Briefly Noted

Natural Language and Information Retrieval: Charting a New Course (Essays in Honour of Karen Spärck Jones)
John I. Tait (editor)
(University of Sunderland)

“Karen Spärck Jones [1935–2007] is one of the major figures of 20th and early 21st century computing and information processing. Her ideas have been an important influence on the development of Internet search engines…. This book celebrates the life and work of Karen Spärck Jones in her seventieth year. It consists of fifteen new and original chapters written by leading international authorities reviewing the state of the art in and her influence on the areas in which [she] has been active.” — From the publisher’s announcement. The contributors are: Emma J. Baker, E. J. Briscoe, Arthur W. S. Cater, Ann Copestake, Robert Gaizauskas, Donna Harman, Gareth J. F. Jones, Mark T. Maybury, Martin F. Porter, Stephen G. Pulman, C. J. van Rijsbergen, Stephen Robertson, John I. Tait, Yorick A. Wilks, and Peter Willett.

Meaningful Texts: The Extraction of Semantic Information from Monolingual and Multilingual Corpora
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Publications Received

Books listed below that are marked with a † have been selected for review in a future issue, and reviewers have been assigned to each.

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Introduzione Alla Linguistica Computazionale
Isabella Chiari
(University of Rome ’La Sapienza’)

WH-Movement: Moving On
Lisa Lai-Shen Cheng and Norbert Corver (editors)
(Leiden University and Utrecht University)

Corpus Linguistics Beyond the Word: Corpus Research from Phrase to Discourse
Eileen Fitzpatrick
(Montclair State University)

†Incremental Conceptualization for Language Production
Markus Guhe
(University of Edinburgh)

A Computational Model of Natural Language Communication
Roland Hausser
(Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen Nürnberg)

Corpora in the Foreign Language Classroom [Selected papers from the Sixth International Conference on
Teaching and Language Corpora (TaLC 6), University of Granada, Spain, 4–7 July 2004
Encarnación Hildago, Luis Quereda, and Juan Santana (editors)
(University of Granada)

English Mediopassive Constructions
Marianne Hundt
(University of Heidelberg)

Corpus Linguistics and the Web
Marianne Hundt, Nadja Nesselhauf, and Carolin Biever (editors)
(University of Heidelberg)

Application-Driven Terminology Engineering
Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Anne Condamines, and M. Teresa Cabré Castellvi (editors)
(Université de Lyon–3, Université de Toulouse–2, and Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Intelligent Document Retrieval: Exploiting Markup Structure
Udo Kruschwitz
(University of Essex)

Information Extraction: Algorithms and Prospects in a Retrieval Context
Marie-Francine Moens
(Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Language and the Learning Curve: A New Theory of Syntactic Development
Anat Ninio
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

An Introduction to Language Processing with Perl and Prolog
Pierre M. Nugues
(Lund University)

Advances in Open Domain Question Answering
Tomek Strzalkowski and Sandra Harabagiu (editors)
(SUNY Albany and University of Texas at Dallas)

The Phraseology of Administrative French: A Corpus-Based Study
Wendy J. Anderson
(University of Glasgow)
Rodopi (Language and computers: Studies in practical linguistics, no. 57), 2006, vii+289 pp; hardbound, ISBN 90-420-2022-9, $78.00, €60.00

Language and the Internet (second edition)
David Crystal

The Text Mining Handbook: Advanced Approaches in Analyzing Unstructured Data
Ronen Feldman and James Sanger
(Bar-Ilan University and ABS Ventures)

Interface Strategies: Optimal and Costly Computations
Tanya Reinhart
(Utrecht University and New York University)
Introduction to Cognition and Communication
Keith Stenning, Alex Lascarides, and Jo Calder
(University of Edinburgh and Mekon Ltd)

Coherence in Natural Language: Data Structures and Applications
Florian Wolf and Edward Gibson
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Information Retrieval (IR) is an important application area of Natural Language Processing (NLP) where one encounters the genuine challenge of processing large quantities of unrestricted natural language text. While much effort has been made to apply NLP techniques to IR, very few NLP techniques have been evaluated on a document collection larger than several megabytes. Many NLP techniques are ... We developed a fully automated Information Retrieval System which uses advanced natural language processing techniques to enhance the effectiveness of traditional key-word based document retrieval. Karen Spärck Jones is one of the major figures of 20th century and early 21st Century computing and information processing. Her ideas have had an important influence on the development of Internet Search Engines. Her contribution has been recognized by awards from the natural language processing...