



Special Track on

# *Applied Natural Language Processing*

The track on applied natural language processing is a forum for researchers working in natural language processing, computational linguistics, and related areas. The rapid pace of development of online materials, most of them in textual form or text combined with other media (visual, audio), has led to a revived interest for tools capable to understand, organize and mine those materials. Novel human-computer interfaces, for instance talking heads, can benefit from language understanding and generation techniques with big impact on user satisfaction. Moreover, language can facilitate human-computer interaction for the handicapped (no typing needed) and elderly leading to an ever increasing user base for computer systems.

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