A Coruña, October 2nd, 2014

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jesús Vilares, from the University of A Coruña (Spain). I had been granted with a **ESF Short Visit Grant (ref. 6895)** within the framework of the ESF-funded ELIAS Network, whose proposal title was “Attendance to the CLEF 2014 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum”.

Such a visit took place from 15 to 18 September and, as required in your guidelines, I attach to the present letter **the documents you ask for** (in order):

1. Scientific report (in the required format)
2. CLEF 2014 attendance certificate (justifying I made the stay)
3. CLEF 2014 registration bill (I had to pay with my wife’s credit card)
4. Booking/payment confirmation (detailing the items covered by the registration: the conference properly speaking and my accommodation, a student venue).
5. Flight tickets bill.
7. Train ticket: Manchester airport – Sheffield.
8. Train ticket: Sheffield - Manchester airport.
9. Taxi receipt: Sheffield train station – venue (I arrived quite late to Sheffield).
10. Bus ticket: venue - Sheffield train station

Finally, I would like to make notice that because of other appointments related with my job, the visit lasted 4 days (from 15 to 18 September) instead of the 5 days (from 14 to 18 September) originally planned.

Yours faithfully,

Jesús Vilares
The scientific report (WORD or PDF file – maximum of eight A4 pages) should be submitted online within one month of the event. It will be published on the ESF website.

Proposal Title: Attendance to the CLEF 2014 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum

Application Reference N°: 6895

1) Purpose of the visit

The purpose of this visit to the University of Sheffield (UK), the host institution, was to attend to the CLEF 2014 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum, which was held in that institution on 15-18 September. This conference was organized by the CLEF Initiative (Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum), a well-known European research institution, closely related to the ESF-founded ELIAS Network and whose aim is to promote research, innovation, and development of information access systems (with an emphasis on multilingual and multimodal information). This promotion is made by providing an infrastructure for multilingual and multimodal system testing, tuning and evaluation; the creation of reusable test collections for benchmarking; the exploration of new evaluation methodologies and innovative ways of using experimental data; and the discussion of results, comparison of approaches, exchange of ideas, and transfer of knowledge. Regarding to our attendance to CLEF 2014, it was due to:

1. Our participation in one of the evaluation labs held by the conference, the RepLab benchmarking activity on reputation management technologies (RepLab 2014). This workshop, organized by UNED, University of Amsterdam, Yahoo! Research Barcelona and Llorente & Cuenca, consists on a competitive evaluation exercise focused on the problem of monitoring the reputation of entities in Twitter.
2. Our desire to keep direct contact with the most relevant current trends in the Evaluation of Information Access Systems, looking for new fields where to apply our experience and new contacts to share with our experiences.

2) Description of the work carried out during the visit

During my attendance to the conference, my work consisted on the following. Firstly, to present and discuss our contribution to RepLab 2014 with the rest of participants in that challenge and any attendee to the event interested in our work. Our contribution, whose data are the following:


describes the participation of our research group, the Language in the Information Society (LYS) Research Group of the University of A Coruña (Spain), in the two tasks proposed within the RepLab 2014 challenge:

a. Reputation dimensions classification: It consists of the categorization of messages with respect to standard reputation dimensions: Performance, Leadership, Innovation, etc.

b. Author profiling: It consists itself of two (sub)tasks, which were evaluated separately:
   • Author Categorization: The characterization of Twitter profiles with respect to a certain activity domain, classifying authors as journalists, professionals, celebrities, etc.
   • Author Ranking: Given a set of Twitter profiles, the aim of this task is to find out which authors have more reputational influence (i.e., who the influencers or opinion makers are) and which profiles are more or less influential or have no influence at all (i.e., to rank those profiles according to their probability of being an opinion maker with respect to their concrete domain).

Both tasks were developed over tweets in two languages: English and Spanish. According to our expertise, we considered an approach based on the application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques in order to take into account part-of-speech, syntactic and semantic information. Moreover, although we have worked with both languages, the case of Spanish tweets is really interesting for us, since our group is specialized in Spanish NLP. Each task was addressed independently, since they responded to different requirements. The results obtained in our experiments confirm the competitiveness of our NLP-based approaches. In fact, we should remark that our group achieved the 2nd place, tied in practice with the 1st place, at the author ranking task; and the 3rd place at the reputation dimensions classification task.
Apart from attending the RepLab event, I used my time for attending to part of the rest of the workshops, with special interest in those more closely related to NLP: the CLEF QA Track, focused on several tasks of Question Answering and the PAN 2014 Workshop, focused on plagiarism detection, authorship attribution and author profiling.

3) Description of the main results obtained

With regard to the results, in the case of RepLab, several of the participants showed much interest in our NLP-based approach, particularly about how we made use of syntactic information extracted from the input text by means of parsing, a novel approach. As it is usual in this kind of events, the participants discussed and exchanged ideas about what to do (or not) in order to make good use of the techniques presented in the workshop, what could be the next challenge about, etc. In the case of the rest of the workshops I attended, although they dealt with different tasks than ours, the information obtained about some of the approaches presented there could be useful for our present or future work about NLP-based tweet processing and other research fields our group is working on.

4) Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)

Moreover, I maintained several informal meetings with other participants in order to discuss about our work and our group’s and the possibility, or not, of future collaborations.

5) Projected publications / articles resulting or to result from the grant (ESF must be acknowledged in publications resulting from the grantee’s work in relation with the grant)

6) Other comments (if any)

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To whom it may concern,

CLEF 2014 Annual Conference, 15-18 September 2014, University of Sheffield, UK

I hereby confirm that Jesus Vilares of Universidade da Coruña attended the CLEF 2014 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (clef2014.clef-initiative.eu), an academic event held in Sheffield (UK) from 15th September to 18th September 2014.

Paul Clough (General Chair for CLEF 2014)

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