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Preface by the Conference Organizers

We are excited to welcome you to *SEM 2025, the 14th Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics! We are pleased to present this volume containing the accepted long and short papers. *SEM 2025 is being held from November 8 to 9, 2025, in Suzhou, China, co-located with EMNLP 2025.

Since its first edition in 2012, *SEM has become a major venue to present recent advances in all areas of lexical and computational semantics, including semantic representations, theoretical semantics, multilingual semantics, and others. *SEM is sponsored by SIGLEX, the ACL Special Interest Group on the Lexicon.

*SEM 2025 accepted both papers submitted directly to *SEM and those already reviewed through ARR (ACL Rolling Review). We received submissions in 4 tracks:

- Empirical and data-driven approaches
- Theoretical aspects of computational semantics
- Applications or tools
- Resources and evaluation

We compiled an exciting and wide-ranging program, accepting a total of 35 papers (26 long papers and 9 short papers). The submitted papers were carefully evaluated by a program committee led by 10 area chairs, who coordinated a large team of reviewers. The reviews were almost all of very high-quality, and for that we are extremely grateful! Area chairs then added meta-reviews to explain their accept/reject decisions. The final selection was made by the program co-chairs after a careful check of the reviews, meta-reviews, and discussions with the area chairs.

We are also very excited to have three excellent keynote speakers: Yue Zhang from Westlake University, Thamar Solorio from Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI) and Yuki Arase from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

We are honored to serve as the organizing committee for *SEM 2025, and we absolutely could not have made this happen without a huge amount of help. First, tremendous thanks to all area chairs and reviewers for their invaluable help in selecting the program, for their engagement in thoughtful discussions, and for providing valuable feedback to authors. Second, thanks to our Publicity Chair Kemal Kurniawan (University of Melbourne) for taking care of the website and social media updates. Next, thanks to our Publication Chairs Danilo Croce (University of Rome) and Milad Alshomary (Columbia University) for putting together the proceedings, and to the EMNLP 2025 workshop organizers for help and support with all organizational aspects of the conference. Finally, thank you to the authors and presenters for making *SEM 2025 such an engaging and exciting event! We hope that you will find the content of these proceedings as engaging as we do, and we hope to see you at future iterations of *SEM!

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