Third Call for Papers

Extended submission deadline

RANLP 2025
RECENT ADVANCES IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Hotel "Cherno More" Varna, Bulgaria
https://ranlp.org/ranlp2025/

Summer School on Deep Learning and LLMs for NLP: 3-5 September 2025 (Wednesday-Friday)
Tutorials: 6-7 September 2025 (Saturday-Sunday)
Main Conference: 8-10 September 2025 (Monday-Wednesday)
Workshops and shared tasks: 11-13 September 2025 (Thursday-Saturday)

We are pleased to announce that the 15th biennial RANLP conference will take place in September 2025 at the Black Sea city of Varna. In addition to the conference programme of competitively peer-reviewed papers reporting on the recent advances of a wide range of Natural Language Processing (NLP) topics, the conference features keynote talks by leading experts in NLP. Poster and demo sessions will be held at the conference exhibition area. The conference will be preceded by three days of summer school on Deep Learning and LLMs for NLP (3-5 September 2025) and two days of tutorials (6-7 September 2025). Post-conference specialised workshops as well as shared tasks covering timely NLP topics will be held on 11-13 September 2025. A Student Research Workshop will run in parallel to the main conference. The Student Research Workshops (now the 9th edition) have become active discussion fora for young researchers.

As from RANLP 2009, the papers accepted at RANLP and the associated workshops are included in the ACL Anthology. The RANLP proceedings are indexed by SCOPUS and DBLP. The SCOPUS SJR of RANLP proceedings is 0,299 (2023). After 2017, all accepted papers have DOI numbers.

CHAIR OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
Ruslan Mitkov (University of Lancaster, UK and University of Alicante, Spain)

CHAIR OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Galia Angelova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria)

The Programme Committee members are distinguished NLP experts from all over the world. The list of PC members will be announced on the conference website in due course.

INVITED SPEAKERS:
The list of keynote speakers at RANLP 2025 and tutorial lecturers as well as summer school lecturers and teaching assistants includes (more names will be announced in the coming weeks):

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
- Eneko Agirre (University of the Basque Country, Spain)
- Roberto Navigli (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)
- Anna Rogers (IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

TUTORIAL LECTURERS:
- Burcu Can (University of Sterling, UK)
- Anna Rogers and Max Müller-Eberstein (IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

SUMMER SCHOOL LECTURERS and TEACHING ASISTANTS
(in alphabetical order):
- Maram Alharbi (University of Lancaster, UK)
- Isuri Nanomi Arachchige (University of Lancaster, UK)
- Burcu Can (University of Sterling, UK)
- Salmane Chafik (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco)
- Ernesto Luis Estevanell (University of Alicante, Spain)
- Hansi Hettiarachchi (University of Lancaster, UK)
- Andrei Mikheev (Daxtra Technologies, UK)
- Damith Dola Mullage (University of Lancaster, UK)
- Max Müller-Eberstein (IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Henry Oldroyd (University of Lancaster, UK)
- Tharindu Ranasinghe (University of Lancaster, UK)

WORKSHOPS and SHARED TASKS:

The RANLP 2025 workshops and shared tasks will be held on 11-13 September 2025. The first workshops have already been selected (see below) and further proposals are expected by 31 March 2025.
- *The first Interdisciplinary Workshop on Observations of Misunderstood, Misguided and Malicious Use of Language Models* (OMMM 2025), organised by Piotr Przybyła, Matthew Shardlow, Clara Colombatto and Nanna Inie
- *The first Workshop on Ethical Concerns in Training, Evaluating and Deploying Large Language Models* (EthicalLLMs 2025), organised by Damith Premasiri, Tharindu Ranasinghe and Hansi Hettiarachchi.
- *Natural Language Processing and Language Models for Digital Humanities* organised by Isuri Nanomi Arachchige, Francesca Frontini, Ruslan Mitkov and Paul Rayson
- *From rules to language models: comparative evaluation of NLP methods* organised by Alicia Picazo-Izquierdo, Ernesto Luis Estevanell-Valladares, Ruslan Mitkov and Raúl García Cerdá
- *Advancing NLP for Low-Resource Languages* organised by Ernesto Luis Estevanell-Valladares, Alicia Picazo-Izquierdo and Tharindu Ranasinghe

The following SHARED TASKS have been accepted and Call for Participation has been distributed:

- *PolyHope-M: Bridging Hope Speech Detection Across Multiple Languages*, organised by Fazlourrahman Balouchzahi, Sabur Butt, Maaz Amjad, Luis Jose Gonzalez-Gomez, Abdul Gafar Manuel Meque, Helena Gomez-Adorno, Bharathi Raja Chakravarthi, Grigori Sidorov, Thomas Mandl, Ruba Priyadharshini and Saranya Rajiakodi
  Task website - https://www.codabench.org/competitions/5635/
- *Multilingual Coreference Resolution*, organised by Vijay Sundar Ram, Pattabhi RK Rao and Sobha Lalitha Devi
  Task website - https://www.codabench.org/competitions/5759/
- *Sentiment Analysis on Arabic Dialects in the Hospitality Domain*: A Multi-Dialect Benchmark, organised by Maram I. Alharbi, Salmane Chafik, Ruslan Mitkov and Saad Ezzini
  Task website - https://ahasis-42267.web.app/
- *Multi-Domain Detection of AI-Generated Text (M-DAIGT)*, organised by Salima Lamsiyah, Saad Ezzini, Abdelkader El Mahdaouy, Hamza Alami, Abdessamad Benlahbib, Samir El Amrany, Salmane Chafik and Hicham Hammouchi
  Task website - https://ezzini.github.io/M-DAIGT/
- *Identification of the severity of the depression in forum posts*, organised by Isuri Anuradha, Hasintha Hewawasam, Deshan Koshala Sumanathilaka, Ruslan Mitkov, Paul Rayson and Saad Ezzini
  Task website - https://www.codabench.org/competitions/5894/

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS, POSTERS, DEMOS

The submissions will be maintained by the conference management software START. For further instructions, please follow the submission information at the conference website at https://ranlp.org/ranlp2025/. The reviewing process will be anonymous. Double submission is acceptable, but authors will be asked to declare it at the time of submission. Submissions will be reviewed by at least three members of the Programme Committee. Authors of accepted papers will receive guidelines regarding how to produce camera-ready versions of their papers for inclusion in the proceedings. All RANLP papers have DOI numbers assigned. The full conference proceedings will be uploaded on the ACL Anthology.

RANLP publishes Regular papers 8 pages (with 30 min oral presentation), Short papers 6 pages (with 20 min oral presentation), and Poster/Demo papers 4 pages (with presentation in a poster or demo session). Additional pages are allowed for references only.

RANLP-2025 aims to provide early notification of acceptance to authors and presenters who need visa to enter Bulgaria. We invite early submissions of authors' names and paper abstracts, in order to plan quick reviewing. Access to the conference management software will be available as from 1 April 2025.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of workshop proposals: 15 March 2025 31 March 2025
Workshop selection: 22 March 2025 2 April 2025

Conference abstracts submission: 11 May 2025 (strongly recommended, to facilitate review planning)
Conference papers submission: 25 May 2025
Conference papers acceptance notification: 4 July 2025
Camera-ready versions of the conference papers: 31 July 2025

Workshop paper submission deadline (suggested): 6 July 2025
Workshop paper acceptance notification (suggested): 31 July 2025
Workshop paper camera-ready versions (suggested): 30 August 2025
Workshop camera-ready proceedings ready (suggested): 8 September 2025

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VENUE

RANLP 2025 will be held at the conference facilities of Hotel "Cherno More" (http://www.chernomorebg.com) in Varna, the largest city on the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast. The event venue is centrally located at the entrance of the Sea Garden and offers excellent conference facilities.

The city is a major tourist destination with flights to/from the Varna International Airport. It is also known for its Archaeological Museum, which features the oldest gold treasure in the world (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varna_Necropolis). The conference organisers plan to arrange a visit to Provadia-Solnitsata, the oldest salt-production and urban centre in Europe (5600 - 4350 BC, https://provadia-solnitsata.com/en/) which is located 50 km from Varna.

THE TEAM BEHIND RANLP-25

Galia Angelova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria (Chair Organising Committee)
Ruslan Mitkov, University of Lancaster, UK and University of Alicante, Spain (Chair Programme Committee)
Nikolai Nikolov, Bulgarian Association for Computational Linguistics, Bulgaria
Tharindu Ranasinghe, Lancaster University, UK (Workshops Chair and Shared tasks Co-Chair)
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