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Dear Colleague (apologies for the mass mailing!),

We are writing to invite you to participate in a workshop to be held on 21-23 November 2002 at Pont-à-Mousson in France. The workshop is held under the auspices of ISO TC37 SC4, which is concerned with developing standards for representing and using language resources. In particular, it concerns the activities of a working group under this sub-committee, whose goal is to develop a generalized framework and architecture for language resources and their annotations. A mission statement describing the overall goals the working group is attached for your information.

The workshop will include only a small group (about 20) of invited experts and will consist of three days of intensive discussion. The aim is to emerge from the workshop with a detailed outline of the requirements for a linguistic annotation framework that can inform the work of the ISO working group.

We feel strongly that the standards developed by the working group can succeed only with the input of members of the language resource community, including software and resource developers as well as linguists. We are therefore counting on your involvement in the workshop to enable us to achieve the development of a linguistic annotation framework that can be of maximal benefit to the community.

We are able to fund the costs of your stay in Brittany, including accommodation and meals. Unfortunately we cannot cover the costs of transportation, but we are hoping that the importance of this workshop will enable you to find funding for your travel.

If you agree to participate in the workshop, we ask that you let us know by 30 September. We would also ask that you provide us with a position statement (one page, or more if needed) outlining your domain of relevant activity, the types of resources/levels of encoding/mechanisms you have dealt with, and the main issues you would like to see addressed in future standards for language resource representation.

We very much hope that you can join us for the workshop. As noted above, the input of the language resource community is critical for the success of a future standard, and we feel this workshop will be key to ensure that success. We therefore urge you to make every effort to attend the workshop.

Please contact Nancy Ide ( [ide@cs.vassar.edu](mailto:ide@cs.vassar.edu) ) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

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