One of the workshop goals is to increase both intra and inter community interactions. Towards this goal, this year's SLT will host special sessions and special interest group (SIG) meetings. Below contains information on how to propose such events at SLT 2014. If you want to excite the community with the topic you have in mind and have an impact on the workshop content, now this is your chance!

**Call for Special Sessions and Special Interest Group Meetings**

Submission of proposals in all areas of spoken language technology listed in “Call for Papers” (CFP) is encouraged, with emphasis on the workshop technical theme, which is “machine learning in spoken language technology”, or other multidisciplinary topics allowing interaction between different communities or technical areas. Organizers will be asked to write a summary report after the event to be posted on the website. For special interest group meetings, prospective organizers will have more flexibility to decide on the format of the event (e.g., format can be as formal as having oral presentations, or as informal as having round-table discussions) as well as the technical level (e.g., topics can be technical or not).

Other topics are also welcome: In addition to technical areas, special interest group (SIG) meetings can be organized around any topic that would attract attention from the community (e.g., forming/planning a new challenge or special session at future events), high-level topics such as academia-industry collaborations, etc.

**Submission Procedure**

Prospective organizers are invited to submit 1 page proposals, including below required information (alternative preferences have to be listed)

- Preferred format/length of the session (poster, oral, discussion group)
- Do you expect regular paper submissions for this event?
- Flexibility to have it as single session or over different sessions
- Number of expected papers, or presentations, or people attending
- Flexibility with date/time (morning/afternoon/evening)
- Date by when decision is expected?
- Any requests from organizing committee (e.g., logistics)?

**Important Dates**

- Special Session (SS) proposal submission: June 6, 2014
- Notification of SS proposals (1st/2nd decision): June 15 / Sept 19, 2014
- Special Interest Group (SIG) proposal submission: November 21, 2014
- Early registration deadline: October 17, 2014
- Workshop: December 7-10, 2014