

# EMALP 2008 - The 2008 Empirical Methods for Asian Language Processing Workshop

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## Introduction

With the rapid increasing number of text documents written in Asian languages, the development of fundamental methods, tools, and corpora for processing Asian languages would be expected as key solutions for helping Asian people to effectively access and communicate with people in the world. Empirical methods are considered as key techniques for dealing with natural language processing problems. For instance, machine translation, text summarization, and information extraction are clear examples for illustrating the efficiency of employing empirical methods. To enhance studies on empirical methods for Asian languages, this international workshop for Asian language processing will be held which aims at inviting researchers and developers in the area to come to discuss and exchange new ideas and the latest achievements in the field of language processing. The scope of the workshop covers applications, systems, technologies and theoretical aspects of empirical methods for Asian language processing.

## Topics of Interest

Papers are invited for consideration in all aspects of empirical methods for Asian language processing, including (but not restricted to):

- Information Extraction
- Information Retrieval
- Machine Translation
- Language and Dialogue Modeling
- Multilingual Technologies
- Question Answering
- Statistical Parsing
- Summarization
- Generation
- Speech Recognition and Synthesis
- Discourse and Dialogue
- Word Sense Disambiguation
- Word, Term, and Text Segmentation

## Instructions for Paper Submission

All papers must be submitted electronically as PDF and in Springer LNAI format, using the EasyChair conference management tool (<http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=emalp2008>). Please follow Springer's manuscript format guidelines (<http://www.jaist.ac.jp/PRICAI-08/>). The paper should be between 10 to 15 pages long.

## Important Dates

- Abstract Submission: August 22nd, 2008
- Paper Submission: August 29th, 2008
- Notification of Acceptance: September 29th, 2008
- Camera Ready: October 17th, 2008

## Review

Each submission will be reviewed by at least two members of the program committee. Acceptance is based on the basis of relevance, originality, significance, soundness and clarity.

## Publications

All accepted papers will be published on the workshop proceedings. A special issue will be proposed to Journal of Natural Language Processing for selected papers of the workshop.

## Questions and Suggestions

Concerning suggestions for the conference and other inquiries, write to the Program Co-chairs:

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