

conference at the Norwegian Center **23th January, 2017**

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# Third International Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Uralic Languages

23th January, 2017, St. Petersburg, Russia

## *Programme*

The programme will be available

## *Venue*

The workshop will be held in Norwegian University Center in St. Petersburg, Russia

## *Registration*

To register for the workshop please fill out [registration form](#). **NB:** there is an optional 50 euro fee for participation that will be used to cover running costs.

## *Invited speaker*

## *Accepted papers*

## *Tutorials*

## *Call for papers*

The *purpose* of the conference series International Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Uralic Languages is to bring together researchers working on computational approaches to working with these languages. We accept long and short papers as well as tutorial proposals working on the following languages: Finnish, Hungarian, Estonian, Võro, the Sámi languages, Komi (Zyrian, Permyak), Mordvin (Erzya, Moksha), Mari (Hill, Meadow), Udmurt, Nenets (Tundra, Forest), Enets, Nganasan, Selkup, Mansi, Khanty, Veps, Karelian (Olonets), Karelian, Ingrian (Izhorian), Votic, Livonian, Ludic, and other related languages.

All Uralic languages exhibit rich morphological structure, which makes processing them challenging for state-of-the-art computational linguistic approaches, the majority also suffer from a lack of resources and many are endangered.

Research papers should be original, substantial and unpublished research, that can describe work-in-progress systems, frameworks, standards and evaluation schemes. Demos and tutorials will present systems and standards towards the goal of interoperability and unification of different projects, applications and research groups. Appropriate topics include (but are not limited to):

- Parsers, analysers and processing pipelines of Uralic languages
- Lexical databases, electronic dictionaries
- Finished end-user applications aimed at Uralic languages, such as spelling or grammar checkers, machine translation or speech processing
- Evaluation methods and gold standards, tagged corpora, treebanks
- Reports on language-independent or unsupervised methods as applied to Uralic languages
- Surveys and review articles on subjects related to computational linguistics for one or more Uralic languages
- Any work that aims at combining efforts and reducing duplication of work
- How to elicit activity from the language community, agitation campaigns, games with a purpose

To maximise the possibility of reproducibility, replication and reuse, we particularly encourage submissions which present free/open-source language resources and make use of free/open-source software.

One of the aims of this gathering is to avoid unnecessary duplicated work in field of Uralistics by establishing connections and interoperability standards between researchers and research groups working at different sites. We have also identified a serious lack of gold standards and evaluation metrics for all Uralic languages including those with national support, any work towards better resources in these fields will be greatly appreciated. To further these goals we propose to start discussions on forming an ACL special interest group (or similar) on Uralistics at the event. In this year's edition we particularly encourage researchers of minority Uralic languages in Russia to participate.

## Important Dates

- 3rd July 2016: Call for papers announced
- 1st October 2016 2nd call for papers
- 1st November [14th November](#) 2016: Paper submission deadline
- 1st December [6th December](#) 2016: Paper notification
- 14th December 2016: Camera-ready deadline
- 23th January 2017: Workshop held in St. Petersburg

## Submission of papers

**Language of submission:** Submissions should be made in English or Russian with optional abstract(s) in Uralic Language(s).

**Submission format:** There are multiple submission types: long and short research papers, and demonstrations and tutorials. Research papers should be up to 18 pages in length excluding references, the descriptions for demonstrations and tutorials up to 5 pages. Submissions should be formatted using LaTeX default article style with `b5paper` option. Citations should be managed with `bibtex` and e.g., `unsrt` bibliography style. Linguistic glosses should follow Leipzig glossing rules and use `expex` LaTeX package (make sure to update `expex` regularly as it is developed actively). Preferred LaTeX version is XeLaTeX and therefore you should use UTF-8 encoded Unicode in your sources rather than TeX encoded characters where possible. You will find [the workshop template here](#) (also in [zip format templates](#)).

If you do not have access to LaTeX text processing system, please contact us for alternative templates and instructions.

[Submissions can be made here](#) using the EasyChair conference management system.

**Publication venue:** Proceedings of the workshop will be published open-access in ACL anthology, SIG proceedings for SIGUR (new)

**Conflicts of interest:** The reviewing process will be anonymous (double-blind peer review) and authors should state in their submission all conflicts of interest with members of the programme committee. Members of the programme committee are also expected to state their conflicts of interest during review bidding. If the programme committee finds themselves unable to review some of the submissions, external reviewers may be called.

**Double submission:** To maximise the impact of work in the field of computational linguistics for the Uralic languages we are open to the possibility of double submission, or submission of work which has been partially published elsewhere. Any double submission should however be reported to the programme committee at the time of submission. In the advent of double acceptance the authors should choose in which venue to publish.

## Venue

The workshop will be held at The Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg

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## Travel

Participants from outside Russia area may require a visa to visit Russia. If you require an invitation letter confirming your participation, please get in contact with the local organising committee.

A small number of travel stipends will be available for authors of accepted papers. After submitting your paper please contact the organising committee to request consideration.

## Accommodation

Hotels maybe found through your preferred online hotel price comparison site. If you have any questions about accommodation, please feel free to [contact the organisers](#).

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