



Natural Language Processing
Association, India

Regional Symposium on Natural Language Processing

regICON-2016

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Call for Papers

regICON-2016: Regional Symposium on Natural Language Processing
December 16, 2016, IIT (BHU), Varanasi, India
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The Natural Language Processing Association of India (NLPAI) had taken an initiative to promote NLP conferences or symposia focusing on regional languages of India. One such symposium was held in December 2014, co-located with ICON-2014 at Goa, focused on Dravidian languages (iDravidian) and another version of iDravidian was co-located with ICON-2015. The first regional symposium on NLP (regICON-2016) was held in Varanasi in March, 2015. The idea is to motivate NLP work on languages of various regions of India, including those which are not official languages (i.e., not ‘scheduled’), and to disseminate such work to the larger community. Such a conference or symposium will allow researchers with common interests to come together and share their results and have discussions. In continuation of that policy, it has been decided that the next regional symposium will be held in Varanasi and it will be focused on languages of the eastern region of India, commonly known as Poorvanchal, as well as of some surrounding areas. The work featured at the symposium will include building NLP tools and systems and creating computationally useful resources for their respective languages. Some languages of interest are Bhojpur, Magahi, Maithili, Nepali, Kannuaji, Awadhi, Braj and Santhali, apart from other Indian languages such as Hindi/Urdu and Sanskrit.

The symposium (regICON: Regional ICON) will feature papers and presentations on recently completed and on-going projects conducted by researchers from universities and institutions from around the country. It will also include keynote talks by distinguished invited speakers and a panel discussion. We seek participation of researchers from both computer science and linguistics backgrounds.

We invite submissions of papers on topics that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Basic core technologies:** morphological analysis, disambiguation, tokenization, POS tagging, named entity detection, chunking, parsing, semantic role labeling, sentiment analysis, etc.
- **Linguistics:** morphology, phonetics and phonology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics
- **Applications:** machine translation, speech recognition, speech synthesis, optical character recognition, pedagogy, assistive technologies, social media, etc.
- **Resources:** dictionaries, annotated data etc.

Papers are invited on original and unpublished work from ongoing research /early research on all aspects of Natural Language Processing and Linguistics pertaining to languages of interest listed above. Submissions may include work in progress as well as finished work. Preference will be given to submissions having a clear focus on specific issues pertaining to languages of interest. Submissions are preferably expected to be 6 pages long in ACL or LSA standard format. The language of submission (the language in which the papers are written) can be English or Hindi.

Important Dates:

Paper submission deadline: October 27, 2016
Paper acceptance notification: November 17, 2016
Final version due: November 27, 2016
Symposium date: December 16, 2016

Paper Submission:

Papers should be submitted on the EasyChair website at the following URL:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icon2016>

Since we will follow double blind reviewing, the papers should not contain author identification (authors names, affiliations etc.).

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