

Agenda Management Committee Meeting

COST Action no. IC1207

Action Title: Parsing and multi-word expressions. Towards linguistic precision and computational efficiency in natural language processing (PARSEME)

Iasi, Romania 23.09.2015

Note: several points below refer to the slides of the PARSEME plenary meeting (23/09/2015) downloadable at: <http://typo.uni-konstanz.de/parseme/images/Meeting/2015-09-23-lasi-meeting/Opening-session/2015-09-23-lasi-opening-session.pdf>

1. Welcome to participants
Checking the quorum: 21 countries out of 30 are represented.
2. Adoption of agenda - **vote: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining**
3. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting - **vote: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining**
The minutes are downloadable at: http://typo.uni-konstanz.de/parseme/images/Meeting/2015-03-19-Malta-meeting/MC-meeting/Action_IC1207_MC_Minutes_Malta_2015-03-19.pdf
4. Update from the Grant Holder
We have successfully submitted a report for the 2nd year of the Action. We have spent **96%** of the budget allocated for the year 2. During this year we have carried 9 STSMs and spent 64% of the budget planned for STSM's. In total we reimbursed 178 Action participants, including 53 participants at the Frankfurt meeting, 58 at the Malta meeting, 43 trainees and 5 trainers at the Prague Training School, and 19 intended participants reimbursed for the non-refundable costs of the cancelled Haifa meeting.
We encountered some delays with the payments in the second half of the budget year due to organisational issues at COST and delay with the funds allocation on their side.
5. Update from the COST Association
 - Another temporary re-allocation of **Science Officer: Marta Artiles Viera** (in place of Ralph Stuebner and Rossella Magli), until 4 January 2016.
6. Follow-up of MoU objectives
 - a. Progress report of working groups
 - 8 WG surveys on MWEs are under way
 - Survey on MWE lexicons and treebanks (WG1 & WG4) - LREC poster submission planned
 - MWE templates for particular languages (WG1)
 - SOA paper on lexical encoding of verbal MWEs (WG1)
 - Book project: *Mutliword Expressions: Insights from a Multi-lingual Perspective (WG1)* - chapters sent to reviewers
 - 3 surveys on hybrid processing of MWEs (WG3): discovery,

- translation, parsing (see Malta posters)
- Survey on MWE annotation in treebanks (WG4)
- see also the WG webpages (<http://typo.uni-konstanz.de/parseme/index.php/organization/working-groups>) and the closing session in lasi on 23.09.2015

b. Scientific assessment

See the [feedback poll from Valletta](#) including (in the bottom) advantages and weak points of the action as such:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11nEivYKPCGrfaLBzoiThe6clU7rUxQayBwEZgrHAh0/viewanalytics>

See also a [summary](#) of advantages and recommendations at: <http://typo.uni-konstanz.de/parseme/images/Meeting/2015-09-23-lasi-meeting/MC-meeting/2015-03-19-Malta-feedback-summary.txt>

7. Scientific planning

a. Scientific strategy

- Advances in organizing a [shared task](#) dedicated to [automatic detection of verbal MWEs](#) (organizers: Veronika Vincze and Antoine Doucet) – 17 expressions of interest for [15 languages](#) so far; see the WG3 meeting

b. Action Budget Planning

Work and Budget Plan for year 3 has been approved (via an e-COST vote).

Lower budget due to COST savings: [170,000 EUR](#) (194,000 EUR in year 2).

c. Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)

- PARSEME/ENeL workshop in Skopje, FYR Macedonia, 5-6 April 2016 – proposed hotel reimbursement rate: [65 EUR](#) per night (two of the recommended hotels offer rooms for 45 and 53 EUR) - **vote: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining**
- 6th general meeting, Struga, FYR Macedonia, 7-8 April 2016 – proposed [hotel reimbursement rate](#): 45 EUR per night (price for a single room in the conference hotel); the proposal has been increased to [50 EUR](#) per night - **vote: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining**
- 7th general meeting in autumn 2016 – 1 proposal:
 - Dubrovnik, 26-28 September 2016 - organizers: Croatian Language Technologies Society and the University of Zagreb, Croatia; presentation by Marko Tadić; 2 days for the general meeting + 1 day excursion
vote: 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining
- 2nd Training School, summer or autumn 2016 – 4 proposals
 - University of Wolverhampton, UK – submission by Michael Oakes (presentation by Ismail El Maarouf)
 - University of La Rochelle, France – presentation by Antoine Doucet
 - University of Belgrade, Serbia – presentation by Cvetana Krstev
 - University of Olsztyn, Poland – submission by Monika Czerepowicka (presentation by Adam Przepiórkowski)

Vote by secret ballot:

in the 1st round: 7 in favor of the UK, 6 in favor of France, 3 in favor of Serbia, 5 in favor of Poland

(after the 1st round of voting the MC Member from Greece, Stella Markantonatou, left the meeting)

2nd round: 10 in favor of the UK and 10 in favor of France

→ the next round of voting will finally take place remotely, only 2 proposals, from the UK and France will be concerned by the vote -

vote: 20 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining

- d. Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)
A dissemination paper on the action, authored by the SC members - submitted to the LTC 2015 conference in Poznań, Poland, 27-29 November 2015
- e. PARSEME follow-up (another COST action? investing more heavily in the SIGLEX-MWE? other initiatives?) - feedback from the MC members: we should think of topics for the future cooperation
8. Any Other Business
9. Location and date of next meeting
7 April 2016, Struga, FYR Macedonia (to be confirmed)
10. Summary of MC decisions
11. Closing