Evolving NEJLT

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Adapting to NLP today

- Disseminating NLP has changed
 - Huge submission volumes
 - Now visible that NLP reviewing practices are behind the state of the art
 - Conferences generate stupendous amounts of travel
- What advantage is there in evolving NEJLT?
 - Journal is already indexed
 - Organisational support

New scope

- Follow TACL / COLING conference topics
- Shift:
 - from journal tentatively about NLP for N. Europe,
 - to journal about NLP, that is published in N. Europe
- Northern European language interest is no longer primary focus

New submission types

- Paper types, following popular COLING w. Emily Bender:
 - Computationally-aided linguistic analysis
 - NLP engineering experiment paper
 - Reproduction paper
 - Resource paper
 - Position paper
 - Survey Paper
- Each type has its own review form
- New format: Letters (up to ~1000 words, w/ 2-3 floats).

New reviewing practice

- Fully author blind:
 - action editor should not know author identities (neither should reviewers)
- Reviews must be substantial and constructive
- Partly reviewer blind:
 - follow BMJ and adopt signed reviews
 - This improves review quality
- Allow consideration of recent reviews (<1yr)
 - from ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, EACL, AACL, or NeurIPS
- Standing reviewer pools, actively pruned
- Service recognition

New marketing

- Updated and expanded editors, with global focus
- Completely updated website
 - ...and social media presence
- Broad calls for submissions
- Organisational links (ACL & SIGs, ELRA, ICCL)
- High-profile submission capture send us your gold

Refreshed policies

- NEJLT adopts COPE, and also in general TACL policies.
- NEJLT expects the Vancouver authorship policy.
- NEJLT adopts the ACL arXiv policy in general,
 - Manuscripts published as anonymous preprints (through e.g. OpenReview) are welcome.

What's not new

- Great community, and great to have NEALT's support
- Northern Europe keeps an NLP venue
- Paper acceptance still **based on excellence alone**
- Continue excellent relationship with LiU press

Dear NEALT members,

- Please send me feedback! <u>LD@ITU.DK</u>
- Please volunteer to be a standing reviewer
- When it's launched, please tell your colleagues
- And thank you for supporting NEALT