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Schedule

Tuesday, June 21

- 8:45 Opening Remarks
- 9:00 Discovery and Format of Input Structures for Tactical Generation
Mark Seligman
- 10:00 DPOCL: A Principled Approach To Discourse Planning
R. Michael Young & Johanna D. Moore
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Content Selection Mini-Session:
Building Underlying Structures for Multiparagraph Texts
Robert Granville
Sequencing as a Planning Task
Daniel D. Suthers
- 12:00 Discourse Planning as an Optimization Process
Ingrid Zukerman & Richard McConachy
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Intentions, Structure and Expression in Multi-Lingual Instructions
Cecile L. Paris & Donia R. Scott
- 2:00 Content and Rhetorical Status Selection in Instructional Texts
Leila Kosseim & Guy Lapalme
- 2:30 Expressing Procedural Relationships in Multilingual Instructions
Judy Delin, Anthony Hartley, Cecile L. Paris, Donia Scott, Keith Vander Linden
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 Poster Session:
Situation Viewpoints for Generation
Henry Hamburger & Dan Tufis
Content Selection and Organization as a Process Involving Compromises
Helmut Horacek
Bidirectional Incremental Generation and Analysis with Categorical Grammar and Indexed
Quasi-Logical Form
Torbojern Lager & William J. Black
Toward a Multidimensional Framework to Guide the Automated Generation of Text Types
Julia Lavid & Eduard Hovy
CORECT: Combining CSCW with Natural Language Generation for Collaborative
Requirements Capture
John Levine and Chris Mellish
Generation in the LOLITA System: An Engineering Approach
Mark H. Smith, Roberto Garigliano, & Richard G. Morgan
Representing Conceptual and Linguistic Knowledge for Multi-Lingual Generation in a
Technical Domain

Stefan Svenberg

Sign-Language Generation in ZARDOZ: An English to Sign-Language Translation System
Tony Veale & Alan Conway

7:00 Dinner

8:30 Invited Speaker: James Pustejovsky, Brandeis University

Wednesday, June 22

8:30 On Moving On On Ontologies
Robin P. Fawcett

9:30 On the Creative Use of Language: The Form of Lexical Resources
David D. McDonald & Federica Busa

10:30 Break

11:00 Semantic Lexicons: The Cornerstone for Lexical Choice in
Natural Language Generation
Evelyne Viegas and Pierrette Bouillon

11:30 Generating Event Descriptions with Sage: A Simulation and
Generation Environment
Marie Meteer

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Towards an Account of Causation in a Multilingual Text Generation System
Liesbeth Degand

1:30 Generating Context Appropriate Word Orders in Turkish
Beryl Hoffman

2:30 OUTING and BANQUET

Thursday, June 23

8:30 Using a Textual Representation Level Component in the Context of Discourse and
Dialogue Generation
Franck Panaget

9:30 Building Another Bridge over the Generation Gap
Leo Wanner

10:00 Break

10:30 Planning Reference Choices for Argumentative Texts
Xiaorong Huang

11:00 Towards the Application of Text Generation in an Integrated Publication System
Elke Teich, John Bateman

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Has a Consensus NL Generation Architecture Appeared, and is it Psycholinguistically
Plausible?
Ehud Reiter

1:30 The Role of Cognitive Modeling in Communicative Intentions
Owen Rambow and Marilyn Walker

2:30 Break

- 3:00 Recognizing Digressive Questions Using a Model for Interactive Generation
Susan M. Haller
- 3:30 Generating Indirect Answers to Yes-No Questions
Nancy Green & Sandra Carberry
- 4:30 Panel discussion: Evaluating Generation Systems
Invited panelists: Lyn Bates, BBN, Eduard Hovy, ISI and Stephanie Seneff, MIT
- 7:00 Dinner
- 8:30 Demos

Friday, June 24

- 9:00 Invited Speaker: Mari Ostendorf, Boston University
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 Real-Time Natural Language Generation in NL-SOAR
Robert Rubinoff & Jill Fain Lehman
- 11:15 Generating Cooperative System Responses in Information Retrieval Dialogues
Markus Fischer, Elisabeth Maier, & Adelheit Stein
- 12:15 Closing remarks

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