

Early Registration (ends \*\*30 June\*\*, 2009) now open at: <http://www.aclweb.org/membership/acl2009reg.php>

## **== == ACL-IJCNLP 2009 First Call for Participation == ==**

### ***Joint Conference of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 4th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing of the Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing***

<http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org>

**August 2 - 7, 2009**

**Singapore**

For the first time, the flagship conferences of the Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL) and Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing (AFNLP) -- the ACL and IJCNLP -- are jointly organized as a single event. The ACL-IJCNLP 2009 will cover a broad spectrum of technical areas related to natural language and computation. ACL-IJCNLP 2009 will include a rich array of the state of the art: 120 full and 95 short paper presentations, 11 demonstrations, 6 tutorials, and 12 workshops. We welcome you to participate in the conference to discuss the latest research findings. The 2009 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) will also be co-located with ACL-IJCNLP 2009 right here in Singapore, which will also feature over 160 papers.

Singapore, the culturally and technologically vibrant Garden City of Asia, is the stage set for the landmark joint conference. The conference will take place at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, which is only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport. Suntec Singapore offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 shops, 300 restaurants and a world-class performing arts centre.

### **REGISTRATION**

ACL-IJCNLP 2009 registration is now open at the following web page:

<http://www.aclweb.org/membership/acl2009reg.php>

Early registration through June 30, 2009 (11:59pm EDT)

Late registration through July 19, 2009 (11:59pm EDT).

Online registration will not be available after July 19, 2009. Please then register on-site.

Please note that the registration fees for workshops, tutorials as well as the main conference will be different after June 30 during the normal registration period. Late / Onsite registration rates will be raised again after July 19.

While you're at the registration pages, you are encouraged to visit:

**Conference Blog:** We have a conference blog that will keep you up-to-date with the latest news with the conference! Please visit: <http://www.colips.org/blog/acl-ijcnlp-2009/>

**Travel Information and Accommodations:** It's not too early to plan your trip! See: <http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/travelinfo.html>. You should also book your accommodations early. Check out the accommodation information here: <http://www.meetmatt-conf.net/acl2009/hotels.asp>

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**Tutorials:** 2 August

**Main Conference:** 3-5 August, 2009

(Accepted full paper list at: <http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/acceptedfullpapers.html>. Acceptance rate 21% (120 out of 570))

(Accepted short paper list at: <http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/acceptedshortpapers.html>. Acceptance rate 26% (95 out of 372))

**Workshops & the EMNLP conference: 6-7 August**

(Details on the Empirical Methods on Natural Language Processing conference, EMNLP at: [http://conferences.inf.ed.ac.uk/emnlp09/.](http://conferences.inf.ed.ac.uk/emnlp09/))

## **WORKSHOPS**

For details see: <http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/workshops.html>

**WS1: Applied Textual Inference (TextInfer)** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Chris Callison-Burch, Ido Dagan, Christopher Manning, Marco Pennacchiotti, Fabio Massimo Zanzotto

**WS2: Grammar Engineering across Frameworks** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Tracy Holloway King, Marianne Santaholma

**WS3: KRAQ'09: Knowledge and Reasoning for Answering Questions** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Marie-Francine Moens, Patrick Saint-Dizier

**WS4: Language Generation and Summarisation** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Anja Belz, Roger Evans, Sebastian Varges

**WS5: Multiword Expressions: Identification, Interpretation, Disambiguation and Applications** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Dimitra Anastasiou, Chikara Hashimoto, Preslav Nakov, Su Nam Kim

**WS6: The Third Linguistic Annotation Workshop (The LAW III)** (6-7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Nancy Ide, Adam Meyers, Manfred Stede, Chu-Ren Huang

**WS7: 2nd Workshop on Building and Using Comparable Corpora: from parallel to non-parallel corpora** (6 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Pascale Fung, Pierre Zweigenbaum, Reinhard Rapp

**WS8: TextGraphs-4: Graph-based Methods for Natural Language Processing** (7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Monojit Choudhury, Samer Hassan, Animesh Mukherjee, Smaranda Muresan

**WS9: The People's Web meets NLP: Collaboratively Constructed Semantic Resources** (7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Iryna Gurevych, Torsten Zesch

**WS10: The 7th Workshop on Asian Language Resources** (6-7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Hammam Riza, Virach Sornlertlamvanich

**WS11: Named Entities Workshop - Shared Task on Transliteration (NEWS on Transliteration)** (7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Haizhou Li, A Kumaran

**WS12: Workshop on text and citation analysis for scholarly digital libraries (NLPIR4DL)** (7 Aug 2009)

Chairs: Simone Teufel, Min-Yen Kan

## **TUTORIALS**

Detailed tutorial abstracts at: <http://www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org/main/tutorials.html>

**T1: Fundamentals of Chinese Language Processing**

Date/Time: Morning - 8:30am - 12:00 noon, 2 Aug 2009

Presenters/organisers: Chu-Ren Huang and Prof. Qin LU (both from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

**T2: Topics in Statistical Machine Translation**

Date/Time: Morning - 8:30am - 12:00 noon, 2 Aug 2009

Presenters/organisers: Kevin Knight (USC/Information Sciences Institute) Philipp Koehn (University of Edinburgh)

**T3: Semantic Role Labeling: Past, Present and Future**

Date/Time: Morning - 8:30am - 12:00 noon, 2 Aug 2009

Presenter/organiser: Lluís Marquez (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)

**T4: Computational Modeling of Human Language Acquisition**

Date/Time: Afternoon - 2:00 - 5:00pm, 2 Aug 2009

Presenter/organiser: Afra Alishahi (Saarland University)

**T5: Learning to Rank and Applications**

Date/Time: Afternoon - 2:00 - 5:00pm, 2 Aug 2009

Presenter/organiser: Hang Li (Microsoft Research Asia)

**T6: State-of-the-art NLP Approaches to Coreference Resolution: Theory and Practical Recipes**

Date/Time: Afternoon - 2:00 - 5:00pm, 2 Aug 2009

Presenter/organisers: Simone Paolo Ponzetto (University of Heidelberg) and Massimo Poesio (Universita' di Trento)

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We look forward to seeing you in Singapore!

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