

## Spoken CALL challenge

SLaTE 2017 will include a special session devoted to presentation and discussion of results obtained on the Spoken CALL Shared Task, jointly initiated by Université de Genève, University of Birmingham and Radboud University.

The task consists of labelling L2 English utterances by Swiss German teens as “accepted” or “rejected” in relation to a grammatically and linguistically correct gold standard.

The challenge has been launched to allow quantitative comparisons between methodologies used by different researchers on the same task.

Please refer to <https://regulus.unige.ch/spokencallsharedtask/> for instructions, data and further information.



## Call for papers

The workshop welcomes all topics related to speech and language technology in education. This includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- speech technology for first and second language learning and acquisition
- natural language processing for education
- spoken dialog systems for education
- applications using speech and/or natural language processing for education
- intelligent tutoring systems using speech and natural language
- robot-assisted learning
- development of language resources for SLaTE applications
- assessment and user studies of SLaTE methods and applications
- theoretical and methodological issues in SLaTE
- use of speech synthesis for language learning
- serious games in SLaTE
- SLaTE for communicative disorders and pathology

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## Venue: Djurönäset

SLaTE 2017 will be held at the island of Djurö, which is as far out in the archipelago as you can go by car.

Djurönäset is a four-star conference and spa hotel embedded in lush pine surroundings at the border of the sea. It is well-renowned for its high-quality Scandinavian cuisine made from locally produced ingredients, the beautiful premises and surroundings, and the high standard of conference services.

The hotel has a 25-meter indoor pool with sauna, a gym and a wood-fired sauna by the sea.

### Boarding conference

The conference will run from the morning of August 25th to late afternoon of August 26th. Registration will, in addition to access to the workshop sessions and digital workshop proceedings, include accommodation for one night, all meals on August 25-26 (lunch, conference dinner, breakfast), coffee breaks, free wifi and access to pool, sauna and gym.

Optional arrival on August 24th at extra cost.

## Getting There

Djurönäset is easy to reach by public bus or car from the city centre of Stockholm (where INTERSPEECH is held August 20-24, 2017).

**Public bus:** 50 minutes from Slussen, Stockholm

**Car/Taxi:** 40 minutes (42 km) from Stockholm; 1h 14 min (84 km) from Arlanda Airport.

**Boat:** 2-4 hour trips (depending on timetable) from Stockholm to Stavsånäs, touring the archipelago.



## Welcome (back) to the Stockholm Archipelago

SLaTE 2017 returns to where it all started, with the STiLL 98 (Speech Technology in Language Learning) workshop held at Marholmen, Stockholm archipelago, in 1998.

