

Corpus Linguistics 2013: First Announcement and Call for Workshops

The seventh international **Corpus Linguistics** conference (**CL2013**) will be held at Lancaster University from Tuesday 23rd July 2013 to Friday 26th July 2013. The main conference will be preceded by a workshop day on Monday 22nd July.

The goals of the conference are as follows.

- To gather together current and developing research in the study and application of corpus linguistics;
- To push the field forwards by promoting dialogue among the many different users of corpora across interconnected sub-disciplines of linguistics – be they descriptive, theoretical, applied or computational;
- To explore new challenges both within corpus linguistics, and in the extension of corpus approaches to new fields of study.

With these goals in mind, we invite contributions on as broad and inclusive a basis as possible. The areas in which we particularly welcome submissions include but are not limited to:

- Critical explorations of existing measures and methods in corpus linguistics;
- New methods and techniques in corpus development, annotation and analysis;
- Corpus approaches to the study of new media;
- New tools and techniques developed in corpus-based computational linguistics;
- The application of corpus approaches in the social sciences and humanities;
- The extension of corpus linguistics to an ever-wider range of (non-English) languages;
- The interface between corpus and theory;
- The use of corpora in discourse analysis;
- The use of corpora in second language acquisition studies and language pedagogy.

The following speakers have accepted our invitation to give plenary lectures at CL2013:

- Karin Aijmer
- Guy Cook
- Michael Hoey
- Ute Römer

With this announcement, we issue our main *Call for Workshops*, and provide advance notice of our *Call for Papers*.

Call for workshops

As noted above, CL2013 will include a workshop day on Monday 22nd July 2013. We hereby issue a call for workshop proposals on any theme relevant to the conference.

“Workshops” may take two main forms.

The first type is the colloquium-style workshop, which operates as a mini-conference with its own programme committee and call for papers to be presented: proposals for this type of workshop should specify the scope of the workshop, who its organisers will be, and whether the creation of workshop proceedings is envisaged. Proposals should also provide an initial version of the text of the call for papers.

The other main type of workshop is a practical or applied workshop providing a demonstration of or training in some particular corpus linguistic technique or piece of software. In this case the proposal must explain the content of the workshop, provide an initial version of the text of a call for participation, and give an indication of the workshop's IT requirements, if any.

We are also happy to consider innovative forms of workshop intermediate between colloquium-style workshop and practical workshop.

All proposals must in addition specify the proposed length. Our timetable allows for the following lengths of workshop:

- Full-day workshop – up to 7 hours (plus lunch/breaks)
- Half-day workshop – up to 3.5 hours (plus break)
- Short workshop – up to 2 hours (single session)

There is no fixed format for workshop proposals, as long as they include all the details specified above. Proposals should be sent by email to Andrew Hardie <a.hardie@lancaster.ac.uk> by the end of October. We are happy to respond to informal expressions of interest in advance of formal submission of a proposal.

Abstracts for papers, posters and panels

We invite submission of abstracts for papers, posters and panels on any topic relevant to the conference theme.

For this conference, we are requesting *extended abstracts* (750-1500 words), as we do not plan to produce a volume of conference proceedings. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the conference programme committee.

Paper presentations will consist of a 20 minute talk followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Please note: paper submissions should present *either* complete research, *or* research in progress where at least some substantial results have been achieved. Work in progress which has yet to produce results can be submitted as a poster abstract – see below.

Submissions for **panel discussions** should take the form of a single 1500 word abstract on behalf of all speakers to be on the panel. The abstract should include a note to specify whether the panel is intended to be 1 hour or 1.5 hours in length.

Submissions for **poster presentations** should be shorter (400-750 words). We especially welcome poster abstracts that (a) report on innovative research that is in its very earliest phases (b) report on new software or corpus data resources.

We especially encourage abstract submissions from early-career researchers, including postgraduate research students and postdoctoral researchers.

All abstracts must be submitted via the conference website; the submission system will be live from 31st October 2012.

A further call for papers, with full submission details, will be released in early November.

Key dates

- 31st October 2012 – abstract submission opens via conference website
- 31st October 2012 – deadline for proposals for workshops
- 8th January 2013 – deadline for abstract submission
- 15th February 2013 – notification of the outcome of peer review; early bird registration opens.
- 1st April 2013 – early bird registration closes
- 30th June 2013 – final deadline for registration
- 22nd / 23rd July 2013 – workshop day / main conference begins.

General information

The conference will be held on the Lancaster University campus; see <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/contact-and-getting-here/maps-and-travel/> for information.

For all further information, see the conference website: <http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/cl2013>

The conference is hosted by the **UCREL** research centre (<http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk>), which brings together the **Department of Linguistics and English Language** (<http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/>) with the **School of Computing and Communications** (<http://www.scc.lancs.ac.uk/>).

Local organising committee of CL 2013: Andrew Hardie, Tony McEnery, Paul Rayson