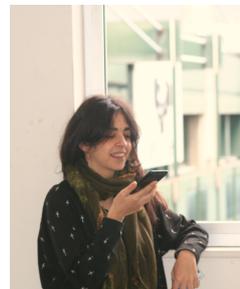


Awards and mentions

- **ENEKO AGIRRE**, together with the IXA research group, will receive one of Google's research awards ([Google Faculty Research Awards](#)) of \$ 80,000 to develop their research in artificial intelligence 'Accessing FAQ and COA sites via dialogue' which is focused on developing systems of dialogue to be able to converse with the machines on the existing information in Internet.



- **THE IXA RESEARCH GROUP** has obtained one of the research grants from The BBVA Foundation. Out of 618 applications, one of the selected projects in the Big Data area, is the project led by Eneko Agirre. The main objective is to use Deep Learning and large collections of text to transfer the knowledge that already exists in word processing in English to other languages, in a way that improves the understanding of texts in Spanish, Catalan, Basque and Galician. Natural Language Processing is part of Artificial Intelligence, since it aims for computers to understand the meaning of texts. This area has produced very popular applications such as machine translation or Internet searching. Currently, English is the language with the most resources, that is, there are programs that analyze this language and extract the necessary knowledge for a specific application from large text flows. This research team wants to extrapolate this understanding to Spanish, Catalan, Basque and Galician. [More information](#)

International awards show us that the research done here is of high level and interest

- **MIKEL ARTETXE** has received one of the Facebook grants for the completion of his doctoral thesis. Mikel is doing his doctorate at the UPV / EHU, within the IXA research group of the Computer Science Faculty, after completing the master's degree in Language Analysis and Processing. This year Facebook has awarded 21 PhD candidates from more than 900 applicants. The Facebook grant has a duration of two years and an economic contribution of 37,000 dollars per year and a complementary aid for attending conferences.



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"The Facebook scholarship - explained Mikel Artetxe - is a recognition of the work done so far, as well as a very important support to continue advancing in my research career. On a personal level I am very happy, but I do not want to lose the perspective of the precariousness suffered by doctoral students in general. The very fact that it is a foreign multinational that will allow me to continue in decent conditions should invite us to reflect."

- **OLATZ PEREZ DE VIÑASPRE** won on May 8th the [VI. Koldo Mitxelena Award](#) for PhD Theses organized by [Euskaltzaindia](#) (the Academy of Basque Language) and the [University of the Basque Country](#). This thesis dealt with the creation of computational tools to promote the use of Basque in health services.



- **AITOR ORMAZABAL** received the award for the best Degree Thesis at the SEPLN2019 conference (Spanish Society for Natural Language Processing) for his work "[Embedding eleartekoak sortzeko mapak eta metodoen mugen azterketa](#)" (Analysis of the limitations of methods and maps for the creation of interlingual embedding) supervised by Eneko Agirre and Aitor Soroa.



- **JAVIER DE MARTIN GIL** has been nominated for the **Bizintek 2018 Award** "Premio Bizintek 2018 al Proyecto de Fin de Grado para Ingenieros" with his work "[Modelo basado en redes neuronales para la predicción de disponibilidad de un sistema urbano de préstamo de bicicletas](#)" (Neural network-based model for predicting availability in an urban bicycle loan system) supervised by Aholab team member Ibon Saratxaga. In the end, he won the second prize of the award.



- The University of the Basque Country has recognized **INMA HERNÁEZ**'s academic and research career on the occasion of International Women's Day. [More information](#)



Activities

Seminars

International visitors and Research Stays

Workshop organization

Seminars

1. *El Procesamiento del Lenguaje Natural (PLN) como recurso para el desarrollo de herramientas automáticas de ayuda a la redacción*

Iria Da Cunha

03/12/2019

2. *COST Action*

Itziar Aldabe

27/11/2019

3. *Métodos avanzados de Geoparsing para el reconocimiento de entidades nombradas y georreferenciación en texto libre*

Alejandro Molina

24/06/2019

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4. *Automated and Assisted Content Scoring in Mono- and Cross-Lingual Educational Settings*
Andrea Horbach
17/09/2019
5. *Developing broad computational linguistic analyses of linguistic complexity - and using them to explore adaptivity in theory and practice*
Detmar Meurers
08/07/2019
6. *Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing*
Xavier Giro
05/07/2019
7. *EusDisParser*
Mikel Iruskiet
01/07/2019
8. *Deep Understanding for Automatic coding to the 2018 SEER/NAACCR Requirements and Comparison to Deep Learning Methods*
Jon Patrick
24/06/2019
9. *Social Psychology. Modern data analytics*
J.J. Pizarro, A. Mathias y L.N. Zumeta
18/06/2019
10. *DeepReading*
Rodrigo Agerri y German Rigau
17/06/2019
11. *Laburpen gaitasunaren garpena eta eskolako laburpen-testuen prozesamendua*
Unai Atutxa
03/06/2019
12. *Galderen sorkuntza eta testu ulermena*
Montse Maritxalar, Itziar Aldabe y Oier Lopez de Lacalle
27/05/2019
13. *Medikuntza bestelako lanak*
Aitziber Atutxa
20/05/2019

14. *Aholab signal Processing Laboratory: Past, Present and Future activities*
Inma Hernaez
13/05/2019
15. *Euskarazko prentsa digitalerako garatutako hemeroteka-sistema*
Xabier Saralegi y Zuhaitz Beloki
06/05/2019
16. *Linguistic Linked Open Data*
Arantxa Otegi
29/04/2019
17. *English-Irish Machine Translations*
Meghan Dowling
11/03/2019
18. *LIHLITH*
Arantxa Otegi
09/04/2019
19. *Lexicography and Digital Humanities*
Davide Lindemann
22/03/2019
20. *LINGUATEC*
Kepa Sarasola e Itziar Aldabe
04/03/2019
21. *Zertarako erabili dezakegu euskarako itzulpen automatikoa?*
Nora Aranberri
18/02/2019
22. *Itzulpen automatikoko proiektuak: Tadeep, Modena eta Domino*
Gorka Labaka
28/01/2019
23. *Lengoaia naturalaren prozesamendua eta medikuntza: gaztelaniazko txosten medikoen azterketa*
Koldo Gojenola
14/01/2019

24. *Osasun-txostenen itzulpen automatikoa euskararen eta gazteleraren artean*

Xabier Soto

07/01/2019

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

1. *Iria da Cunha*

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Madrid, España

12/2019

2. *Alejandro Molina*

Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología - CentroGeo, Yucatán, México

09//2019

3. *Andrea Orbach*

Language Technology Lab, Unversitat Duisburg Essen, Duisburg, Germany

09/2019

4. *Detmar Meurers*

Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

07/2019

5. *Jon Patrick*

Health Language Analytics, Sydney, Australia

06/2019

6. *Meghan Dowling*

Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland

01/2019 - 04/2019

RESEARCH STAYS

1. *Olatz Arregi*

Queen Mary, University of London, UK

05/2019

2. *Xabier Soto*
Dublin City University, Irlanda
08/2019 - 10/2019
3. *Arantxa Otegi*
Université Paris-Sud, Francia
11/2019
4. *Jon Ander Campos*
Université Paris-Sud, Francia
11/2019 - 01/2020

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

1. *Workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking*
Amir Zeldes, Debopam Das, Erick G. Maziero, Juliano A. Desiderato, Mikel Iruskieta
05/06/2019
2. *Dialogue Systems and lifelong learning satellite workshop Arantxa Otegi*
Université Paris-Sud, Francia
24/04/2019 - 26/04/2019
3. *First Crowdfest organized with the enetCollect COST action.*
Sophie Rosset, Eneko Agirre, Mark Cieliebak, Olivier Galibert, Sahar Ghannay, Arantxa Otegi, Anselmo Peñas, Camille Pradel, Anne Vilnat
23/01/2019 - 25/01/2019