

I, Julio Gonzalo, state and declare as follows:

1. I am a professor at Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) and a member of the UNED group in Natural Language Processing and Information Retrieval.
2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.
3. The Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) is the premier international scientific and professional society for people working on computational linguistics or natural language processing (NLP). ACL holds an annual meeting, which is one of the leading conferences of the field.
4. In 1998, the 36th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'98) and the 17th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING'98) held a single, major joint conference (COLING-ACL'98) on the campus of Université de Montréal at Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
5. The COLING-ACL'98 conference was a landmark event because it was the second combined conference held by COLING and ACL.
6. I attended the conference as one of the presenters at the "Usage of WordNet in Natural Language Processing Systems" workshop on August 16, 1998. The focus of this workshop was to bring together researchers that use WordNet in natural language processing applications. The topic of my presentation was titled "Indexing with WordNet Synsets can Improve Text Retrieval."
7. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the COLING-ACL'98 workshop on "Usage of WordNet in Natural Language Processing Systems," obtained from Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) (<https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W98-0700.pdf>). Page 1 of Exhibit A shows the workshop

date on August 16, 1998, page 2 includes a copyright date of 1998, and pages 4-5 identify the program schedule and the workshop papers. A true and correct copy of my paper titled “Indexing with WordNet synsets can improve text retrieval” is included in Exhibit A from pages 8-14, obtained from ACL (<https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W98-0705.pdf>).

8. Paper copies of the workshop papers were made available to attendees of the conference during the conference, and additional copies of the proceedings could be ordered directly from ACL. In addition, all of the conference papers were made available on the conference Web site.

9. I also submitted a copy of my paper to the public archive arxiv.org hosted by Cornell University on August 5, 1998.

10. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of Cornell University’s bibliographic data of my paper titled, “Indexing with WordNet synsets can improve text retrieval” printed from Cornell University (<https://arxiv.org/abs/cmp-lg/9808002v1>). Page 1 of Exhibit B shows that I submitted my paper on Wednesday, August 5, 1998, at 14:13:08 UTC. A true and correct copy of my paper is included in Exhibit B from pages 3-9, obtained from Cornell University (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/cmp-lg/9808002v1.pdf>). Page 3 of Exhibit B identifies the submission date on the first page of my paper.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

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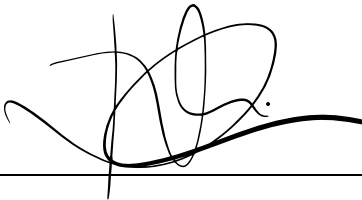


Exhibit A

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