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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 Technology by Media International's IOL *(in English)*, and read the article about *MEDAR and Arabic 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. 2nd International Conference on Arabic Resources and Tools

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
  Contact: mhamalwy@hotmail.com

• 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.

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

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