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Anaphora, Bridging, and Discourse Deixis in Dialogue**

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## Message from the Program Chairs

This shared task represents the collaborative efforts of a diverse team of researchers, across countries, institutional types, research areas, and career stages. The idea emerged through a Discourse Analysis breakout session at SIGDIAL 2020. The goal was to foster a more active partnership between the discourse and dialogue communities and to offer, not just a competition, but an opportunity to identify the next great challenges for the area of coreference.

Since that initial discussion at the Spring 2020 conference, the core organizing team has met almost weekly to build a vision for this shared task as the initial event out of what is hoped to become a series of such events, and situated in partnership with other related efforts, such as the Universal Anaphora effort. The team is excited to host this shared task, jointly with the CODI and CRAC workshops, co-located with EMNLP 2021. Each of the organizing team's members are also grateful to their respective institutions for providing the kind of environment that facilitates such international collaborations.

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09:05–09:30 *The CODI-CRAC 2021 Shared Task on Anaphora, Bridging, and Discourse Deixis in Dialogue*

Sopan Khosla, Juntao Yu, Ramesh Manuvinakurike, Vincent Ng, Massimo Poesio, Michael Strube and Carolyn Rosé

**09:30–10:30** Session 2: System Talks (part 1)

09:30–09:45 *Neural Anaphora Resolution in Dialogue*

Hideo Kobayashi, Shengjie Li and Vincent Ng

09:45–10:00 *Anaphora Resolution in Dialogue: Description of the DFKI-TalkingRobots System for the CODI-CRAC 2021 Shared-Task*

Tatiana Anikina, Cennet Oguz, Natalia Skachkova, Siyu Tao, Sharmila Upadhyaya and Ivana Kruijff-Korbayova

10:00–10:15 *The Pipeline Model for Resolution of Anaphoric Reference and Resolution of Entity Reference*

Hongjin Kim, Damrin Kim and Harksoo Kim

10:15–10:30 *An End-to-End Approach for Full Bridging Resolution*

Joseph Renner, Priyansh Trivedi, Gaurav Maheshwari, Rémi Gilleron and Pascal Denis

**10:30–11:00** Coffee Break

**11:00–11:15** Session 3: System Talks (part 2)

11:00–11:15 *Adapted End-to-End Coreference Resolution System for Anaphoric Identities in Dialogues*

Liyan Xu and Jinho D. Choi

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**11:15–11:45 Session 4: Analysis Papers**

11:15–11:30 *Anaphora Resolution in Dialogue: Cross-Team Analysis of the DFKI-TalkingRobots Team Submissions for the CODI-CRAC 2021 Shared-Task*

Natalia Skachkova, Cennet Oguz, Tatiana Anikina, Siyu Tao, Sharmila Upadhyaya and Ivana Kruijff-Korbayova

11:30–11:45 *The CODI-CRAC 2021 Shared Task on Anaphora, Bridging, and Discourse Deixis Resolution in Dialogue: A Cross-Team Analysis*

Shengjie Li, Hideo Kobayashi and Vincent Ng

**11:45–12:00 Session 5: Visioning and Discussion**