3rd NetWordS Workshop

PROGRAMME

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Variation and Adaptation in Lexical Processing and Acquisition

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Main Objectives and Agenda

Recent emphasis on language knowledge as an emergent dynamic system has drawn considerable attention to the role of time in the way speakers acquire and use their own language. There are at least three levels on which time matters. At the processing level, the interaction between processing and memory constraints, and in particular between short-term and long-term memory issues, is understood to shape the way we recode and organise time-bound sequences of linguistic signals. On an ontogenetic scale, the age of acquisition of language input data, and the duration of exposure (in the case of multilingual contexts) are known to interact with issues of cognitive maturation and brain plasticity, yielding different outcomes as a function of different time intervals. In this connection, also the distribution of input data in a particular linguistic environment (both in terms of word type and token frequency) is bound to have an impact on rate and speed of acquisition and on overall knowledge organisation. Finally, all previously mentioned time-effects conspire to make the language system change through usage and acquisition in passing from one generation to the ensuing one.

The present workshop is intended to address some of these issues through the joint contribution of a number of invited leading scholars, and a few younger research fellows who are currently carrying out joint interdisciplinary research under the 2012-13 NetWordS granting scheme.

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Thursday, 19 September 2013

9:30   0:15   WELCOME

9:45   0:30   Vedran Galetić - University of Zagreb, Croatia

Towards capturing latent conceptual spaces

10:15   0:30   Kevin Tang - University College London, United Kingdom & Paweł Mandera - Ghent University, Belgium

The OpenLexicons Project - Development and Uses of Subtlex-Corpora for Investigating Sound Symbolism and Brazilian Portuguese

10:45   0:30   COFFEE BREAK

11:15   0:45   Stephen Anderson – Yale University, USA

The Sources of Non-Concatenative Morphology in Diachronic Change

12:00   0:30   Stela Manova - Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Corpus Linguistics and Text Technologies – Vienna, Austria

Suffix ordering in Italian and Russian: A cognitive approach

12:30   0:30   Aleksandra Bagasheva - Department of English and American Studies, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria

Semantically-conditioned two-suffix constructions in English and Bulgarian

13:00   0:30   Daniela Katunar - University of Zagreb, Croatia

Constructional effects on prepositional antonymy

13:30   1:30   lunch

15:00   0:45   Geert Booij, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Language use and the architecture of grammar: a Construction Morphology perspective

15:45   0:45   Angela Ralli – University of Patras, Greece

Variation in Morphology

16:30   0:30   COFFEE BREAK

17:00   0:45   Christina L. Gagné, Thomas L. Spalding – University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Adaptation Effects in Lexical Processing

17:45   0:45   Marko Tadić – University of Zagreb, Croatia

New language resources, tools and services for morphological processing

18:30   END of the day

20:00   DINNER

Friday, 20 September 2013

9:00   0:45   Ingo Plag - Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany

Against homophony: the acoustics of English {s} morphemes

9:45   0:45   Hanne Ruus, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Diachronic Variation in Danish Morphology

10:30   0:45   Petar Milin – University of Tuebingen, Germany – University of Novi Sad, Serbia

Morphology Acquisition with Naive Discriminative Learning

11:15   0:30   COFFEE BREAK

11:45   0:30   Claudia Marzi - ILC-CNR, Pisa, Italy & Walter Daelemans, University of Antwerp, Belgium

On memory and computation: a reappraisal of German noun plural inflection

12:15   0:30   Emmanuel Keuleers- Ghent University, Belgium & Marcello Ferro - ILC-CNR, Pisa, Italy

A psycho-computational view on wordlikeness

12:45   0:45   Mila Vulchanova - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway & Wolfgang Dressler – University of Vienna, Austria

The LangEqual project

13:30   END OF THE WORKSHOP

15.00   ***3rd NetWordS Steering Committee Meeting***