

VU Amsterdam Organization & Site Updates



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Welcome everyone!



It has been a while...

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10 Years...

I've helped organize a DELPH-IN Summit

DELPH-IN 2015,
Singapore



Except, this time, I am the only one to blame it things go wrong...

Some important information

- We will be in this room (**HG-5A36**) for the first three plenary days
- On Thu/Fri we will move 2 floors up: **HG-07A36 (A) + HG-07A37 (B)**
- **Lunch** will be catered for the **first three days**
 - We have our wonderful department to thank for that!
 - It will be a “Dutch Lunch” – light, healthy, veg+vegan, bread-based
 - Feel free to grab something and go eat it outside (weather permitting)
 - Unfortunately, the room cannot be locked (but I will stay around)
- There is also a few canteens/restaurants on campus
 - Open to everyone; we will make use of them on Thursday and Friday
 - If you can't deal with cold lunches...

Some important information (II)

- The organized social program will be on Wednesday (after lunch):
 - [Optional/Self-Paid] Drinks at In de Waag (2pm)
 - [Optional] 15~20 min walk to the cruise
 - 90 min Private Canal Tour departing from near the Central Station (4:30pm) *
 - Dinner at Café Nieuw Amsterdam (~7pm) **



* People will have their choice of wine/beer/soft drink during the cruise (up to 2)

Some important information (III)

- If you have not paid the registration fee:
 - Ellie will be around during break and lunch time to help collect it
 - We are also collecting information on whether you prefer a paper or a digital receipt+certificate
- FYI: I've invited some of our CLTL colleagues join us if they want
 - Help me in this “long con” to get more people involved with DELPH-IN!
- If you need anything else, you can approach me!



VU Amsterdam Site Update

Research Grants

- A lot of work in this past year (most of it DELPH-IN tangential)
- Working on submitting quite a few projects in Medical NLP (exploiting and controlling genLMs)
- Working on a couple interesting projects on Speech (on Intelligibility of “Global English”; and on Dutch Phonological Memory)
- Writing an ERC Starting Grant (on Neuro-symbolic + Multimodal GED)
- Writing a VENI Grant (on Digital & Remote Field Linguistics)
- Both the ERC and VENI grants would involve DELPH-IN tools/grammars

Supervision

- I've started supervising my first PhD student (co-supervising with Antske)
 - Ellie Smith (*Methodologically Sound Applications of NLP for Social Sciences and Humanities*)
- Many interesting MA thesis, highlighting two:
 - Farnaz Bani Fatemi: ***Evaluating the Potential of BabyLMs for Grammatical Error Detection*** (submitted)
 - Elisabetta Denticò: ***How Multilingual LLMs Handle Ambiguity in Learner Errors*** (submitting soon)
 - Many interesting follow ups with ERG (and other grammars) in the pipeline

Others

- I have done a bit (not much) of work in the DELPH-IN Demo (next talk)
- We've (slowly) started with the Robot Tutor project
- Dan will stay for a couple weeks after DELPH-IN – and he already has a busy agenda for me!
 - DELPH-IN Demo(s)
 - Dusting off Zhong
 - Treebanks, Maxent Models & HPCs
- I have organized my teaching schedule next year in such a way that I expect a lot more will happen next year!

And one final piece of news...



“We would get rid of him, but apparently he got tenure last week”

Yay!



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Thank you!