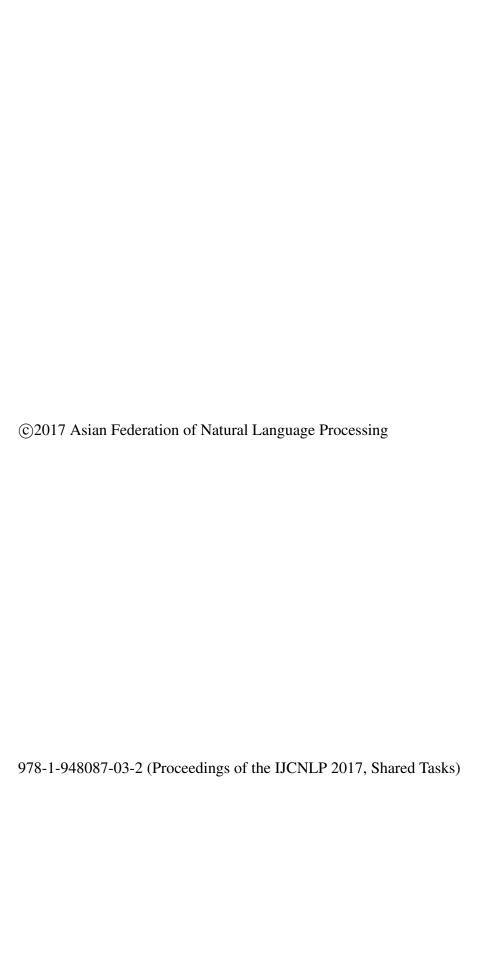
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### Introduction

The 8th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP 2017) took place in Taipei, Taiwan from November 27 to December 1, 2017. It was organized by the National Taiwan Normal University and by the Association for Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing (ACLCLP), and it was hosted by the Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing (AFNLP).

For a first time in the history of IJCNLP, the conference featured shared tasks. We received a total of ten task proposals, and after a rigurous review, we accepted the following five of them:

- Task 1: Chinese Grammatical Error Diagnosis. Participants were asked to build systems to automatically detect the errors in Chinese sentences made by Chinese-as-Second-Language learners, i.e., redundant word, missing word, word selection and word ordering. (*Organized by: Gaoqi Rao, Baolin Zhang, and Endong Xun*)
- Task 2: Dimensional Sentiment Analysis for Chinese Phrases. Given a word or a phrase, participants were asked to generate a real-valued score between 1 and 9, indicating the degree of valence, from most negative to most positive, and for the degree of arousal, from most calm to most excited. (Organized by Liang-Chih Yu, Lung-Hao Lee, Jin Wang, and Kam-Fai Wong)
- Task 3: Review Opinion Diversification. Participants were asked to build systems to rank product reviews based on a summary of opinions in two domains: books and electronics. (Organized by Anil Kumar Singh, Julian McAuley, Avijit Thawani, Mayank Panchal, Anubhav Gupta, and Rajesh Kumar Mundotiya)
- Task 4: Customer Feedback Analysis. Participants were asked to train classifiers for the detection of meaning in customer feedback in English, French, Spanish, and Japanese: comment, request, bug, complaint, meaningless, and undetermined. (Organized by Chao-Hong Liu, Yasufumi Moriya, Alberto Poncelas, and Declan Groves)
- Task 5: Multi-choice Question Answering in Examinations. Participants were asked to build systems to choose the correct option for a multi-choice question: for English and Chinese. (Organized by Jun Zhao, Kang Liu, Shizhu He, Zhuoyu Wei, and Shangmin Guo)

A total of 40 teams participated in the five tasks (and many more registered to participate, but ended up not submitting systems), submitting hundreds of runs for the different tasks and their subtasks: 5 for task 1, 13 for task 2, 3 for task 3, 12 for task 4, and 7 for task 5. Moreover, most of the participating teams contributed a system description paper: 3 for task 1, 10 for task 2, 3 for task 3, 9 for task 4, and 6 for task 5. Finally, the organizers of each task prepared a task description paper. All these appear in the present proceedings.

We thank the shared task participants, as well as the task organizers, for all their great work. We further take the opportunity to thank the program committee and all reviewers for their thorough reviews.

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### **Invited Talk**

# Public Health Surveillance Using Twitter: The Case for Biosurveillance and Pharmacovigilance

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#### **Abstract**

Public health surveillance using clinical data is challenging due to issues related to accessing health care data in a homogeneous way and in real-time, which is further affected by privacy concerns. Yet, it is still relevant to access this data in real-time to model potential disease outbreaks and to detect post-marketing adverse events of drugs. Social networks such as Twitter provide a large quantity of information that can be relevant as an alternative to clinical data. We have researched the usage of Twitter in several tasks related to public health surveillance. In this talk, I will present the work that we have done in IBM Research Australia using Twitter in public health related problems and the challenges that we have faced using Twitter. Specifically, I will show results related to the prediction of the prevalence of flu in the USA and related to the identification of post-marketing adverse events of drugs.

### **Biography**

Dr Antonio Jimeno Yepes is a senior researcher in text analytics in the Biomedical Data Science team at IBM Research Australia. Before joining IBM, he worked as software engineer at CERN from 2000 to 2006, then as software engineer at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) from 2006 to 2010, as a post-doctoral researcher at the USA National Library of Medicine (NIH/NLM) from 2010 to 2012, as a researcher at National ICT Australia from 2012 to 2014 and as researcher at the CIS department at the University of Melbourne in 2014. He obtained his Masters degree in Computer Science in 2001, a master in Intelligent systems in 2008 and his PhD degree related to biomedical natural languages and ontologies in 2009 from University Jaume I.

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