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NOOJ 2009 will be organized by the research laboratory MIR@CL (Multimedia Information & Advanced Computing Laboratory), in collaboration with the "Institut Supérieur de l'informatique et du Multimédia de Sfax", the "Faculty of sciences", the "University of Sfax, Tunisia", the "Semio-linguistic Laboratory", the "Didactic and computer science of University Franche-Comté" and the "Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Claude Ledoux".

NOOJ 2009 will be held in Tozeur city-Tunisia, 450 Km in the south-west of Tunis.

Tozeur (Arabic: توزر) is an oasis and a city in south west Tunisia. The city is located North West of Chott el-Djerid, between this Chott and the smaller Chott el-Gharsa. It is the capital of the Tozeur Governorate. With hundreds of thousands of palm trees, Tozeur is a large oasis. The dates that are exported from Tozeur are very well known. In ancient times, before the advent of motorized vehicles, the oasis was important for the transportation through the Sahara, which took place in caravans. The name of the city in antiquity was Tusuros, it was an important Roman outpost.

The conference intends to

- give NooJ users and researchers in Linguistics and in Computational Linguistics the opportunity to meet and share their experience as developers, researchers and teachers;
- present to NooJ users the latest linguistic resources and NLP applications developed for/with NooJ, its latest functionalities, as well as its future developments;
- offer researchers and graduate students two tutorials (one basic and one advanced) to help them parse corpora and build NLP applications using NooJ.
- be the occasion to present and discover the recent developments of NooJ itself (v2.0).

NooJ is a freeware, linguistic engineering development environment used to formalize various types of textual phenomena (orthography, lexical and productive morphology, local, structural and transformational syntax) using a large gamut of computational devices (from Finite-State Automata to Augmented Recursive Transition Networks). NooJ includes tools to construct, test, debug, maintain and accumulate large sets of linguistic resources, and can apply them to large texts.

Modules for a dozen languages are already available for free download: Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese, English, French, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish. A dozen of other modules are under construction.

Topics of Interest

Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Syntactic analysis
- Lexical analysis
- Linguistic resources
- Dictionary

Submission

We invite the submission of papers until the March 15, 2009 either in English or in French. The abstracts should contain the title of the article, the name, the institution, the surface mail and the electronic address of each co-author. The abstracts should not exceed one page (between 400 and 600 words), and should be submitted from the workshop web site : www.miracl.rnu.tn/nooj. All proposals will be reviewed by the scientific committee. You will be given notice about the acceptance of the proposals no later than May 04, 2009.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission: **Mars 30, 2009** (final deadline extension)
- Notification of Acceptance : **May 04, 2009**
- Conference : **08-10 June, 2009**

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