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Preface

The 1st workshop on Computational Terminology in NLP and Translation Studies (ConTeNTs) was held in Varna, Bulgaria on the 7th of September 2023. This workshop was one of the events co-located with the RANLP 2023 conference (Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing) and incorporated the 16th Workshop on Building and Using Comparable Corpora (BUCC).

Computational Terminology, i.e., research on the automatic collection, management, and analysis of terminology, has attracted the interest of scholars with a diverse range of multidisciplinary backgrounds and motivations. This encompasses a broad spectrum of domains in Natural Language Processing (NLP) such as information retrieval, terminology extraction, question-answering systems, ontology building, machine translation, computer-aided translation, automatic or semi-automatic abstracting, text generation, etc. The field greatly benefits from insights from these different perspectives.

As terms contain a lot of specialised and domain-specific information, they are essential for knowledge mining from texts. Quick evolutions and new developments in specialised domains require efficient and systematic automatic term management. New terms need to be coined and translated to ensure the equitable development of domains in all languages. During the last decade, deep learning and neural methods have become the state of the art for most NLP applications. Those applications were shown to outperform previous methods on various tasks, including automatic term extraction, language mining, assessment of quality in machine translation, accessibility of terminology, etc.

Cross-lingual terminology research is an especially interesting field for both translators and interpreters, who often spend a lot of time and effort on terminology and can benefit from improved tools, and for computational linguists, for whom this is a challenging and interesting field that can offer insights into the latest (neural) techniques. Therefore, it made sense to incorporate the BUCC workshop, which focuses on the use of multilingual comparable corpora (more readily available than parallel corpora), and which hosted a shared task specifically on bilingual term alignment in specialised comparable corpora.

The aim of the workshop ConTeNTS 2023 is to promote new insights into the ongoing and forthcoming developments in computational terminology by bringing together NLP experts, as well as terminologists and translators. By uniting researchers with such diverse profiles, we hope to bridge some of the gaps between these disciplines and inspire a dialogue between various parties, thus paving the way to more artificial intelligence applications based on mutual collaboration between language and technology.

Every submission to the workshop was evaluated by at least two reviewers who were members of the Programme Committee.

The conference contributions were authored by a total of 12 scholars from 8 different countries: Algeria, Argentine, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Italy, Serbia, Turkey and United States. These figures attest to the international nature of the workshop.

We would like to thank all the colleagues who submitted papers to ConTeNTs 2023 and to BUCC 2023, and who travelled to Varna to attend the event, or presented their work online. We are also grateful to all members of the Programme Committee for providing constructive feedback on each paper. A special thanks goes to Reinhard Rapp, and to the invited Keynote speakers, namely Mo El-Haj from the Lancaster University and Sida I. Wang from Facebook AI Research (FAIR).

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