

## Preface: Program Committee Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Program Committee for the ACL 2000, we are pleased to present the papers accepted for presentation at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, held in Hong Kong, October 3-6, 2000.

We received a 267 submissions from xxx countries. 70 papers were selected for presentation. These include the xxx papers from the four community-proposed theme areas.

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Selection of papers was not an easy task. The area chairs, theme chairs and the reviewers can not be thanked enough for their conscientious effort and the careful job they performed. Reviewing was blind to all reviewers as well as the area and the theme chairs. Over xxx reviewers drawn from xxx countries reported to the area chairs and the theme chairs. All those who contributed are named on the following pages, but we would particularly like to express our thanks to the eight area chairs: Key-Sun Choi (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea), Walter Daelmans (University of Antwerp, Belgium), Dan Jurafsky (University of Colorado, USA), Yuji Matsumoto (Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan), Johanna D. Moore (University of Edinburgh, UK), Martha S. Palmer (University of Pennsylvania, USA), Ellen Riloff (University of Utah, USA) and Giorgio Satta (University of Padua, Italy); and the eight theme chairs: The program committee comprising of the eight area chairs spent two intensive days in Newark, Delaware making the final decisions.

We are honored to have as invited speakers such internationally recognized researchers as Susan E. Brennan, Roger K. Moore and Jun'ichi Tsujii. We would like to extend our special thanks to them for having kindly agreed to present their unique perspectives to us.

We are thankful to Aravind Joshi for organizing a panel discussing computational linguistics programs in South and South-East Asia. We would also like to express our thanks to the panelists xxx for their participation.

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Welcome to ACL 2000.

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