

Society for Natural Language Processing Pakistan

Introduction, Activities and
Future Plans

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SNLP is a non-profit society to promote research and development of NLP in Pakistan, for institutions and individuals including academics, researchers, professionals and students, with the following objectives:

- Develop and advance the field of computational linguistics, with application to Pakistani languages
- Share and disseminate relevant research and development
- Create awareness of importance and need of computational linguistics in relevant organizations, e.g. Higher Education Commission (HEC), relevant ministries, universities and research institutes
- Represent and liaise the community of computational linguists

To achieve its objectives, SNLP will undertake at least the following activities:

- Hold regular workshops and conferences
- Bring relevant researchers together through e-forum
- Help in curriculum and program development, in conjunction with relevant national organizations
- Disseminate information on NLP R&D and other news through a periodic newsletter
- Collect and publish active and mature research through a national journal
- Establish a Linguistic Resource Center
- Create international liaison with relevant organizations

Office Bearers of the Society

- The office bearers of the society shall comprise the governing body of the society and they shall hold office for a period of three years
- The general body members shall elect seven member board:
 - Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson
 - General Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Three Executive Members

Current Office Bearers (Cont.)

Name	Designation	Address
Dr. Sarmad Hussain	Chairperson	Professor and Head, Center for Urdu Language processing, National University of Computer and Emerging sciences, Lahore
Dr. Abid Khan	Vice Chairperson	Assoc. Professor and Chairman, Department of Computer Science, University of Peshawar, Peshawar
Mr. Shafiq Rahman	General Secretary	Assoc. Professor, Center for Urdu Language processing, National University of Computer and Emerging sciences, Lahore
Dr. Syed Afaq Hussain	Treasurer	Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Air University, Islamabad

Current Office Bearers

Name	Designation	Address
Dr. Zafar Iqbal	Executive Member	Professor and Head, Department of Language and Literature, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan
Dr. Miriam Butt	Executive Member	Professor and Vice Dean, Faculty of Humanities; Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz, Germany
Dr. Muhammad Afzal	Executive Member	Director, Khan Institute of Computer Science & Information Technology, Rawalpindi

Membership Fees

Members Type	Membership Fees (Pakistani Rupees)
Student Member	500 (= USD 6)
Professional Member	1000 (= USD 12)
Corporate/Institutional Member	Not Available at this time

Past Activities

- Conference on Language and Technology, July 2007, University of Peshawar
- Conference on Language and Technology, Jan. 2009, Center for Research in Urdu Language Processing National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Lahore, www.crup.org/clt09
- Society registration as non-profit body within Pakistan
- Society website development: www.snlp.org.pk

Current Activities

- Membership drive
- Conference on Language and Technology, Oct. 2010, National Language Authority, Govt. of Pakistan
- NLP curriculum development for specialization in NLP within BS and MS programs in Computer Science, Higher Education Commission, Govt. of Pakistan
- Liaison with international community: AFNLP

Some Future Activities

- Online six-monthly newsletter
- Linguistic Resource Center

Thank You

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