliation, address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address. Acceptance of the submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail. Papers have to follow the Springer-Verlag instructions for the authors for Lecture Notes in Computer Science series. The instructions can be found at the www address: `http://www.springer.de/comp/lncs/authors.html`.

Important dates:

March 10, 2000 .... Submission of extended abstracts

April 30, 2000 .... Notification of acceptance

May 30, 2000 Final papers (camera ready) and registration

Registration fee: US $ 150 (includes one copy of Proceedings, refreshments, social events and trip).

Accommodation: The organizing committee will arrange an accommodation in student dormitories in a walking distance from the place of the Conference at a reasonable price. For the participants who prefer to be accommodated in a hotel it is possible to reserve a room. The actual list of available hotels and prices will be accessible at the workshop website.

Official language: The official language of the event will be English.

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Outline of the program: TSD 2000 is an international workshop with a limited number of participants and priority given to the active participants. The workshop program will include oral presentations and a poster/demonstration sessions with sufficient time for discussions of the issues raised. The program will also involve short communications, reports about ongoing projects and industrial presentations.

The workshop will also include social events, and a trip in the vicinity of Brno.

Location: The workshop will take place at the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University Brno.

Brno is the capital of Moravia, which is in the south-east part of the Czech Republic. It is the second-largest town in the Czech Republic (with a population of about half a million). It had been a royal city since 1347. Historical and artistic places of interest include: Špilberk and Veveří castle, The Old and New City halls, The Augustine monastery, with St Thomas' Church and crypt of Moravian margraves, The "Bishops' Church" of St Peter & St Paul, The famous villa Tugendhadt, designed by Mies van der Rohe, and many other sightseeings.

In the immediate surroundings of Brno are the Moravian Karst with Macocha Chasm and Punkva caves; the site of the "Battle of the Three emperors" (Napoleon, Alexander of Russia, and Franz of Austria), commonly known as the Battle of Austerlitz; the château of Slavkov (Austerlitz); Pernštejn Castle and many other attractions.

Travel: Brno can be reached easily by direct trains from Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest, or by plane to Vienna and then by coach or train (130 km). Another possibility is to go by plane to Prague and then travel about 200 km by coach or train or plane (newly established air bridge Prague–Brno).

For more and up-to-date information see the www page `http://www.fi.muni.cz/tsd2000/`.