

Message of the Chair of the Local Organising Committee

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Dear LREC 2004 Participants,

The European Language Resources Association – ELRA and the Centro de Linguística da Universidade Nova de Lisboa are most pleased to welcome you in Lisbon for the *Fourth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation* – LREC 2004.

Over the past six years, since the First Conference in Granada, LREC has definitely become a landmark event in the field of Computational Linguistics, Human Language Technology and Information Society Technology.

In Granada, Spain 1998, in Athens, Greece 2000, as in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain 2002, researchers and participants from different fields and organizations, from all over the world, were able to share experiences, points of view and results on a wide variety of domains. All those domains will continue being addressed in the Lisbon LREC 2004, namely Terminology, Written and Spoken Language Resources and Language Processing, Multimodality and Evaluation.

LREC 2004 Conference is a new promising moment of sharing and discussing results, of reflection and planning of future research, and we hope that valuable and innovative ideas and goals will irradiate from this event.

At this very moment, when we are ready to start sharing our views on the ongoing researches, I wish to have a word of remembrance for two very dear friends and eminent scientists: Antonio Zampolli, from the Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale of Italian CNR and Angel Martín Municio, from the Real Academia de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales of Spain, respectively president and vice-president of ELRA from the first moment of its creation.

We would like to thank all the members of the different committees, from different parts of the world, who were deeply involved in the preparation of this Conference and did their best for this event to be a success.

We are very proud, indeed, to be the hosts of such an important event in Lisbon, and we dedicate LREC 2004 to Antonio Zampolli, whose scientific dynamism and enthusiasm remain among us.

We also hope that the venue and the social events will please you and, above all, that the *Proceedings*, the presentations, the discussions and the conclusions of the Lisbon LREC 2004 will fulfil everyone's expectations.

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