

LCT Annual Meeting 2021 (Virtual Groningen)

The virtual annual meeting uses **Gather Town** for interactive meetings and **Blackboard Collaborate** for plenary sessions. If you are new to either of these, you may want to check the instructions for interacting on these platforms.

Gather link: <https://tinyurl.com/virtualgroningen>

Blackboard Collaborate link: <https://tinyurl.com/annualmeetinglct2021>

Program

Thursday 24 June 2021

9:00 Arrival in Groningen (**Gather**), coffee, meet-up.

Walk from the station to the university and enter the main building (with LCT logo in front). You will enter the lounge from which all other rooms can be reached.

9:30 - 9:50 Opening (**Plenary, Collaborate**)

- LCT Coordinator, Prof. Josef van Genabith
- Representative of the local Research Master program, Prof. Malvina Nissim
- LCT Program Manager, dr. Ivana Kruijff-Korabayova

10:00 - 11:20 Poster Sessions (Inga) (**Gather, Poster Room**)

Posters presenters will be at their poster for 40 minutes, with overlapping time-slots. In this format, the presenters themselves will also have the opportunity to visit most of the other posters. The allocation of posters to slots will be announced to the presenters in a separate message.

- poster 1,2,3: 10:00-10:40
- poster 4,5,6,7: 10:20-11:00
- poster 8,9,10: 10:40-11:20

11:30 - 12:30 Students Private Session, part I: Feedback (**Gather, Students' Private Room**)

Private session for students who have just finished their first or second year, or alumni who graduated last year. In this session, we will discuss any feedback we have about the LCT program. Prospective/incoming students will not attend this session, and thus get an extra long lunch break!

12:30 - 13:00 Break, Lunch (**Gather, lunch+break room**)

13:00 - 14:30 Students Private Session, part II: Internships and elections (**Gather, Students' Private Room**)

*This session is about sharing internship experiences and also electing the next student representative. This session is for **all current students, including incoming students**.*

14:40 - 15:30 Student & Consortium session (**Plenary, Blackboard Collaborate**)

- Students' feedback to consortium; discussion of students-consortium topics
- Any other questions, e.g., about internships

15:45 - 16:45 Meet the local coordinators (**Gather, Lounge**)

Students can meet with the coordinators of their Y1 university (first 30 mins) or Y2 university (second 30 mins). Coordinators will be at the table with the name of their University (City).

20:00 - .. LCT Game Night (**Gather, Game Room**)

Friday 25 June 2021

9:30 - 10:30 Coordinators and Student Representative (**Gather, Coordinators Private Room**)

10:30 - 11:00 Break (**Gather, break room**)

11:00 Invited Talk (**Blackboard Collaborate**)

Matt Coler (University of Groningen, Campus Fryslân), *Voice Technology*

12:00 Lunch (**Gather, lunch+break room**)

13:30 - 14:30 Internship network session (**Blackboard Collaborate**)

Presentation of Internship opportunities by internship providers

- Georg Rehm, DFKI
- Peter Dirix and Ekaterina Kruchinina, Cerence
- Tom Vanallemeersch, Crosslang
- Laurent Besacier, Naverlabs
- Gareth Dwyer, Ritza
- Victor Santos, Linguacious (video presentation)

14:30 - 15:00 Break (**Gather, break room**)

15:00 - 16:00 Alumni invited talks (**Blackboard Collaborate**)

- Barbara Plank, IT University of Copenhagen, *Learning with scarce and biased data in Natural Language Processing*
- Nadine Glas, Telecats, *Speech technology in telephony*

16:00 - 16:30 Alumni testimonials (**Blackboard Collaborate**)

- Lilian Wanzare, class of 2011
- Victor Santos, class of 2011
- Nick Ruiz, class of 2011

Presentations and panel discussion with all alumni

17:00 - .. Wind down (**Gather, break room**)

Bring your own drink!