ASSTA NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the third and final issue of the ASSTA Newsletter for 2009. I guess most of you will have had a great time at the final HCSNet Summerfest'09 event, and rounded off the year most productively. Read the President's report for more details about the highly successful Summerfest conference and about a successful ARC LIEF grant, both sponsored by ASSTA. Also, we have some new announcements for you, mainly about availability of SST conference proceedings online and an announcement of SST'10 conference at Melbourne, Victoria.

Finally, you will find a listing of several forthcoming conferences in 2010 to help you in planning for paper submissions and conference participation. Thanks to those members who have sent me submissions for this issue. If you have received an ASSTA travel award, or you have a position or scholarship opportunity available, please be sure to send along your insert for the next newsletter issue. Remember, this newsletter is a forum for you to share information about your travels, research and labs. We look forward to your contributions in the next issue.

Have a nice end-of-the-year break and Happy Holidays!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear ASSTA-ites, I write about two issues, a closing down and an opening up.

- *The ARC Research Network on Human Communication Science (HCSNet)*

ASSTA is one of the three professional organisations that have underpinned, for the last 5 years, the ARC Human Communication Science Research Network (HCSNet), an interdisciplinary forum for research and technology in human communication including, but not limited to, speech. Funding for HCSNet finishes around mid-2010. In its time HCSNet has run 64 Summer School courses, 44 workshops, and 5 Summerfests.

HCSNet has set in place various innovations and acquired a great deal of corporate knowledge, and with HCSNet winding up, it might be a good time to reflect on whether, and if so what ASSTA might learn from these – especially given the significant role that ASSTA members played in HCSNet governance and events. For example, at Summerfest there were speed papers (4-slide, 4-min papers to introduce new ideas or report on new results), skills sessions (in three sections for PhD students, Early Career Researchers, and more established staff), and Summer Schools (similar to the SST tutorials but with a significant number of international presenters). Just as we, ASSTA set a trend by holding the first International Speech Science and Technology conference in the world (Canberra, 1986), might there be a role for ASSTA in setting trends for a new era of local specifically Speech Science and Technology conferences? Given the increased accessibility of International Conferences such as Interspeech, ICPhS, etc., it could well be time to review our International Australasian SST to see how it

might best facilitate research output and the promotion of both the field of Speech Science and Technology in Australia and New Zealand, and the key role of ASSTA in that field. Given the ERA and the diminished role for conference proceedings as research output, is it possible that we might do it smarter; that there may be room for, perhaps, speed papers, skills sessions, collaboration sessions, etc. at SST?

I put this on the table for discussion, and welcome your response.

- *ASSTA as an Industry Partner – ARC Linkage Grants*

In news just to hand, a team of ASSTA linguists and speech, computer, and cognitive scientists from around Australia have secured $650K for an ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities project to establish the Big ASC, the Big Australian Speech Corpus. This was also supported by pledges of a combined $435K from 10 Universities and notably ASSTA (a total of $1.085M). This auditory-visual speech corpus will provide data for various applications in linguistics, speech technology, forensic science, and security and will be a great boon to speech

science research in Australia (and to an extent, New Zealand). The grant will be administered through UWS with significant input from Macquarie, and additional node collection sites at Flinders, UniMelb, UCanberra, UNSW, UQueensland, UniSyd, ANU, UWA, and UTas.

The success of this LIEF heralds a new era for both the ARC and ASSTA. For the ARC, this is the first LIEF grant to my knowledge to award funds not for a large piece or a complex of equipment, but for 'soft' piece of infrastructure – one that must be collected, stored, annotated and made available. For ASSTA, this marks the first occasion for which ASSTA has been a successful Industry Partner for a significant grant in Speech Science and Technology. We want to do more of this – use our funds and influence for the good of the field. I urge you to think creatively about how you might tap into this role of ASSTA and we look forward to the opportunity to assist with other research grant applications in Speech Science and Technology.

Seasons Greetings and may your New Year be filled with groundbreaking results and significant publications.

Denis Burnham

SST 2010 Conference

(Australasian International Speech Science & Technology Conference 2010)

will be held at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Conference Chair : Dr. Marija Tabain

Proceedings Editor: Prof. Andy Butcher

Tentative dates: 13-15 December 2010

More details coming soon !

The SST Proceedings are now online!

Point your browser to:
http://www.assta.org/sst/

CONFERENCE LISTING

1st Workshop on Natural Language Processing Tools Applied to Discourse Analysis in Psychology;
Monday, 10 May 2010 – Friday, 14 May 2010,
Submission Deadline: Thursday, 10 December 2009,
Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina
http://www.dcs.shef.ac.uk/~saggion

ECAI-2010: The Nineteenth European Conference on Artificial Intelligence
Monday, 16 August 2010 – Friday, 20 August 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 11 December 2009
Location: Lisbon, Portugal
http://ecai2010.appia.pt/

UK-CLC33rd: UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference
Tuesday, 6 July 2010 – Thursday, 8 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009
Location: University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
http://uk-clc3.org

LCM4 : Language, Culture and Mind 4
Monday, 21 June 2010 – Wednesday, 23 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009
Location: Turku, Finland
http://web.abo.fi/fak/hf/fin/LCM4/

11th International Conference on Music Perception & Cognition
Monday, 23 August 2010 – Friday, 27 August 2010

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 15 December 2009
Location: Washington, United States
http://depts.washington.edu/icmpc11/index.html

Annual International Academic Conference on Cloud Computing and Virtualization 2010
Monday, 3 May 2010 – Monday, 4 May 2009
Submission Deadline: Thursday, 17 December 2009
Location: Singapore, Singapore
www.cloudcomputingconf.org

Workshop: News, (New) Media, and Corpora Media workshop
Wednesday, 26 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 20 December 2009
Location: Giessen, Germany
http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/faculties/f05/engl/ling/icame2010/home/prework/#2

CogLang: Cognitive Processes in Language
Tuesday, 25 May 2010 – Thursday, 27 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Thursday, 31 December 2009
Location: Narutowicza, Poland
http://www.lingforum.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=1415&sid=775723ec478cdf97100516a6ef2b089a

RaAM 8 conference: Metaphor and Domains of Discourse
Wednesday, 30 June 2010 – Saturday, 3 July 2010

Submission Deadline: Thursday, 31 December 2009
Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands
http://raam8.let.vu.nl/

AFLA 17: Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association
Friday, 7 May 2010 – Sunday, 9 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 1 January 2010
Location: New York, United States
http://www.afla17.org

Brain Body and Bytes: Psychophysiological User Interaction
Sunday, 11 April 2010
Submission Deadline: Wednesday, 6 January 2010
Location: Georgia, United States
http://www.eecs.tufts.edu/~agirou01/workshop/

IRF Conference: Information Retrieval Conference 2010
Monday, 31 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 8 January 2010
Location: Vienna, Austria
http://www.ir-facility.org/events/irf-conference

JSM'10: Conference on Semantics and Formal Modelling
Thursday, 25 March 2010 – Friday, 26 March 2010
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 10 January 2010
Location: Nancy, France
http://jsm.loria.fr/jsm10/

Second International Symposium on New Frontiers in Human-Robot Interaction
Wednesday, 31 March 2010 – Thursday, 1 April 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 11 January 2010

Location: Leicester, United Kingdom
http://www.aisb.org.uk/convention/aisb10/AISB2010.html

TCIT: Towards a Comprehensive Intelligence Test
Monday, 29 March 2010 – Thursday, 1 April 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 11 January 2010
Location: Leicester, United Kingdom
http://www.cse.dmu.ac.uk/~aayesh/TuringTestRevisited/

Third Language (L3) Acquisition Workshop
Monday, 7 June 2010 – Friday, 11 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010
Location: Iowa City, United States
http://linguistlist.org/

IARC2010: 14th International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference
Sunday, 27 June 2010 – Tuesday, 29 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010
Location: Quebec, Canada
http://www.iarc2010.org

MLAC10 : Mapping Language Across Cultures: Textual Analysis in Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Communication
Monday, 5 July 2010 – Wednesday, 7 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010
Location: Salamanca, Spain
http://campus.usal.es/tradotros/MLAC10

48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics
Sunday, 11 July 2010 – Friday, 16 July 2010 Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010
Location: Uppsala, Sweden
http://acl2010.org/papers.html

The 33rd Annual ACM SIGIR Conference
Sunday, 18 July 2010 – Friday, 23 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 15 January 2010
Location: Geneva, Switzerland
http://www.sigir2010.org

NLDB 2010: 15th International Conference on Applications of Natural Language to Information Systems
Wednesday, 23 June 2010 – Friday, 25 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 29 January 2010
Location: Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
http://www.nldb.org

6th Conference on Intercultural Rhetoric and Discourse
Friday, 11 June 2010 – Saturday, 12 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Saturday, 30 January 2010
Location: Georgia, United States
http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwesl/alesl/conference/papers.html

14th Annual Meeting of the European Association for Machine Translation
Thursday, 27 May 2010 – Friday, 28 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 5 February 2010
Location: Saint-Raphaël, France
http://www.eamt2010.org

SIG Writing 2010 : 12th International Conference of SIG Writing
Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010
Location: Heidelberg, Germany
http://www.sigwriting2010.de

CILC-10: 2nd International Conference on Corpus Linguistics
Thursday, 13 May 2010 – Saturday, 15 May 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010
Location: A Coruña, Spain
http://www.udc.es/dep/finc

LFG 2010: 15th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference
Friday, 18 June 2010 – Sunday, 20 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010
Location: Ottawa, Canada
http://www.carleton.ca/lfg2010/

6th International Conference on Language Acquisition
Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 February 2010
Location: Barcelona, Spain
http://stel.ub.edu/cial2010

WoLLIC 2010: 17th Workshop on Logic, Language, Information & Computation
Tuesday, 6 July 2010 – Friday, 9 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 28 February 2010
Location: Brasília, DF, Brazil
http://wollic.org/wollic2010/

Workshop on 3D Visualisation of Natural Language
Wednesday, 8 September 2010 – Friday, 10 September 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 1 March 2010
Location: Cardiff, United Kingdom
http://kes2010.kesinternational.org

ICCG-6: Sixth International Conference on Construction Grammar
Friday, 3 September 2010 – Sunday, 5 September 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 1 March 2010
Location: Prague, Czech Republic
http://constructiongrammar.org/iccg6

6th International Natural Language Generation Conference
Wednesday, 7 July 2010 – Friday, 9 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 14 March 2010
Location: Dublin, Ireland
https://www.cs.tcd.ie/conferences/INLG2010/

MOG 2010: 3rd Workshop On Multimodal Output Generation
Monday, 5 July 2010 – Tuesday, 6 July 2010
Submission Deadline: Sunday, 14 March 2010
Location: Dublin, Ireland
http://www.mog-workshop.org/

SemDial 2010: 14th Workshop on the Semantics & Pragmatics of Dialogue
Wednesday, 16 June 2010 – Friday, 18 June 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 15 March 2010
Location: Poznań, Poland
http://www.semdial2010.amu.edu.pl

EKAW: Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management
Monday, 11 October 2010 – Friday, 15 October 2010
Submission Deadline: Friday, 19 March 2010
Location: Lisbon, Portugal
http://ekaw2010.inesc-id.pt

IceTAL 2010: 7th International Conference on Natural Language Processing
Monday, 16 August 2010 – Wednesday, 18 August 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 12 April 2010
Location: Reykjavik, Iceland
http://icetal.ru.is

COLING 2010: The 23rd International Conference on Computational Linguistics
Monday, 23 August 2010 – Friday, 27 August 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 19 April 2010
Location: Beijing, China
http://www.coling-2010.org

5ICOM: 5th International Conference on Multimodality
Wednesday, 1 December 2010 – Friday, 3 December 2010
Submission Deadline: Saturday, 1 May 2010
Location: Sydney, Australia
http://TBA

diss-lpss2010: DiSS-LPSS Joint Workshop 2010
Saturday, 25 September 2010 – Sunday, 26 September 2010
Submission Deadline: Monday, 31 May 2010
Location: Tokyo, Japan
http://cogsci.l.chiba-u.ac.jp/diss-lpss2010/