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Message from the Program Chairs

Field Matters is a workshop focused on various applications of NLP methods to field linguistics and analysis of field data with the help of computational linguistics. On the one hand, field linguists document language data, but the fieldwork involves tons of manual annotation or analysis, which might be significantly sped up with computational instruments. On the other hand, NLP research brought methods for different tasks that show significant performance in high-resource languages, allowing to automate various routine tasks. The future development of NLP methods could gain from the language diversity of under-resourced languages.

Field Matters is aimed to combine linguistic fieldwork and NLP methods. Our workshop is hosted by the 29th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2022). To provide the comprehensive diverse expertise in a multidisciplinary setting, we invited linguists and NLP researchers worldwide to our program committee. After the hard process of reviewing all submissions, the program committee chose nine papers for a poster or oral presentation at the workshop. Accepted papers illustrate the main idea of our workshop: how field linguistics may benefit from using contemporary methods of computational analysis and how the NLP community may evolve its methods with the help of under-resourced languages.

We are incredibly grateful to the Field Matters program committee, who worked on peer review to give meaningful comments for each submission and made this workshop possible. We want to thank the invited speakers, Antonios Anastasopoulos and Steven Bird, for contributing to the program. We would also like to mention all the authors who submitted their papers to our workshop, and we hope to continue to serve as a link between NLP specialists and field linguists.

You can find more details about the workshop on our website: https://field-matters.github.io/
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