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### **GSCL-Preis 2015: Nominierung Anjana Vakil**

Anjana Vakil is a student in the international MSc program *Language Science and Technology* at Saarland University, run by the Dept. of Computational Linguistics and Phonetics. She submitted her master thesis on March 30, 2015. The thesis received the best grade (1.0).

Ms. Vakil's master thesis was concerned with the automatic treatment of lexical stress errors by French learners of German in the context of computer-assisted pronunciation training (CAPT). Automatic treatment in this context entailed a reliable automatic detection of such errors and automatic feedback about errors for the learner based on the error detection. She developed a prototype CAPT system specialized on lexical stress errors in non-native speech that incorporates several options for diagnosis and feedback.

Ms. Vakil finished her master studies with the best grades possible, i.e. with an average score of 1.0, which is putting her at the top of our best students in the most recent examination period. She has contributed to our DFG/ANR project *Individualized Feedback for Computer-Assisted Spoken Language Learning* and has not only been a wonderful team player but in fact displayed strong scientific leadership skills in the interaction with her peers.

I support Ms. Vakil's nomination for the GSCL award without any reservation and in fact with the strongest emphasis.

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