

UCM Project AVLA

CALING (*Corpus de Accesibilidad Lingüística*) Corpus: accessibility and real informants evaluation

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Colaborations from different institutions:

- CSIM (SSL teachers): deaf and hearing teachers expert in SSL.
- ONCE (Víctor López, Responsible for the Accessibility Department, Fundación ONCE): blind informants.

Project description

- **Continuation** of previous research projects (starting in 2013) based on the use of new technologies and methodologies applied to teaching and learning AVT modes, in the last years focused on accessibility modes.
- **Design** of new materials, resources and evaluation for the use of those methodologies applied to teaching and learning AVT modes: in the last years (since 2017) we have focused on subtitling for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and audio description for the blind or partially-sighted.
- **Compilation of the CALING corpus** which include both university students activities on SDH and AD and the evaluation of real recipients: deaf and blind informants evaluating the students production.
- The **analysis and evaluation** have been carried out through some questionnaires.

Evaluations: questionnaires

- Evaluations through questionnaires filled out by the real informants (so far 10 for the SDH and 10 for the AD).
- Evaluations include questions related to both technical and linguistic/cultural issues and they were designed by the members of the research project based on the different legislation on SDH and AD (for the two questionnaires used, see Rica Peromingo, 2019).
- The real informants fill out one questionnaire per each of the students' activities that are part of the CALING corpus.

Project webpage: <http://avlearningarchive.com/>



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About us

The project (funded by the UCM) consists of the use of new methodologies and technologies applied to the teaching and learning of the different modes of audiovisual translation (AVT), especially the ones related to accessibility: subtitling for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and audiodescription for the blind or partially-sighted. The main goal is to design materials, resources and evaluation processes in order to put into practice these new technologies and methodologies for teaching and learning.

The project includes the compilation of the CALING corpus (Corpus de Accesibilidad Lingüística) which includes a database of different activities designed by the research group and used in different audiovisual translations university classes to teach the different modes of audiovisual translation: dubbing, subtitling for hearing population, subtitling for the deaf (SDH) and audiodescription for the blind (AD). The project also includes the evaluation by real recipients of the students' activities compiled in the CALING corpus.

Director of the project:

Dr. Juan Pedro Rica Peromingo (English Studies, Universidad Complutense de Madrid).

SDH and AD activities in the CALING corpus

	Movie and TV series scenes with AD					Total
	Up	Carmina y amén	Breakfast at Tiffany's	The Handmaid's Tale	Inside Out	
Number of activities compiled	74	63	28	10	6	181
Number of activities analyzed	59	47	20	5	3	134
Number of real informants	10					10

	Movie and TV series scenes with SDH					Total
	Finding Nemo	The King's Speech	Agora	Up	The Handmaid's Tale	
Number of activities compiled	85	66	43	43	31	268
Number of activities analyzed	67	57	35	35	13	207
Number of real informants	10					10

Some preliminary results: SDH evaluations

- The **SDH** produced by the students have been positively evaluated in general.
- The use of the **four basic colors** (yellow, green, cyan and magenta) for the different characters has been widely accepted and positively evaluated.
- The **subtitles speed** has been appropriate in general.
- The **position of the subtitles** and the contextual information were positively evaluated.
- The informants pointed out that the **information included** in the subtitles was literal with little adaptation or modification of the information.

Some preliminary results: AD evaluations

- The students have included **too much information in the AD**: those real informants felt “exhausted” with the AD created by the students.
- The **voice** sounded a bit monotonous.
- **Synchronization** was valued positively.
- The **text inserted** was valued positively, as well.
- The **volumen** of the voice was appropriate and clear in general.
- The **sentences** were short and clear.
- And **pauses** among sentences were also correct.

Future venues of research

- **Go on** with the Project edition this year, compiling more SDH and AD students activities and more evaluations from the part of the real informants.
- Make all the **repository available** for teachers, students and researchers on accessibility through the Project webpage: <http://avlearningarchive.com/>.
- Suggest **changes** in some aspects in the Norma UNE 153010 (for SDH) and Norma UNE 153020 (for AD) based on the results obtained in this study.
- Improve **teaching and learning** AVT modes, specifically those concerning accessibility.
- **Collaborate** with COST LEAD-ME and with other national/international projects (MAP, RAD, etc.)
- **Contributors** for the CALING corpus are welcome :-)

Thank you very much for your attention!

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