Preface

The SwissText conference series was started by the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) in 2016. The first edition, which attracted more than 170 people, was already a big success. The conference was turned over to the Swiss Association for Natural Language Processing (SwissNLP) in 2020, and it is now organized by Swiss universities in cooperation with SwissNLP.

This year, the 9th SwissText 2024 was hosted at the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons (FHGR) from 10th to 11th June in Chur and co-organized by ZHAW.

Our call for papers asked for scientific papers for the Scientific and Junior Tracks as well as abstracts for the Applied Track. We received a total of 53 submissions, and selected 20 for oral presentation, and 24 as posters.

In addition, a shared task on "Automatic Classification of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Their Targets in English Scientific Abstracts" was hosted at the conference, alongside the following workshops:

- Next-Gen Cleantech Solutions: Mining Insights from Media and Patent Data with Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Large Language Models (LLMs)
- RAG: Unveiling the Power of Retrieval-Augmented Generation
- Grounding Generative AI Models
- AI Support Systems for Academic Research

The SwissText 2024 proceedings contain 10 full papers from the Regular Scientific Track, 4 for the Junior Scientific track, 34 abstracts from the Applied Track as well as summaries and contributions from the workshops and shared task.

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