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Preface by the Program Chairs

The Linked Data in Linguistics (LDL) workshop series has established itself as the premier venue for discussing the application of Semantic Web technologies to the fields of linguistics, digital lexicography, and digital humanities (DH).

While recent years have witnessed a steady growth in the adoption of the technology in these areas, its uptake in other relevant domains, most notably in the case of natural language processing (NLP), continues to lag behind. This year, aside from embracing the full bandwidth of applications of LLOD technologies and the closely related area of knowledge graphs in linguistics, we welcome contributions addressing the application of LLOD technologies to NLP applications, as well as those dealing with emerging hot topics of future bridges between structured (linguistic) knowledge and neural methods.

In addition, this year's edition of the workshop will be a venue for in-depth discussions on community standards and best practices, and, above all, those related to the work of the W3C community groups OntoLex,¹ LD4LT² and BPMLOD.³ To this end, it will include featured talks on the latest achievements, developments, and perspectives of these W3C Community Groups.

This year, we received a total of 19 submissions and accepted 8 of these papers for oral presentation and a further 7 of these papers for poster presentation. The papers covered a wide range of topics related to the application of linked data to linguistics. Several papers covered issues related to lexicography, especially those using the OntoLex-lemon module and it was applied to many languages including Latin, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian and Proto-Indo-European. Further, we had papers examining lexicons for Portuguese borrowings in Asian languages and the Babylonian Talmud. In addition, several papers looked at extensions to the OntoLex model and challenges in lexicographic modelling including morphological description and diachronic analysis.

Several papers have also looked into the wider applications of linguistic linked data and have highlighted specific challenges in applications to the digital humanities. This includes works looking at challenges of museum cataloguing, scholarly information extraction and linking challenges in the humanities. Further, papers looked at the challenge of interoperability around lexicons through new platforms and online services. Finally, a new challenge was the use of linked data to connect lexicons with corpora and several papers tackled this challenge, by proposing new formats for the representation and linking of corpora as well as by extensions to the OntoLex-lemon model to enable such linking.

In addition to this rich array of papers, the feature talks for the three W3C community groups will be given by Penny Labrapoulou on the progress of the LD4LT group and Katerina Gkirtzou on the BPMLOD group. The OntoLex group meeting will focus on the developments of the model and will be led by Christian Chiarcos.

Overall, this is an exciting programme, reflecting the diversity of the research area and the many exciting research directions for linked data and its application to linguistic questions.

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¹Ontology-Lexica Community Group, https://www.w3.org/community/ontolex/

²Linked Data in Language Technology Community Group, https://www.w3.org/community/ld4lt/

³Best Practices in Multilingual Linked Open Data, https://www.w3.org/community/bpmlod/

⁴https://nexuslinguarum.eu/

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