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The 48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics was
held in Uppsala, Sweden, July 11-16, 2010. The conference was organized by the
Department of Linguistics and Philology at Uppsala University.

The conference was the second largest in ACL's history ever. 955 people attended
the six-day event, including the main conference with up to six parallel
sessions and over 600 presentations, and the student research workshop, six
tutorials, thirteen workshops and the CoNLL conference.

The scope of the program was broadened substantially. The issue of the "printed"
paper length (long and short) has been separated from the mode of presentation
with three possibilities - long talks, short talks and posters. The resulting
program was a great success and has been universally praised.

The ACL's Lifetime Achievement Award went to William A. (Bill) Woods, former
President of ACL (1974), the "father" of Augmented Transition Networks in the
1970s and an acclaimed industrial researcher in the area of NLP and speech. Bill
was present and gave a very nice talk in a dedicated time slot at the main
conference.

There were three Best Paper awards. The Best long paper award went to Matthew
Gerber and Joyce Chai for "Beyond NomBank: A Study of Implicit Arguments for
Nominal Predicates"; the Best short paper award went to Michael Lamar, Yariv
Maron, Mark Johnson and Elie Bienenstock for "SVD and Clustering for
Unsupervised POS Tagging". The Best student paper Award, sponsored by IBM, was
given to David Elson, Nicholas Dames and Kathleen McKeown for their paper titled
"Extracting Social Networks from Literary Fiction".

The organizing committee would like to thank all authors, reviewers and
participants for making the conference a successful event!


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:: 2. Organizing Committee
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General Chair: Jan Hajič
Program Chairs: Sandra Carberry and Stephen Clark

Local Arrangements Chair: Joakim Nivre
Workshop Chairs: Pushpak Bhattacharyia and David Weir
Tutorial Chairs: Lluís Màrquez and Haifeng Wang (王海峰)
System Demonstrations Chair: Sandra Kübler
Student Research Workshop Chairs: Seniz Demir, Jan Raab, Nils Reiter, and
faculty advisors Marketa Lopatkova and Tomek Strzalkowski
Publication Chairs: Jing-Shin Chang (張景新) and Philipp Koehn
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(local), and Mats Wirén (local)
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Rolf Carlson, Mats Dahllöf, Marco Kuhlmann, Mattias Nilsson, Markus Saers, Anna
Sågvall Hein, Per Starbäck, Jörg Tiedemann, Oscar Täckström and Reut Tsarfaty
Local Organizing Secretariat: Ulla Conti, Academic Conferences


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:: 3. Pictures
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Pictures from the conference can be found at http://acl2010.org. The photos were
taken by Rolf Carlson and Fredrik Olsson.


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:: 4. ACL in Swedish Media
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The local publicity chair reports that the conference has been successfully
recognized by the Swedish press. Daily newspapers, the Swedish radio and the
national Swedish television have all shown interest in the conference.

The national news sent an almost 3 minutes long report on language technology.
Kevin Knight, Fernando Pereira and Franz Josef Och were interviewed by the news
"Rapport", which was sent in June 17 in the Swedish National Television on
channel 1 (SVT1):
http://svtplay.se/v/2079668/rapport/datorn_ska_hjalpa_oss_spraka.

The Swedish Radio sent two interviews and published two articles during the
conference week. Mikko Kurimo was interviewed about his work on a mobile device
that performs personalised speech-to-speech translation. The article with the
interview is available at
http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=406&artikel=3859170 and was
broadcasted on July 19.

Benjamin Snyder talked about lost language decipherment, a work that he
presented a paper on called "A Statistical Model for Lost Language
Decipherment", co-authored with Regina Barzilay and Kevin Knight. You can find
the article and the interview on
http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=406&artikel=3854774. The
story was sent in July 15 at 06.32, 07.36 and 08.36 in the channel called P1.

The local newspaper Upsala Nya Tidning has published an article about the
challenge paper "The Human Language Project: Building a Universal Corpus of the
World's Languages" by Steven Abney and Steven Bird. The article "Now the world's
languages are going to be surveyed" was based on an interview with Steven Bird,
see http://www.unt.se/uppsala/varldens-sprak-ska-kartlaggas-997587.aspx.

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:: 5. Sponsorship
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