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## Introduction

The Fourth Conference on Machine Translation (WMT 2019) took place on Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2, 2019 in Florence, Italy, immediately following the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2019).

This is the fourth time WMT has been held as a conference. The first time WMT was held as a conference was at ACL 2016 in Berlin, Germany, the second time at EMNLP 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and the third time at EMNLP 2028 in Brussels, Belgium. Prior to being a conference, WMT was held 10 times as a workshop. WMT was held for the first time at HLT-NAACL 2006 in New York City, USA. In the following years the Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation was held at ACL 2007 in Prague, Czech Republic, ACL 2008, Columbus, Ohio, USA, EACL 2009 in Athens, Greece, ACL 2010 in Uppsala, Sweden, EMNLP 2011 in Edinburgh, Scotland, NAACL 2012 in Montreal, Canada, ACL 2013 in Sofia, Bulgaria, ACL 2014 in Baltimore, USA, and EMNLP 2015 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The focus of our conference is to bring together researchers from the area of machine translation and invite selected research papers to be presented at the conference.

Prior to the conference, in addition to soliciting relevant papers for review and possible presentation, we conducted 8 shared tasks. This consisted of four translation tasks: Machine Translation of News, Biomedical Translation, Robust Machine Translation, and Similar Language Translation, two evaluation tasks: Metrics and Quality Estimation, as well as the Automatic Post-Editing and Parallel Corpus Filtering tasks.

The results of all shared tasks were announced at the conference, and these proceedings also include overview papers for the shared tasks, summarizing the results, as well as providing information about the data used and any procedures that were followed in conducting or scoring the tasks. In addition, there are short papers from each participating team that describe their underlying system in greater detail.

Like in previous years, we have received a far larger number of submissions than we could accept for presentation. WMT 2019 has received 48 full research paper submissions (not counting withdrawn submissions). In total, WMT 2019 featured 12 full research paper oral presentations and 102 shared task poster presentations.

The invited talk was given by Marine Carpuat from the University of Maryland, College Park, USA. It was titled "Semantic, Style & Other Data Divergences in Neural Machine Translation".

We would like to thank the members of the Program Committee for their timely reviews. We also would like to thank the participants of the shared task and all the other volunteers who helped with the evaluations.

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Exploring Transfer Learning and Domain Data Selection for the Biomedical Translation

Noor-e- Hira, Sadaf Abdul Rauf, Kiran Kiani, Ammara Zafar and Raheel Nawaz

Huawei's NMT Systems for the WMT 2019 Biomedical Translation Task Wei Peng, Jianfeng Liu, Liangyou Li and Qun Liu

UCAM Biomedical Translation at WMT19: Transfer Learning Multi-domain Ensembles

Danielle Saunders, Felix Stahlberg and Bill Byrne

BSC Participation in the WMT Translation of Biomedical Abstracts Felipe Soares and Martin Krallinger

## 11:00–12:30 Shared Task: Similar Languages

The MLLP-UPV Spanish-Portuguese and Portuguese-Spanish Machine Translation Systems for WMT19 Similar Language Translation Task

Pau Baquero-Arnal, Javier Iranzo-Sánchez, Jorge Civera and Alfons Juan

The TALP-UPC System for the WMT Similar Language Task: Statistical vs Neural Machine Translation

Magdalena Biesialska, Lluis Guardia and Marta R. Costa-jussà

Machine Translation from an Intercomprehension Perspective Yu Chen and Tania Avgustinova

Utilizing Monolingual Data in NMT for Similar Languages: Submission to Similar Language Translation Task

Jyotsana Khatri and Pushpak Bhattacharyya

*Neural Machine Translation: Hindi-Nepali* Sahinur Rahman Laskar, Partha Pakray and Sivaji Bandyopadhyay

NICT's Machine Translation Systems for the WMT19 Similar Language Translation Task

Benjamin Marie, Raj Dabre and Atsushi Fujita

Panlingua-KMI MT System for Similar Language Translation Task at WMT 2019 Atul Kr. Ojha, Ritesh Kumar, Akanksha Bansal and Priya Rani

UDS-DFKI Submission to the WMT2019 Czech-Polish Similar Language Translation Shared Task

Santanu Pal, Marcos Zampieri and Josef van Genabith

Neural Machine Translation of Low-Resource and Similar Languages with Backtranslation

Michael Przystupa and Muhammad Abdul-Mageed

The University of Helsinki Submissions to the WMT19 Similar Language Translation Task

Yves Scherrer, Raúl Vázquez and Sami Virpioja

11:00–12:30 Shared Task: Parallel Corpus Filtering

Dual Monolingual Cross-Entropy Delta Filtering of Noisy Parallel Data Amittai Axelrod, Anish Kumar and Steve Sloto

NRC Parallel Corpus Filtering System for WMT 2019 Gabriel Bernier-Colborne and Chi-kiu Lo

Low-Resource Corpus Filtering Using Multilingual Sentence Embeddings Vishrav Chaudhary, Yuqing Tang, Francisco Guzmán, Holger Schwenk and Philipp Koehn

Quality and Coverage: The AFRL Submission to the WMT19 Parallel Corpus Filtering for Low-Resource Conditions Task
Grant Erdmann and Jeremy Gwinnup

Webinterpret Submission to the WMT2019 Shared Task on Parallel Corpus Filtering Jesús González-Rubio

Noisy Parallel Corpus Filtering through Projected Word Embeddings Murathan Kurfalı and Robert Östling

Filtering of Noisy Parallel Corpora Based on Hypothesis Generation Zuzanna Parcheta, Germán Sanchis-Trilles and Francisco Casacuberta

Parallel Corpus Filtering Based on Fuzzy String Matching Sukanta Sen, Asif Ekbal and Pushpak Bhattacharyya

The University of Helsinki Submission to the WMT19 Parallel Corpus Filtering Task Raúl Vázquez, Umut Sulubacak and Jörg Tiedemann

12:30-14:00 Lunch

# 14:00–15:30 Session 7: Invited Talk (chair: Matt Post) 14:00-15:30 Marine Carpuat (University of Maryland): Semantic, Style and Other Data Divergences in Neural Machine Translation 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break 16:00-17:30 **Session 8: Research Papers on Applications (chair: Marco Turchi)** 16:00-16:15 Hierarchical Document Encoder for Parallel Corpus Mining Mandy Guo, Yinfei Yang, Keith Stevens, Daniel Cer, Heming Ge, Yun-hsuan Sung, Brian Strope and Ray Kurzweil 16:15-16:30 The Effect of Translationese in Machine Translation Test Sets Mike Zhang and Antonio Toral 16:30-16:45 Customizing Neural Machine Translation for Subtitling Evgeny Matusov, Patrick Wilken and Yota Georgakopoulou 16:45-17:00 Integration of Dubbing Constraints into Machine Translation Ashutosh Saboo and Timo Baumann 17:00-17:15 Widening the Representation Bottleneck in Neural Machine Translation with Lexical **Shortcuts** Denis Emelin, Ivan Titov and Rico Sennrich 17:15–17:30 A High-Quality Multilingual Dataset for Structured Documentation Translation Kazuma Hashimoto, Raffaella Buschiazzo, James Bradbury, Teresa Marshall, Richard Socher and Caiming Xiong