

SIGDIAL 2013

Business Meeting

Amanda Stent, Jason Williams and Kristiina Jokinen
SIGDIAL Executive Board

Agenda

- SIGdial Functions and Activities
- SIGdial Organization and Finances
- SIGdial 2012-13 Activities
- SIGdial Initiatives
- Action Items
- SIGDIAL 2014

SIGdial Functions & Activities

- **Promotion** and development of the field and avenues for publication; and provision of **information** about relevant research and resources
 - Run an annual conference
 - Endorse and/or sponsor discourse- and dialog- events and activities: workshops, challenges, journal special issues and journal(s)
- Provision and coordination of a **library** of discourse processing development tools, software, data, bibliographic references, publications, and links to related web pages
 - Maintain a website with a bibliography and additional pointers
- Facilitation of **communication** between researchers in this field
 - Maintain a mailing list
 - *Video recording of SIGDIAL presentations*
 - Broaden the field: *young researchers, internationalization*
- Development of **standard corpora** and **interface formats** for coordination of the organization of workshops and symposia liaison with other SIGs, funding organizations, etc.
 - Liaise with ISCA, ACL and AAAI



SIGdial Officers 2013-2015

- President: Amanda Stent
- Vice President: Jason Williams
- Secretary/Treasurer: Kristiina Jokinen
- Board: Luciana Benotti, Raquel Fernandez Rovira, Kazunori Komatani, Matthew Purver, Verena Rieser, David Traum
- President Emeritus: Tim Paek
- Liaisons:
 - Yasuhiro Katagiri (SIG-SLUD),
 - Fabrice Lefèvre (IEEE SLTC),
 - Alex Rudnicky (AVIOS),
 - Candi Sidner (IUI),
 - Verena Rieser/Barbara Di Eugenio (SIGGEN),
 - Harry Bunt (SIGSEM),
 - Michael Picheny (ISCA)
- Mailing List Maintainer: Laurent Romary

SIGdial Membership

- **Website** <http://www.sigdial.org>
 - Register to get access to polls and other content, to post jobs or events, to add editorial posts or pointers to resources/data/tools, and to add your papers to the bibliography
 - We currently have over 600 accounts, but with many duplicates and a nontrivial number of dead accounts
- **Mailing List**
<http://sigdial.org/content/mailling-list-administration>
 - Register to receive emails with announcements of events and jobs
- **Endorsements and sponsorship**
 - To request SIGdial endorsement of your event, email the president

SIGdial Income and Expenses

- No membership fees
- Income from conference
 - Rough net cost: about 25k Euros; registration fees set for assumed break-even point
 - External support has grown in the past few years
 - Prestige as a conference in the community
 - Sponsorship in 2012: \$7600
 - Sponsorship in 2013: over \$10000
- SIGdial Euro account (incl. HITS sponsorship)
 - Resides in Helsinki; balance May 2013: €22663.35
 - Used for: travel expenses for invited speakers; best paper awards; conference video recordings
- SIGdial “shadow” account (pre sponsorships)
 - Maintained by ACL; balance Aug. 2012: \$39000.54
 - The funds are basically available when co-locating with ACL

SIGdial 2012-13 Activities

- 2012 SIGDIAL Conference
 - In 2012 SIGdial decided to:
 - Video-record selected talks and archive them on the web
 - 1000 Euros from ISCA
 - Provide student sponsorships for student authors/presenters
 - For 2012, SIGdial sponsored 3 student; ISCA sponsored an additional 3 students
- 2013 SIGdial election
 - Run by YRRSDS
 - 143 completed ballots
- 2012-2013 endorsed events and activities
- 2013 SIGDIAL Conference

SIGDIAL 2012 (Seoul, Korea)

- Thanks to the Organizing Committee!
 - General Co-Chairs: Gary Geunbae Lee and Jonathan Ginzburg
 - Technical Co-Chairs: Claire Gardent and Amanda Stent
 - Mentoring Chair: Kallirroi Georgila
 - Sponsorships Chair: Jason Williams
 - Local Chair: Minhwa Chung
 - Local Arrangements: Hyung Soon Kim, Jungyun Seo and Sunhee Kim
 - Many Student Volunteers
- Invited Speakers
 - Tatsuya Kawahara
 - Diane Litman
- 59 paper and 4 demo submissions; 38 papers and 3 demos accepted
- 106 registered attendees
- Two best paper awards:
 - *Using Group History to Identify Character-Directed Utterances in Multi-Child Interactions*, Hannaneh Hajishirzi, Jill F. Lehman and Jessica K. Hodgins
 - *Enhancing Referential Success by Tracking Hearer Gaze*, Alexander Koller, Konstantina Garoufi, Maria Staudte and Matthew Crocker



SIGdial Officers 2010-2012

- President: Tim Paek
- Vice President: Amanda Stent
- Secretary/Treasurer: Kristiina Jokinen
- Board: Joyce Chai, Mikio Nakano, Matthew Purver, Janyce Wiebe, Jason Williams, Ingrid Zukerman
- President Emeritus: David Traum
- Liaisons:
 - Yasuhiro Katagiri (SIG-SLUD),
 - Roberto Pieraccini (IEEE SLTC),
 - Alex Rudnicky (AVIOS),
 - Candi Sidner (IUI),
 - Sebastian Varges (SIGGEN),
 - Harry Bunt (SIGSEM),
 - Michael Picheny (ISCA)
- Mailing List Maintainer: Laurent Romary



SIGDIAL 2013 (Metz, France)



- Organizing Committee
 - General Chairs: Maxine Eskenazi and Michael Strube
 - Program Chairs: Barbara Di Eugenio and Jason Williams
 - Mentoring Chair: Kallirroï Georgila
 - Sponsorships Chair: Amanda Stent
 - Local Chair: Olivier Pietquin
 - Local Organization: Calogero Bomba, Daniele Cebe, Jeremy Fix, Therese Fressengeas, Matthieu Geist, Sebastien Van Luchene, Claudine Mercier, Nathalie Ruch, and Chantal Sabbagh
 - Student Volunteers: Denis Baheux *and other student volunteers*
- Invited Speakers
 - Bonnie Webber
 - Jerome Bellegarda
- 98 paper and 17 demo submissions; 57 papers and 14 demos accepted
- 115?? registered attendees



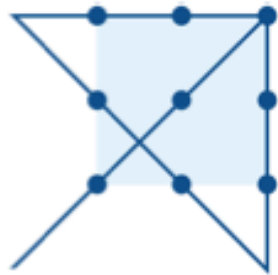
Endorsed Events/Activities

- (September, 2012) SemDial 2012 : 16th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue: SeineDial (<https://sites.google.com/site/semdial2012seinedial/>)
- (November, 2012) IWSDS2012 Workshop on "Towards a natural interaction with Robots, Knowbots and Smartphones" (<http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/in/iwsds2012/>)
- (August, 2013) Young Researcher's Roundtable in Spoken Dialogue Systems (<http://www.yrrsds.org/>)
- (August, 2013) Dialog State Tracking Challenge (<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/events/dstc/>)
- (December, 2013) SemDial 2013: DialDam (<http://www.illc.uva.nl/semdial/dialdam/>)
- (TBD) REAL Challenge
- Ongoing Sponsorship of Dialogue & Discourse (<http://www.dialogue-and-discourse.org/>)

amazon



at&t



HITS

HIRI



La Région

Lorraine



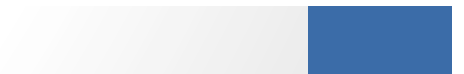
Microsoft



NUANCE



Supélec



Discussion (Survey to Follow)

- Independence in conference management
 - Online multimedia conference materials: proceedings; supplementary materials (data etc.); links to video lectures
 - Conference management system: recommendations solicited
- Satellite events
 - Challenges/shared tasks; workshops; special sessions
- Sponsorships
 - Student bursaries, shared tasks, international workshops
- Initiatives proposed by your elected board members
 - Building the field: Student bursaries
 - Building resources: Shared tasks and data sharing (LDC?)
 - Internationalization: speakers to underresourced communities; sponsorship of summer schools and conferences/workshops
 - Tighter integration with journals (e.g. post-conference special issue at D&D)
 - Interdisciplinarity: HRI, HCI, tutorial dialog
- **Open Floor**

A maturing organization needs to stand on its own two feet

Action Items

- Fall 2013: **Survey!**
 - Conference organization
 - Data and resource sharing
 - Sponsorships and proposals from the board
- Winter 2013:
 - Possible referendum (updating constitution)
- Now soliciting **volunteers** for SIGDIAL 2015 (Interspeech, Germany)
- Register at **website** to add events, post jobs, upload your bibliography
- Sign up for the **mailing list** to participate in elections, post jobs, advertise events

SIGDIAL 2014

- Mid June; northeast USA
- Just before ACL; in collaboration with INLG
- Organizers
 - General co-chairs: Matthew Stone and Kallirroi Georgila
 - Program co-chairs: Helen Hastie and Ani Nenkova
 - Mentoring chair: Svetlana Stoyanchev
- Watch the mailing list for more!

- And... **SIGDIAL 2015**
 - Early September; Germany
 - Colocated with INTERSPEECH
 - Seeking nominations for organizers