

Message of the Chairs of the Local Organizing Committee
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Dear LREC 2008 Participants,

On behalf of the Local advisory committee, the local organizing committee, and all participating organizations we would like to express our profound gratitude to His Majesty the King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, for so kindly agreeing to honour the LREC2008 by His Royal Patronage.

It is our pleasure to welcome you in the Imperial city, Marrakech, for the Sixth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, LREC 2008.

The Conference takes place at the “Palais des Congrès Mansour Eddahbi”, Marrakech, from May 26th to June 1st 2008 and it is organized in cooperation with a wide range of national & international associations and organizations.

Morocco has the privilege to be the first country out of Europe and in Africa to host the ELRA conference and to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

The LREC conference welcomes all scientists in the world working on basic research and applications in the field of Computational Linguistics, Human Language Technology and Information Society Technology.

The conference offers an excellent opportunity to highlight recent trends as well as general aspects of the field and gives to the researchers a chance to share experiences, points of view and results.

With more than 650 accepted papers and over 1000 participants, LREC 2008 represents the vitality and growth of Computational Linguistics. Therefore, we hope that the conference will provide a stimulating scientific environment for exchange of results and ideas for future research.

We would like to thank all the members of the different committees involved in the organization of this Conference.

We hope you will enjoy your visit to Marrakech, and remember both the scientific and social aspects of LREC 2008 as a pleasant and worthwhile experience. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to make the event and Marrakech more memorable.

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