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Introduction

With billions of individual pages on the web providing information on almost every conceivable topic, we should have the ability to collect facts that answer almost every conceivable question. However, only a small fraction of this information is contained in structured sources such as Wikidata; we are therefore limited by our ability to transform free-form text to structured knowledge. There is, however, another problem that has become the focus of a lot of recent research and media coverage: false information coming from unreliable sources.

To ensure accuracy, any content must be verified. However, the volume of information precludes human moderators from doing so. Hence, it is paramount to research automated means to verify accuracy and consistency of information published online and the downstream systems (such as Question Answering, Search and Digital Personal Assistants) which rely on it.

The sixth edition of the FEVER workshop collocated with EACL 2023 aims to continue promoting ongoing research in above area, following on from the first five collocated with EMNLP 2018, EMNLP 2019, ACL 2020, EMNLP 2021, and ACL 2022 and three shared tasks in 2018, 2019, and 2021. This year's workshop consists of 3 oral and 5 poster presentations of accepted papers (54% overall acceptance rate), 12 poster presentations from EACL Findings papers, presentations from 4 invited speakers, as well as a panel discussion with 6 panellists. The workshop is held in hybrid mode with in-person and virtual poster sessions, live-streamed panel discussion, oral presentations, and invited talks.

The organisers would like to thank the authors of all submitted papers, the reviewers, the panelists, and the invited speakers for their efforts, and we are looking forward to next year's edition.

Best wishes, The FEVER organisers

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