



## NEMLAR Newsletter

News on Arabic language resources and Arabic language technologies

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#### 1. News from the MEDAR project

Media in the media:

Read the article *The Breakthrough of Arabic Language Technologies* about MEDAR and Arabic Language Language Technology by Media International's IOL ([in English](#)), and read the article about *MEDAR and Arabic Language Language Technology* from Islamonline.net Arabic portal ([in Arabic](#))

Reports:

The MEDAR consortium has produced a draft roadmap for cooperation between Arabic and European Union countries. Please find the draft [Cooperation Roadmap](#) here. Read also the [Survey](#) of actors, resources and products for Arabic HLT and the [BLARK for Arabic](#) - provided by the MEDAR consortium.

#### 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Arabic Resources and Tools

The conference organized by the MEDAR consortium took place the 22-23 April 2009, in Cairo, Egypt. See the conference web site: [http://www.medar.info/conference\\_all/2009/index.php](http://www.medar.info/conference_all/2009/index.php)

At the conference web site you can find:

- online [proceedings](#)
- [reports](#) from students who received travel grants to the conference
- [slides](#) from the tutorials organized by Nizar Habash, Mona Diab, Hany Hassan and Andy Way
- [pictures](#) from the conference.

### 3. Upcoming Events

- Call for papers

[Ninth Conference on Language Engineering](#)

23-24 December, 2009

The Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Deadlines:

Submission of full papers (3 copies) 15 August 2009

Notification of acceptance of full papers 15 October 2009

Submission of camera ready papers 10 November 2009

- Call for papers

[Third Workshop on Computational Approaches to Arabic Script-based Language \(CAASL3\)](#)

August 26, 2009

Machine Translation Summit XII

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

- [International conference on Arabic as a second language](#)

will be held at the Arabic Language Institute, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 2-3 November 2009.

For more information on the conference, please visit the website.

- **Arabization Annual Conference**

For more information see: [www.taareeb.info](http://www.taareeb.info)

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- [Impact of Media and New Technologies on Languages](#)

The Fifth International Conference

of the Faculty Al-Alsun Minia University, December 7-9, 2009

at the Suzanne Mubarak Auditorium, Minia University, Egypt.

Submission deadline: September 10th, 2009

Notification of acceptance: October, 8th 2009

Final version due: November 1st, 2009

Main conference: December 7th - 9th, 2009

#### 4. **How to contribute to the MEDAR project**

Please help by sending us information on coming events, new software, resources, books, papers and journals. We will distribute it via this newsletter and put it on the MEDAR homepage [www.medar.info](http://www.medar.info).

If you wish to contribute to the work of the MEDAR project, please fill in the survey questionnaire about your language resources and/or the industry needs for language resources.

You can find a link to the survey questionnaire at: [www.medar.info](http://www.medar.info)

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