

Annual Business Meeting



Conference
Sept. 24, 2010
Kristiina Jokinen
in place of
Tim Paek

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Please Update Your Membership

<http://www.sigdial.org/>



- Website benefits
 - Member accounts
 - Mailing list
 - Voting / Polling
 - Bibliography (put your own papers)
 - Topic postings

Top 5 Reasons to become a Member

5. Be part of the “cool” crowd
4. Get your work known: Wiki, website
3. Receive CFP, job listings, etc.
2. Participate / Vote in elections / Topic listings
1. It's **FREE**

Agenda



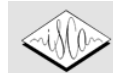
Organisation

- President: **Tim Paek**
- Vice-President: **Amanda Stent**
- Secretary-Treasurer: **Kristiina Jokinen**
- Science Advisory Committee: **Mikio Nakano, Michael McTear, David Schlangen, Candace Sidner, Janyce Wiebe, Jason Williams**
- President Emeritus: **David Traum**
- Information Officer: **Karen Ward**
- Mailing List Maintainer: **Laurent Romary**



Maintaining Relationships

- Strong relationship with ACL and ISCA



- “In collaboration” status with AAI



- Maintaining liaisons:

- Alex Rudnicky: AVIOS Liaison
- Candy Sidner: IUI Liaison
- Harry Bunt: SIGSEM Liaison
- Yasuhiro Katagiri: SIGSLUD Liaison
- Michael Picheny: ISCA Liaison
- Sebastian Vargas: SIGGEN Liaison



Topic editors

- Editing and moderating the topics in the discussion list
- Thanks to the topic editors for 2009-2010:

**Eleni Gregoromichelaki, Jason Williams,
Zoraida Callejas**

We are looking for new topic editors!!

- Volunteers can contact Tim or Amanda



SIGDIAL Workshop History

- 1st Workshop, Hong Kong: 7-8 Oct 2000 with ACL
- 2nd Workshop, Aalborg: 1-2 Sept 2001 with Eurospeech
- 3rd Workshop, Philadelphia: 11-12 July 2002 with ACL
- 4th Workshop, Sapporo 5-6 July 2003 with ACL
- 5th Workshop, Cambridge: April 30-May 1 2004 with HLT/NAACL
- 6th Workshop, Lisbon: 2-3 Sept 2005 with Eurospeech
- 7th Workshop, Sydney: 15-16 July 2006 with ACL-COLING
- 8th Workshop, Antwerp: 1-2 Sept 2007 with Interspeech
- 9th Workshop, Columbus: 19-20 June 2008 with ACL



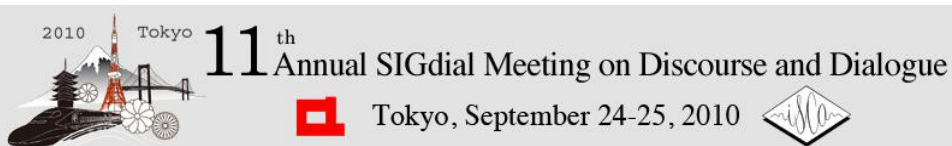
SIGDIAL Conference History

- ~~10th Workshop~~ 1st Conference, London, UK: 11-12 Sept 2009 with Interspeech 2009
- 2nd Conference, Tokyo, Japan: 24-25 Sept 2010 with Interspeech 2010



Successful SIGDIAL 2009

- Thanks to the Organizing Committee!
 - Co-Chairs: Pat Healy & Roberto Pieraccini
 - Technical Co-Chairs: Donna Byron and Steve Young
 - Local Chair Extraordinaire: Matthew Purver
- 103 submissions / 125 registrations
- Net profit: £1585



- In cooperation with AAI and The University of Tokyo Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies
- General Co-Chairs: Yasuhiro Katagiri and Mikio Nakano
- Technical Co-Chairs: Raquel Fernández and Oliver Lemon
- Local Chair: Kazunori Komatani
- 97 submissions



2010 Endorsements

- June, 2010: Third Workshop on Question Generation
- June, 2010: 14th SEMDIAL Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue
- July, 2010: Second NLG Challenge on Generating Instructions in Virtual Environments (GIVE)
- September, 2010: 5th Workshop on Speech in Mobile and Pervasive Environments
- September, 2010: Young Researcher's Roundtable in Spoken Dialogue Systems
- November, 2010: AAIL Fall Symposium on "Dialog with Robots"



Endorsement of the Journal Dialogue and Discourse



SIGDIAL Membership

- Over 539 members from 39 countries
- Update one's own information
 - reminder sent in the summer
 - Are all the members real/active members?
 - Pro-active confirmation of status to avoid deletion



<http://www.sigdial.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the SIGdial website. At the top, there is a blue header with the SIGdial logo (a stylized 'I' and 'D') and the text 'SIGdial Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'About', 'Topics', 'Polls', 'SIGdial Meetings', 'Events', and 'Jobs'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Navigation' sidebar with a tree view of site sections and a 'User login' form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Log in', 'Create new account', and 'Request new password'. The right column features a 'Welcome' message, a list of affiliations with logos for the Association for Computational Linguistics, the International Speech Communication Association, and the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, and a mention of sponsorship by Elsnet. At the bottom, there is a section for 'September 2010 Announcements'.

Logged-in users

This block shows a partial view of the SIGdial website, focusing on the left sidebar. It includes the 'Navigation' sidebar with a tree view of site sections and the 'User login' form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Log in', 'Create new account', and 'Request new password'.

- Logged-in users can post events or job listings, comment on topic postings, etc.
- Only 108 distinct users have logged in to the site (since opening of the website Oct. 1, 2009)
- **More active participation from the users**



Election in Progress

- Open Positions:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - 3 Scientific Advisory Committee (Board)
- Must be SIGDIAL member to vote
- Voting site on SIGDIAL website
 - Votes accepted until **October 24, 2010**
- Results announced **November 1, 2010**



2010 Election Nominees

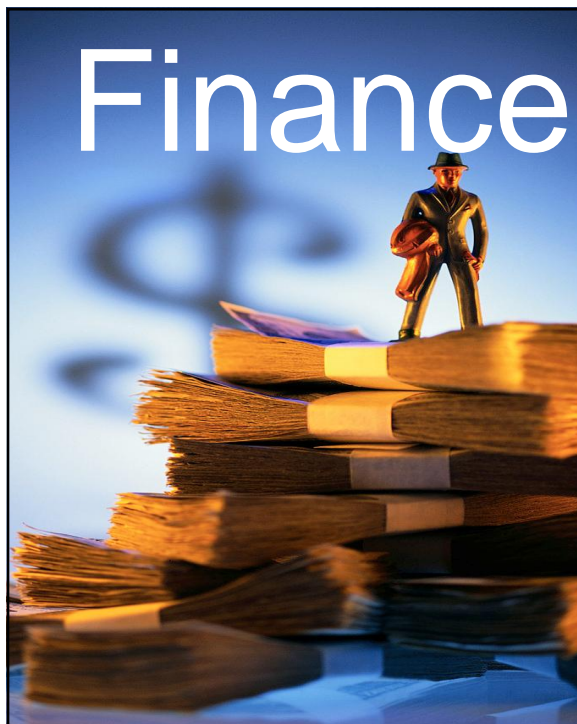
- President candidates:
 - Tim Paek
 - ??
- Vice-President candidates:
 - Amanda Stent
 - ??
- Secretary-Treasurer
 - Kristiina Jokinen
 - ??





2010 Election Nominees

- Scientific Advisory Committee
 - Joyce Chai
 - Mikio Nakano
 - Matthew Purver
 - Ingrid Zukerman
 - ??



Finance

Secretary-Treasurer
Kristiina Jokinen

SIGDIAL Finances

- Income and expenses:
 - No membership fees
 - Workshop organisation
 - Rough net cost: about 12 - 27 k Euros
 - Registration Fees (set for assumed break-even point)
 - External support (student travel, invited speakers, receptions)
 - 2010: Microsoft, AT&T, HRI, JSAI, Inoue FS



SIGDIAL Funds (1)

1. SIGDIAL “Shadow Account”
 - Maintained by ACL
 - Accounting for the 2008 SIGDial workshop not finalised
2. SIGDIAL Euro Account
 - Resides in Helsinki
 - Funding transferred from Queen Mary University of London, 2009 Workshop
 - Co-signers: President and Secretary-Treasurer



SIGDIAL Funds (2)

- SIGDIAL Euro Account (continued)
 - Will host Young Researchers' Roundtable funds, starting YRRDS 2009
 - Clarification of the use



Other Finance-related Topics

- Support possibilities using SIGDIAL funds
 - Best paper awards
 - Support students to participate in the SIGDIAL conferences
 - Financial support for the endorsed workshops
 - Startup funding for the Journal Dialogue and Discourse
 - Expanding Sharable Resources
 - Etc.?





New Directions

Report on mentoring SigDial 2010



Jason D. Williams



September 2010



2011 Venue: Portland

- 3rd Conference
- Will be co-located with ACL-HLT 2011 in Portland, Oregon
- Date & location: TBA
- General Co-Chairs: [David Traum](#) & [Johanna Moore](#)
- Program Co-Chairs: TBA
- Local Chair: TBA



2011 Initiative: Logo Contest

- To reinvigorate our image, we plan to announce a SIGDIAL logo contest
- You don't need to be a SIGDIAL member to submit a design – so ask all your Design friends
- PRIZE: **Free Registration at SIGDIAL 2011** and **\$200 = 150 Euro**
- Voting will be done on our website



