Working Group 2: Meeting Minutes | Virtual, December 11, 2020

The following is a summary of the points discussed in our WG meeting.

## 1. Progress on actions agreed upon in the January 2020 meeting

* December 2020: Survey on the state-of-the-art on neural natural language processing
  + 18 contributors (members from WG1 and WG2)
  + Almost finished -- we investigate several different NLG tasks from 4 unique dimensions: multilinguality, multimodality, controllability, and learning strategies

Action points regarding the survey:

* + Finishing the draft by the end of this year (only conclusion and abstract sections are missing at the moment)
    - Collecting bullet point summaries from the for the conclusion by the end of next week
    - Albert will go over the draft
  + Contributing to NLP progress
    - Collecting information about authors’ implementations. We can use [our shared documen](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kVkWufCJu8hWh6Q9pJnNYyqUP0yprtCcHgJAvJIHaRk/edit#gid=630742675)t for this
  + Submitting a proposal to JAIR soon
  + Planning to submit the final version by the mid of February 2021

## 3. Action Website

* We will be using [a shared document](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13vRKbie_BSA_3otso-EPHNuX0WOvpaFnFuxqJW5K4-s/edit?usp=sharing) (follows WG1’s template) to keep the website up to date on the action related papers, preprints, datasets, code, etc.
* Emails of all members of WG2, for inclusion in the mailing list and WG2 Slack channel.

## 4. Planning of our next (full) meeting

* We plan a half-day virtual meeting at the beginning of February 2021. This will be after the ACL deadline (February 2)
* We will decide the exact date in mid January.
* The tentative agenda for the meeting:
  + Short presentations by the WG2 members (presentation of recent work or research interests
  + Discussion of the final
  + Discussion of possible survey on some aspect of grounding
  + Discussion of the progress on the second survey (computing efficient ML for NLG)
    - Kostas will take the lead from Marcyn