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Introduction

Although events have long been a subject of study, the NLP community has yet to achieve a consensus on the treatment of events, in spite of their critical importance to several areas in natural language processing, such as topic detection and tracking, information extraction, question answering, textual entailment, causality, and anomaly and contradiction detection. This, the second, EVENTS workshop brings together people for a discussion about the nature, definition, recognition, and representation of events. In this workshop we will structure the discussion around three themes.

- Event Ontology: A comparison of ontology resources
- Event Structure: Subevent coreference and script learning
- Event Mentions: Recognizing mentions of events in text

During the discussion, we will cover the following topics, among others:

- Event Coreference Detection (Full and/or Partial)
- Event Mention Detection
- Event Extraction
- Event Ontology
- Event Scripts
- Evaluations of Event Detection
- Issues in Event Annotation

An important aspect will be preparations for a pilot evaluation on event mention detection to be held at the end of 2014. Jerry Hobbs, ISI/USC, will be the keynote speaker, with an address entitled "Implicit Causal Relations among Events in Text". We will have 10 poster presentations during the workshop. We hope that this second Events workshop will support the continuing efforts of the research community in coming to grips with this challenging topic.

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Friday, June 27, 2014

9:00-9:15 Welcome

9:15-10:30 **Invited Talk: Implicit Causal Relations among Events in Text**
Speaker: Jerry Hobbs, ISI/USC

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 **Session I: The Nature of Events**
Chair: Teruko Mitamura, Carnegie Mellon University

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break

1:00-2:30 **Poster Session**

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2:30-3:30 **Session II: Event Ontology**
Chair: Martha Palmer, University of Colorado Boulder

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 **Session III: Event Structure and Subevents**
Chair: Eduard Hovy, Carnegie Mellon University

5:00-6:00 **Session IV: Shared Task Presentations and Discussions**

6:00 Close