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Introduction

The W-NUT 2020 workshop focuses on a core set of natural language processing tasks on top of noisy user-generated text, such as that found on social media, web forums and online reviews. Recent years have seen a significant increase of interest in these areas. The internet has democratized content creation leading to an explosion of informal user-generated text, publicly available in electronic format, motivating the need for NLP on noisy text to enable new data analytics applications.

This year, in addition to the main workshop track, we have three shared tasks: (1) Entity and relation recognition over wet-lab protocols, (2) Identification of informative COVID-19 English Tweets, and (3) COVID-19 Event Extraction from Twitter. We accepted 33 regular workshop papers and 47 shared-task papers. The workshop will be held online and live in two different time zones (GMT- and GMT++). There are two invited speakers for each time zone, Eduardo Blanco (University of North Texas) and Manaal Faruqui (Google) in time zone GMT- and Robert Munro (Machine Learning Consulting; former CTO of Figure Eight) and Irwin King (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) in time zone GMT++ with each of their talks covering a different aspect of NLP for user-generated text. We have the best paper award(s) sponsored by Twitter this year, for which we are thankful. We would like to thank the Program Committee members who reviewed the papers and the shared task organizers who enriched our workshop this year. We would also like to thank the workshop participants.

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