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Introduction

The 2017 Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL) is the 21st in the series of annual meetings organized by SIGNLL, the ACL special interest group on natural language learning. CoNLL 2017 will be held on August 3–4, 2017, and is co-located with the 55th annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) in Vancouver, Canada.

As in most previous years, in order to accommodate papers with experimental material and detailed analysis/proofs, CoNLL 2017 invited only long papers, allowing eight pages of content plus unlimited pages of references and supplementary material in initial submission. Final, camera-ready submissions were allowed one additional page, so that all papers in the proceedings have a maximum of nine content pages plus unlimited pages of references and supplementary material.

CoNLL 2017 received a record number of 280 submissions in total, out of which 2 had to be rejected for formal reasons, and 12 were withdrawn by the authors during the review period. Of the remaining 271 papers, 50 papers were chosen to appear in the conference program, with an overall acceptance rate of 18.7%, the lowest ever for the conference. Seven of these were withdrawn after the notification, resulting in 43 papers for the final program: 20 selected for oral presentation, and the remaining 23 for poster presentation plus lightning oral presentation. All 43 papers appear here in the conference proceedings.

CoNLL 2017 features two invited talks, given by Chris Dyer (Google DeepMind) and Naomi Feldman (University of Maryland), and two shared tasks: one on Universal Morphological Reinflection and one on Multilingual Parsing from Raw Text to Universal Dependencies. Papers accepted for the shared tasks are published in companion volumes of the CoNLL 2017 proceedings.

We would like to thank all the authors who submitted their work to CoNLL 2017, and the program committee for helping us select the best papers out of many high-quality submissions. We are grateful to the many program committee members who answered positively to our late requests for reviewing assistance due to the unexpectedly large number of submissions. For this year's CoNLL, we allowed simultaneous submission to other conferences, and in order to ease the burden on the community of reviewers we implemented limited, partial cross-conference review sharing with EMNLP for papers submitted to both conferences. We are grateful to the EMNLP chairs, Rebecca Hwa and Sebastian Riedel, for working together with us, and to the EMNLP program committee members who participated in this process. We are also grateful to our invited speakers and to the SIGNLL board members. In particular, we are immensely thankful to Julia Hockenmaier for her valuable advice and assistance in putting together this year's program and proceedings. We also thank Ben Verhoeven, for maintaining the CoNLL 2017 website. We are grateful to the ACL organization for helping us with the program, proceedings and logistics. Finally, our gratitude goes to our sponsor, Google Inc., for supporting the best paper award at CoNLL 2017.

We hope you enjoy the conference!

Roger Levy and Lucia Specia

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