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Introduction

The word for 2016 was "post-truth", marking the fact that in the era of Social Media and citizen-created or reported news, the border between facts and speculation, verifiable reality and opinions has become blurred. The phenomenon of fake news has created an avalanche of public and private action, from big companies to universities and individual researchers, with the goal to find mechanisms through which this type of news can be identified (automatically).

In this context, too (or even more), detecting and analyzing opinions, arguments, stance as well as detecting the emotional effect that facts (whether truthful or not) can have on the public has become of paramount importance.

WASSA 2017 was organized in conjunction to the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing on September 8th, 2017, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

For this year's edition of WASSA, we received a total of 41 submissions for the main workshop, from universities and research centers all over the world, out of which 10 were accepted as long and another 5 as short papers. The main topics of the accepted papers are related to stance detection, argument mining and beyond sentiment analysis challenges, such as irony detection or linking emotions to needs and values - e.g. psychometrics.

Apart from that, for the first time, we presented a shared task on automatically detecting intensity of emotion felt by the speaker of a tweet: WASSA-2017 Shared Task on Emotion Intensity. Twenty-two teams participated in the shared task, with results that showcase the latest developments in the theoretical and applied areas of Sentiment Analysis and Opinion Mining.

We would like to thank the EMNLP 2017 Organizers and Workshop Chairs for the help and support, to the Program Committee members and the external reviewers for the time and effort spent assessing the papers. We would like to extend our thanks to our invited speakers – Dr. Iryna Gurevych, Aditya Joshi and Dr. Viktor Pekar - for accepting to deliver the keynote talks, opening new horizons for research and applications of Sentiment Analysis.

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Dr. Viktor Pekar - University of Birmingham, U.K.

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