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Welcome to UNLP 2023

We warmly welcome you to the Second Ukrainian Natural Language Processing Workshop, held on May 5, 2023, in conjunction with EACL 2023!

The workshop brings together academics, researchers, and practitioners in the fields of natural language processing and computational linguistics who work with the Ukrainian language or do cross-Slavic research that can be applied to the Ukrainian language.

The Ukrainian NLP community has only started forming in recent years, with most of the projects done by isolated groups of researchers. The UNLP workshop provides a platform for discussion and sharing of ideas, encourages collaboration between different research groups, and improves the visibility of the Ukrainian research community.

This year, fifteen papers were accepted to be presented at the workshop. The papers present novel research in the areas of grammatical error correction, large language models, word and text embeddings, coreference resolution, summarization, and news classification. More than half of the papers present new datasets for the Ukrainian language, which is vital for further advances in any low-resource language. We are grateful to the program committee for their careful and thoughtful reviews of the papers submitted this year!

The Second UNLP features the first Shared Task on Grammatical Error Correction for Ukrainian. The shared task had two tracks: GEC-only and GEC+Fluency. The participating systems were expected to make the text grammatical or both grammatical and fluent, depending on the track. It was exciting to watch six teams compete and set the state-of-the-art results for Ukrainian GEC!

We believe that the UNLP 2023 shared task was instrumental in facilitating research on grammatical error correction for the Ukrainian language. All six competing systems were openly published, four teams submitted papers that were accepted to the UNLP workshop, and the CodaLab environment where the shared task was held remains open for further submissions.

UNLP 2023 will host two amazing keynote speeches by Mona Diab and Gulnara Muratova. The speakers will inspire the audience with their work on low-resource and endangered languages.

We are looking forward to the workshop and anticipate lively discussions covering a wide range of topics!

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