

Preface to the Proceedings of the Conference on Language Technologies and Digital Humanities

The first Language Technologies Conference in Slovenia took place in the long-past year 1998 and from then on regularly every second year. On the occasion of the anniversary tenth conference in 2016 we decided to widen its scope to the field of Digital Humanities. DH is, as the intersection of digital technologies and the humanities, a highly relevant research field, where, on the one hand, digital technologies are used in the study of language, society and culture, and, on the other hand, humanities research paves the way for the development of new digital technologies. Digital Humanities is internationally already an established field, as is evidenced by the Journal of Digital Humanities, the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations with its annual conferences Digital Humanities and the Network for Digital Methods in the Arts and Humanities (NeDiMAH). DH is, by definition, highly interdisciplinary and collaborative, radically changing the accepted practices in the humanities research and encouraging the development of new analytical techniques and methods but has so far lacked a national or regional event to present its results and encourage discussion. To this end, the Slovenian Language Technologies Society (SDJT), the Centre for Language Resources and Technologies at the University of Ljubljana (CJVT), and the Slovenian research infrastructures CLARIN.SI and DARIAH-SI organised the conference Language Technologies and Digital Humanities which took place September 29th to October 1st 2016 at the Arts Faculty of the University of Ljubljana.

In contrast to the previous editions of the Language Technologies conferences, and taking into account the specifics of the Digital Humanities field, the 2016 submission were not limited to full papers, but extended abstracts were accepted as well. Additionally, a student session, a round table on terminology and a session with the presentation of the sponsors was organised. All regular and student contributions were reviewed by two members of the programme committee, with the conference also presenting the talks of five invited speakers. The proceedings contain 58 accepted papers, 5 of which are from invited speakers, 30 regular full papers, 17 abstracts, and 6 student contributions, with 41 contributions in Slovenian, with the others in English, Croatian, Serbian, and Bosnian languages.

The editors would like to thank all the people who contributed to the success of the conference: the invited speakers, authors of the papers and abstracts, the programme committee for exemplary reviewing of the contributions, the organising committee for the smooth functioning of the event, sessions chairs who made sure the talks proceeded smoothly, the technical editors for the preparation of the proceedings and the sponsors for supporting the event.

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