

FIRST CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse

Poitiers, France, July 11-13, 2011

The Society for Text & Discourse is proud to announce its Twenty-first Annual Meeting to be held in Poitiers, France, Monday through Wednesday, July 11-13, 2011.

The Society for Text & Discourse is an international society of researchers who investigate all aspects of text and discourse including processing and analysis. The purpose of the Society is to foster and promote excellence in research, to enhance communication among researchers in different disciplines, and to contribute to the education and professional development of those in the field or entering the field.

We invite students and scholars from various disciplines (e.g., psychology, linguistics, neuroscience, learning sciences, and others) to attend and participate in the 2011 Annual Meeting. We invite proposals for individual papers and posters presenting original research on text and discourse processing, representation, and analysis. Here are some of the topics that will be featured in the program of the 2011 meeting:

The comprehension of multiple documents

New methods for discourse content analysis

Dialogue with humans and artificial systems

New research into the processing of anaphora

Search and navigation in on-line information systems

Writing from sources

(This list is not limitative and proposals on other topics are much welcome)

The DEADLINE for submitting proposals for the 2011 Annual Meeting is: **!!** February 4, 2011 **!!**

In addition, if you have suggestions for Symposia or Themed Sessions, please send them (title, short description, list of potential contributors) to the Program Chair (Jean-francois.rouet@univ-poitiers.fr) by January 21, 2011. Agreed upon symposium proposals will then have to be submitted following the same guidelines as regular proposals.

The International Program Committee will review the proposals and make decisions regarding acceptance, format, and arrangement into sessions. Authors will be notified of decisions by the end of March 2011.

Proposals should be submitted as attached doc, docx, or pdf files to:

stdconference2011@gmail.com

with "ST&D2011 proposal" as part of the message header.

Submission Format

Proposals should include

1. A title
2. First author student status (this will be used for award eligibility)
3. Author information (Name, Affiliation, Country and Email addresses for all authors)
4. Appropriate topic areas for reviewing
5. Content keywords for session creation
6. A 75-word abstract
7. A 1200-word summary of the presentation (including bibliography).

The summary should have a title but no author information. It should contain basic sections including a short theoretical introduction, methodological overview (including quantitative or qualitative approach), key findings, and a brief discussion.

Proposals that exceed the length specified will not be reviewed.

8. Presentation Preference

If you would prefer a poster presentation over a spoken presentation, then please indicate this by typing "Poster Only". Otherwise all submissions will be considered for both papers and posters.

Submission-based Awards

The Society recognizes excellence in research with two annual awards based on papers submitted to the Annual Meeting:

The Outstanding Student Paper Award

The Outstanding Student Paper Award (OSPA) recognizes quality in work that is predominantly that of a graduate student. Accordingly, the student must be first author on the paper. The student's major advisor must send an email to stdconference2011@gmail.com certifying that this work has been done primarily by the student, and a paragraph-length recommendation of the paper for the award. The subject line for the email must be "OSPA Certification."

The Jason Albrecht Outstanding Young Scientist Award

The Jason Albrecht Outstanding Young Scientist Award (JAOYSA) honors the memory of Jason Albrecht, a promising young text and discourse researcher who passed away in 1996. The award recognizes an outstanding paper based on a doctoral dissertation. The doctoral candidate or recent doctorate must be first author on the paper. The student's dissertation advisor must send an email to stdconference2011@gmail.com certifying that the work is based on the nominee's doctoral dissertation, and recommending the candidate for the award. The subject line for the email must be "JAOYSA Certification."

Proposals eligible for the Jason Albrecht Outstanding Young Scientist Award and the Outstanding Student Paper Award will undergo two reviews: one by the regular Program Review Committee and a second by the Awards Committee. Only proposals that are accepted for presentation as spoken papers

on the program will be considered for the awards. Finalists may be asked for additional information regarding the submission for the final award review process.

Recipients of each award receive a certificate and a \$150 award check.

Additional Information

For more information on the Society for Text & Discourse and the 2011 Annual Meeting, please see

<http://www.societyfortextanddiscourse.org/conferences/index.html>

or

<http://textanddiscourse2011.conference.univ-poitiers.fr/>

Inquiries about the submission process or the conference should be sent to stdconference2011@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing you in Poitiers for the 2011 Annual meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse!