The Open Linguistics Working Group (OLWG)

The OLWG is an informal group that meets biannually to discuss various aspects of open linguistic data. The OLWG is currently composed of 34 members from 21 institutions across the globe (available at OLWG http://www.oli-project.org). OLWG works as a liaison between the Linguistic Data Consortium (LDC) and the Open Language Data Infrastructure (OLDI). The OLWG publishes an annual report summarizing the discussion and outcomes that are generated during the biannual meetings.

The OLWG’s historical background started in July 2009 when a group of researchers from LDC and OLDI met at the 2009 Large Scale Language Data Workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria. Before this meeting, a number of academics and researchers from the area of language engineering and linguistic data had been discussing the need for a standardised infrastructure for the exchange and sharing of linguistic data. The need for such an infrastructure was identified as one of the main barriers to the development of linguistic NLP tools.

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Technical background

The OLWG meets biannually to discuss various aspects of open linguistic data. The next OLWG meeting will be held in late November 2017 at the University of Technology in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The OLWG has established a number of working groups on various aspects of open linguistic data, including the following:

- The Core Group (CoG) is responsible for the overall coordination of the OLWG.
- The OLWG Working Group (OLWG-WG) is responsible for the technical aspects of the OLWG.
- The OLWG Steering Committee (OLWG-SC) is responsible for the strategic aspects of the OLWG.

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