



Call for Demonstrations

Twenty-first International Conference on *Text, Speech and Dialogue*

TSD 2018

September 11–14, 2018, Brno, Czech Republic



TSD 2018 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

Submission of Demonstration Abstracts: Authors are invited to present actual projects, developed software and hardware or interesting material relevant to the topics of the conference. The authors of the demonstrations should provide the abstract not exceeding one page as plain text. The submission must be made using the online form available at the conference www.tsdconference.org pages. The accepted demonstrations will be presented during a special Demonstration Session (see the Demo Instructions at www.tsdconference.org). The demonstration abstracts will not appear in the Proceedings of TSD 2018, they will be published electronically at the conference website.

Format of the Conference: The conference program will include presentation of invited papers, oral presentations, and poster/demonstration sessions. Papers will be presented in plenary or topic oriented sessions. The conference will welcome **Kenneth W. Church**, Baidu, USA: *Minsky, Chomsky & Deep Nets*, **Piek Vossen**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands: *Leolani: a reference machine with a theory of mind for social communication*, and **Isabel Trancoso**, INESC-ID Lisboa, Portugal: *Speech Analytics for Medical Applications*, as keynote speakers. Social events including a trip in the vicinity of Brno will allow for additional informal interactions.

TSD series evolved as a prime forum for interaction between researchers in both spoken and written language processing from all over the world. Proceedings of TSD form a book published by Springer-Verlag in their Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence (LNAI) series. TSD Proceedings are regularly indexed in Web of Science by Thomson Reuters and in Scopus. Moreover, LNAI series are listed in all major citation databases such as DBLP, EI, INSPEC or COMPENDEX.

Topics: Topics of the conference will include (but are not limited to): *Corpora and Language Resources* (monolingual, multilingual, text and spoken corpora, large web corpora, disambiguation, specialized lexicons, dictionaries); *Speech Recognition* (multilingual, continuous, emotional speech, handicapped speaker, out-of-vocabulary words, alternative way of feature extraction, new models for acoustic and language modelling); *Tagging, Classification and Parsing of Text and Speech* (morphological and syntactic analysis, synthesis and disambiguation, multilingual processing, sentiment analysis, credibility analysis, automatic text labeling, summarization, authorship attribution); *Speech and Spoken Language Generation* (multilingual, high fidelity speech synthesis, computer singing); *Semantic Processing of Text and Speech* (information extraction, information retrieval, data mining, semantic web, knowledge representation, inference, ontologies, sense disambiguation, plagiarism detection); *Integrating Applications of Text and Speech Processing* (machine translation, natural language understanding, question-answering strategies, assistive technologies); *Automatic Dialogue Systems* (self-learning, multilingual, question-answering systems, dialogue strategies, prosody in dialogues); *Multimodal Techniques and Modelling* (video processing, facial animation, visual speech synthesis, user modelling, emotions and personality modelling);

Papers on processing of languages other than English are strongly encouraged.

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Important Dates:

August 8, 2018 Submission of demonstration abstracts

August 15, 2018 Notif. of acceptance for demonstrations

September 11–14, 2018 Conference date

Official Language of the conference is English.

Accommodation: The OC has arranged discounts on accommodation in the 4-star hotel at the conference venue.

Location:

Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic with a population of almost 400.000 and is the country's judiciary and trade-fair center. Brno is the capital of South Moravia, which is located in the south-east part of the Czech Republic and is known for a wide range of cultural, natural, and tech-

nical sights. South Moravia is a traditional wine region. Brno had been a Royal City since 1347 and with its six universities it forms a cultural center of the region.

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

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