### Cognitive Linguistics Symposium and Round Table

### *Building Figurative Language Repositories*

### *Methods, Risks, and Challenges*

**Zagreb, Croatia, May 27th–28th 2016**

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***Croatian Metaphor Repository***

**Keynote speakers:**

**Eve Sweetser**, University of California, Berkeley (USA)

**George Lakoff,** University of California, Berkeley (USA) (video-link)

**Invited speakers:**

**Antonio Barcelona**, University of Cordoba (Spain)

**Mario Brdar**, University of Osijek (Croatia)

**Rita Brdar-Szabó**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Hungary)

**Zoltán Kövecses**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Hungary)

**Klaus-Uwe Panther**, University of Hamburg (Germany)

**Günter Radden**, University of Hamburg (Germany)

**Francisco Ruiz de Mendoza**, University of La Rioja, Logroño (Spain)

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This symposium gathers a number of top cognitive linguists whose main research interests involve conceptual metaphor and metonymy theory and/or neural theory of language at an interactive and productive series of talks and discussions.

The invited speakers will present some of the most recent and prominent endeavors in this area and provide a variety of approaches to the topic. The focus will be on interdisciplinary methods of research that lead towards the building of figurative language repositories (i.e. repositories of cognitive primitives, image schemas, frames, conceptual metaphors, and metonymies), such as the most prominent *MetaNet: A Multilingual Metaphor Repository* project housed at the International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley, California, or its sister project *Croatian Metaphor Repository*, housed at the Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics. Such repositories are a prerequisite for building a computer system capable of understanding metaphors and figurative language.

The symposium will also feature a round table discussion on the methods, risks, and challenges of building such repositories.

The symposium will hopefully result in the proposal of a joint multidisciplinary project to build amultilingual multilayered lexical and semantic repositorythat will bring together cognitive science, linguistics, computational science, and psychology with the aim of advancing artificial intelligence research.

We invite scholars who feel they can contribute to the topic with a 30-minute talk as part of the invited talks session to send an abstract (up to 400 words excluding references) to Kristina Despot ([kdespot@ihjj.hr](mailto:kdespot@ihjj.hr)) no later than March 1st. The Scientific Committee will select three talks to be presented at the symposium and published in the symposium proceedings. Notification of acceptance/rejection will be sent by March 15th.

If you are interested in attending this event and taking part in the round table, please register via email to Ivan Pandžić (ipandzic@ihjj.hr) no later than May 1st.

All information about the symposium is available on the *Croatian Metaphor Repository* project website (<http://ihjj.hr/metafore/>).