

Session 1

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Introduction

The presentations in the first half day of this workshop will be raising many issues in the use and practical viability of MT and MAT software. For any potential user it is essential to find out as much as possible about the experience of others, in particular the details of the economics of using computer-aided translation. This is the topic of our first talk. One impediment to effective utilization has been the lack of interface uniformity and compatibility of different translation systems and tools; this problem is being addressed by the OTELO project, which is the topic of our second talk. A leading role for many years in the development of MT systems, translation tools and terminological databases has been taken by the European Commission; this morning we shall be hearing about recent progress in the development of its EURAMIS workstation.

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