Announcement and Call for Papers
Fifth International Conference on *Text*, *Speech* and *Dialogue*
TSD 2002
September 9–12, 2002, Brno, Czech Republic

TSD 2002 is organised by the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, Brno, and the Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen. The conference is supported by International Speech Communication Association.

Topics: TSD 2002 will address the following topics within the field of natural language processing: *Corpora, texts and transcription; Speech analysis, recognition and synthesis and their intertwinning within NL dialogue systems.*

Topics of the TSD 2002 conference will include (but are not limited to): *Text corpora and tagging; Transcription problems in spoken corpora; Sense disambiguation; Links between text and speech oriented systems; Parsing issues, especially parsing problems in spoken texts; Multilingual issues, especially multilingual dialogue systems; Information retrieval and text/topic summarization; Speech modelling; Speech segmentation; Speech recognition; Text-to-speech synthesis; Dialogue systems; Development of dialogue strategies; Assistive technologies based on speech and dialogue; Applied systems and software.*

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Submissions: Authors are invited to submit a *full* paper not exceeding *eight* pages. Those accepted will be presented as oral lectures. Authors are invited to submit a *short* paper not exceeding *four* pages. Those accepted are for poster presentation. The submissions should be sent electronically to `tsd2002@fi.muni.cz`. Advance registration and payment for the conference fee is *mandatory*. Simultaneous submissions to other conferences are not allowed.

Paper Format: The authors are *strongly* encouraged to write their papers in TEX or LATEX formats. These formats are necessary for the final versions of the papers to be (that will be) published in the Springer Lecture Notes. The paper format has to be either PDF or Postscript file with *all* required fonts included. Upon notification of acceptance, presenters will receive further information on submitting their camera-ready *and* electronic sources (for detailed instructions on the final paper format see `http://www.springer.de/comp/lncs/authors.html`).

Demonstrations: Authors are invited to present actual projects, developed software or interesting material relevant to the topics of the conference. The demonstration papers will *not* appear in the Proceedings of TSD 2002. The authors of the demonstration should provide the abstract not exceeding one page.

Important Dates:

March 15, 2002 . . . . Submission of full papers and short papers (submitting your paper is considered as preliminary registration)

April 30, 2002 . . . . Notification of acceptance

May 31, 2002 Final papers (camera ready) and registration

July 31, 2002 . . . . Submission of demonstration papers

Accommodation: The organizing committee will arrange an accommodation in student dormitories in a walking distance from the place of the Conference at a reasonable price. The actual list of available hotels and prices will be accessible at the website.

Official Language of the conference will be English.

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Outline of the Program: TSD 2002 is an international conference with a limited number of participants and priority given to the active participants. The conference program will include oral presentations and a poster/demonstration sessions with sufficient time for discussions of the issues raised. The program will also involve short communications, reports about ongoing projects and industrial presentations. The conference will also include social events, and a trip in the vicinity of Brno.

Location: Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic, with a population of almost 400,000, and is the country's judiciary and trade-fair centre. Brno is the capital of Moravia, which is in the south-east part of the Czech Republic. Historical and artistic places of interest include: Špilberk and Veveří castle, The Old and New City halls, The Augustine monastery, with St Thomas' Church and crypt of Moravian margraves, The "Bishops' Church" of St Peter & St Paul, The famous villa Tugendhat, designed by Mies van der Rohe, and many other sightseeings.

In the immediate surroundings of Brno are the Moravian Karst with Macocha Chasm and Punkva caves; the site of the "Battle of the Three emperors" (Napoleon, Alexander of Russia, and Franz of Austria), commonly known as the Battle of Austerlitz; the château of Slavkov (Austerlitz); Pernštejn Castle and many other attractions.

Travel: Brno can be reached easily by direct trains from Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest, or by plane to Vienna and then by coach or train (130 km). Another possibility is to go by plane to Prague and then travel about 200 km by coach or train or plane.

For more and up-to-date information see the web page `http://www.fi.muni.cz/tsd2002/`.