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### **Preface**

We are delighted to introduce the proceedings of the 11th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, organized under the auspices of SIGDAT, the ACL Special Interest Group for linguistic data and corpus-based approaches to NLP.

This was a wonderfully fruitful year for EMNLP; we received 234 submissions, drawn from every area of language processing. Of these we were able to accept 73 papers (an acceptance rate of 31%), making for an unusually broad and exciting program. 43 of the papers were presented as talks, and 30 as posters.

The papers were selected by a program committee of 13 area chairs from Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America, ably assisted by a superb panel of 258 reviewers, also from all over the world. We are deeply indebted to the area chairs and the reviewers for their tireless and generous work.

Additional thanks to to the Publications Chair, Eric Ringger, who put this volume together, to the Local Arrangements Chair, James Curran, to the COLING/ACL Organizing Committee, especially Claire Cardie and Suzanne Stevenson, for constant advice, and to David Yarowsky and Ken Church of SIGDAT for fielding many questions. Special thanks go to the student volunteers at Stanford (Dan Cer, Pi-Chuan Chang, Surabhi Gupta, William Morgan, Yun-Hsuan Sung, and Huihsin Tseng).

We wish you all an enjoyable and thought-provoking conference.

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# **Conference Program Outline**

### Saturday, 22 July 2006

7:45–9:00	Registration
8:15-8:25	Welcome from the Organizers
8:25–10:30	Sessions 1a and 1b
10:30-11:00	Morning Coffee Break
11:00–12:15	Sessions 2a and 2b
12:15–1:45	Lunch
1:45–2:35	Sessions 3a and 3b
2:35–3:30	Invited Talk
3:30-4:00	Afternoon Coffee Break
4:00-6:30	Long Poster Session 1 and Welcome Reception

# **Sunday, 23 July 2006**

8:25–10:30	Sessions 4a and 4b
10:30–11:00	Morning Coffee Break
11:00–12:30	Short Poster Session 2
12:30–1:45	Lunch
1:45–3:25	Sessions 5a and 5b
3:30-4:00	Afternoon Coffee Break
4:00-5:15	Sessions 6a and 6b

# **Conference Program In Detail**

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9:40–10:05	Detecting Parser Errors Using Web-based Semantic Filters Alexander Yates, Stefan Schoenmackers and Oren Etzioni
10:05–10:30	Distributional measures of concept-distance: A task-oriented evaluation Saif Mohammad and Graeme Hirst
	Session 1b: MT
8:25–8:50	Session 1b: MT  SPMT: Statistical Machine Translation with Syntactified Target Language Phrases  Daniel Marcu, Wei Wang, Abdessamad Echihabi and Kevin Knight
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2:10–2:35	Multilingual Deep Lexical Acquisition for HPSGs via Supertagging Phil Blunsom and Timothy Baldwin

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Lexical Reference: a Semantic Matching Subtask

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Semantic Role Labeling via Instance-Based Learning

Chi-san Althon Lin and Tony C. Smith

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Short Poster Session 2: Sentiment, WSD, Machine Learning Models and Methods, Term and Entity Extraction (11:00–12:30)

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Automatically Assessing Review Helpfulness

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