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Preface

We are very pleased to present to you the proceedings of the Workshop on Processing of Dependencybased Grammars.

Our aim in setting up this workshop was two-fold. Firstly, we wanted to create a forum for people working in frameworks related to dependency grammars, as it is our feeling that these researchers are somehow marginalized and do not necessarily have enough opportunities to publicize (and publish) their work. Secondly, we wanted to create an opportunity for people who are very wellversed in dependency grammars and those who are not to meet and exchange their views. This latter goal is primordial as it is becoming clearer and clearer that syntax has to do both with dependencies and phrase structures, and that both types of phenomena have to be accounted for in a satisfactory manner by formal models of natural languages.

At the time this preface is being written, it is too early to know whether the second goal of the workshop will be achieved. But it is already clear that the first one—giving researchers in dependency-based approaches a forum—has indeed been achieved. The initial call for papers received very good response and we had no problem selecting papers which, we believe, will interest both specialists and non-specialists in the field. In fact, it was rather difficult to reduce the initial set of submissions to just the number of papers that could be presented in a one-day workshop. This is the reason why we have decided to select, in addition to the nine papers presented orally during the workshop, four (shorter) papers which are included in the present proceedings.

We hope you will enjoy reading these proceedings and we would be happy to receive any feedback you may have.

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- 9:30-10:00 Timo Järvinen and Pasi Tapanainen (University of Helsinki) Towards an Implementable Dependency Grammar
- 10:00-10:30 Vincenzo Lombardo and Leonardo Lesmo (Universita' di Torino) Unit Coordination and Gapping in Dependency Theory
- 10:30-11:00 Tomáš Holan, Vladislav Kuboň, Karel Oliva and Martin Plátek (Charles University, Prague and University of the Saarland) Two Useful Measures of Word Order Complexity
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-11:45 Norbert Bröker (Universität Stuttgart) How to Define a Context-Free Backbone for DGs: Implementing a DG in the LFG Formalism
- 11:45-12:15 Elke Teich (University of the Saarland) Types of Syntagmatic Grammatical Relations and their Representation
- 12:15–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:00 Eva Hajičová (Charles University, Prague) Movement Rules Revisited
- 14:00-14:30 Cristina Barbero, Leonardo Lesmo, Vincenzo Lombardo and Paola Merlo (Università di Torino, Université de Genève and University of Pennsylvania) Integration of Syntactic and Lexical Information in a Hierarchical Dependency Grammar
- 14:30-14:45 Coffee break
- 14:45-15:15 Harri Arnola (Kielikone Oy and Helsinki University of Technology) On Parsing Binary Dependency Structures Deterministically in Linear Time
- 15:15-15:45 Wolfgang Menzel and Ingo Schröder (Universität Hamburg) Decision Procedures for Dependency Parsing Using Graded Constraints
- 15:45–16:00 Closing address

Short papers

Marie Bourdon, Lyne Da Sylva, Michel Gagnon, Alma Kharrat, Sonja Knoll and Anna Maclachlan (Les Logiciels Machina Sapiens inc.) A Case Study in Implementing Dependency-Based Grammars

Jacques Courtin and Damien Genthial (CLIPS - IMAG) Parsing with Dependency Relations and Robust Parsing

Tom B.Y. Lai and Huang Changning (City University of Hong Kong and Tsinghua University) Complements and Adjuncts in Dependency Grammar Parsing Emulated by a Constrained Context-Free Grammar

Yves Lepage, Ando Shin-Ichi, Akamine Susumu and Iida Hitoshi (ATR and NEC) An Annotated Corpus in Japanese Using Tesnière's Structural Syntax

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