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TILic 2015 - IV Student Workshop on Information and Human Language Technology

Short report
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The IV Student Workshop on Information and Human Language Technology[1] (TILic 2015) was hosted by the 10th Brazilian Symposium in Information and Human Language Technology[2] (STIL), which is the Brazilian conference on Natural Language Processing (NLP), officially promoted by the Brazilian Computer Society. It took place in the city of Natal/RN, in the northeast of Brazil, from November 4 to 6.

The aim of TILic is to bring to the conference the current undergraduate students that develop some research on NLP, giving them the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback, to meet the research community, and to participate in the main conference (STIL and associated workshops). The students' presentations were in poster format, in a special technical session that integrated the posters of the whole conference.

This year TILic received 13 submissions in the form of short papers, which were evaluated by a program committee composed of young researchers and PhD students. Since they received good evaluations and were clearly on NLP topics, all of them were accepted for publication and presentation in the conference. The submissions were from 4 different Brazilian states, mainly from São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul states, which host the main research groups on NLP (which submitted more than one paper to the event).

All the posters were presented by 7 students that could attend the conference. As some papers came from the same group, some students presented more than one poster. In fact, it was expected that not all the students could be present at the conference, as Natal (the city of the event) is a highly touristic place (resulting in a very expensive trip) and very far from the states of the main research groups on NLP. So, it was a nice surprise to have all the posters presented at the event.

With the NAACL funding, we could help the 7 students by reimbursing them the values of registration and offering an allowance. Each registration was U$S 52.00, approximately. In general, each student received about U$S 215.00

The proceedings of the event are publicly available at a Brazilian publication portal – the BDBComp. The proceedings may be directly accessed at http://www.lbd.dcc.ufmg.br/bdbcomp/servlet/Evento?id=828.

More information about the event and the satellite workshops can be found in the links of the footnotes. We take the opportunity to thank NAACL once more for the

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[1] https://sites.google.com/site/4tilic2015/
[2] http://bracis2015.imd.ufrn.br/

support. Such support is very much appreciated and has continually contributed to the integration of the students.

In what follows, there are some pictures from the event, showing some students presenting their posters.

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