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Dear Colleagues,
we are delighted to issue the Call for Papers for the forthcoming international Workshop:

Formal Representation & Digital Humanities: text, language and tools

The label “digital humanities”, especially in the case of linguistic and philological sciences, ended up indicating a number of different approaches, that range from the digital publication of materials (e.g. how to effectively annotate an online corpus) to the development of advanced formal representations aiming at investigating specific features of texts and languages that were previously studied using a standard, pre-computational approach (e.g. how to use software to help answering a scientific question). Both the “instrumental” and the “heuristic” approach to the use of new technologies are of the utmost importance for the philological and linguistic sciences in the 21st century.

The workshop “Formal Representation & Digital Humanities: text, language and tools”, organized within the framework of the MSCA project “SLUW: A Computer-Aided Study of the (Morpho-)Syntax of the Luwian Language”, will take place at the **University of Verona (Italy) on June 28-29, 2016**. We welcome contributions on all aspects of digital and computational philology and linguistics, including:

1. Formal representation, models and tools for the assessment of language features:
 - (a) phonology and phonetic change;
 - (b) morphology and morphological change;
 - (c) syntax and syntactic change;
 - (d) semantics and semantic change;
 - (e) typology;
 - (f) genealogical trees;
2. Semantic and syntactic annotation;
3. Digital representation of philological features:
 - (a) reconstruction;
 - (b) variants alignment;
 - (c) commentaries and annotation;
4. Online lexica and collections;
5. Presentation of prospective tools and digital initiatives (e.g. software and interface).

Papers will be 20 minute long, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Abstracts can be submitted until January 31 2016, and notifications of acceptance will be sent on Monday, February 29, 2016.

Important dates:

31/01/2016: Deadline for abstract submission.

29/02/2016: Notification of acceptance.

28-29/06/2016: Conference dates.

Submission:

Please submit title and abstract to the email address federico.giusfredi@univr.it

The computational and digital approach to the study of philology and linguistics represents, at the same time, an opportunity and a challenge. An opportunity, because the possibility to use computer-aided assessments of texts and languages has simplified the task of analysing and publishing extensive sets of data. A challenge, because the heuristic and epistemologic process needs to be adapted to the new tools, and in order to do that the researchers from the different scientific areas need to be able to effectively communicate with each other.

Looking forwards to receiving your submissions,
Best Regards,

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