

CCURL 2014 Introductory remarks

The CCURL workshop as we have it today is the outcome of a request of the LREC organisers in December 2013 to merge two workshop proposals on under-resourced languages, the one focussed on Linked Data and the other on collaborative platforms and standards.

Although it meant starting afresh we soon came to understand that there are many advantages in combining forces and efforts in under-resourced languages. We are of the opinion that the quantity, quality and diversity of papers and participants confirm this.

In the final session of our programme today we hope to reflect on these matters and how the workshop presentations addressed them. If you have specific views, insights or questions about the CCURL theme and the questions that we posed in our CfP, we would be most interested to hear about them in this discussion session. So please note them down.

This then brings me to keynote presentation. It is a great pleasure to welcome Christian Chiarcos in this capacity. Christian was prepared to stand in for Steven Moran, who, at the last minute, was unable to attend LREC due to unforeseen personal circumstances. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for this.

Introduce Christian – use aspects of CV.

Christian, we look forward to your talk, entitled “Linguistic (Linked) Open Data: From collection to application “, which you co-authored with Steven and wish you well with all your other activities at LREC 2014.