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Introduction

Recent emergence of Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources has led to a set of new research topics that became visible at major computational linguistics conferences. Researchers have studied methods to utilize collaboratively constructed resources to substitute or supplement conventional lexical semantic and linguistically annotated resources. At the same time, Natural Language Processing techniques have been applied to enhance the collaboration process and the overall quality of the collaboratively constructed resources.

This volume contains papers accepted for presentation at the 3rd Workshop on Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources and their Applications to NLP, which took place on July 13, 2012, as part of the ACL 2012 conference in Jeju, Republic of Korea. We received submissions from a broad spectrum of research topics, going beyond the coverage of the previous workshops. After careful review by our program committee, three long papers and three short papers were finally accepted for presentation.

The preceding "People's Web meets NLP" workshops at ACL-IJCNLP 2009 and COLING 2010 have successfully gathered researchers from different areas and allowed an interdisciplinary exchange of research outcomes and ideas. The workshop has contributed to the creation of valuable semantic resources and tools based on Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources and the consolidation of this young research field.

As the third one in the series, this workshop aims to intensify research that demonstrates the effectiveness of the resources mined from Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources in diverse Natural Language Processing tasks. We issued a call for both long and short papers. We especially encouraged submissions that show the benefit of Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources in diverse Natural Language Processing tasks.

The aim of the People's Web Meets NLP workshop series is to bring together researchers with different backgrounds: from computational linguistics to various Natural Language Processing areas that benefit from collaboratively constructed semantic resources. We hope this is well reflected in the proceedings.

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Invited Speaker:

Massimo Poesio, University of Essex

Title: Phrase Detectives: the First Three Years

Abstract: Phrase Detectives, one of the first games-with-a-purpose for corpus annotation (www.phrasedetectives.org) went officially online on December 1st 2008, and one of its very first presentations in front of an NLP audience took place at the first edition of the "People's Web Meets NLP" workshop in Singapore in 2009. The option of annotating Italian documents was added in 2010, and a Facebook version went live in January 2012. Although the project that funded its creation ended in September 2009, the game has stayed very much alive, in fact it is getting more active all the time - we recently passed the 11,000 players mark and are about to reach 200,000 words of fully annotated documents, with a goal of annotating at least 1 million. In the talk I will discuss recent developments and analyze the results so far in terms of quality and quantity of annotated data and annotation costs.

References: Massimo Poesio, Jon Chamberlain, Udo Kruschwitz, Livio Robaldo, and Luca Ducceschi, In Press - Phrase Detectives: Utilizing Collective Intelligence for Internet-Scale Language Resource Creation, ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems.

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