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# Preface

The ACL 2011 Workshop on *Relational Models of Semantics* (RELMS 2011) took place on June 23, 2011 in Portland, Oregon, USA, immediately following the 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (ACL 2011).

We had envisioned the workshop as a meeting place for those concerned with a view of semantics deeper than what a word or a collocation carry in text. A non-trivial text describes relations among the entities and events to which it refers. While models of meaning which focus on the lexical stratum are undoubtedly important, it is relations that bind individual pieces together.

The modelling of semantic relations has taken a variety of forms in natural language processing. Ontology learning and information extraction focus on learning "encyclopedic" relations between entities in the domain of the discourse. Structured prediction tasks such as semantic role labelling or biomedical event extraction require reasoning about the relational content of a text: which entities and events mentioned are interrelated. The interpretation of compound nouns – in the presence of little contextual knowledge – benefits from recognizing probable and plausible relations between two entities. And so on.

Reality seldom lives up to expectations, so we have been fortunate to receive a number of good submissions. The participants found out how rich language resources can advance the cause of deep semantic analysis (the invited talk by Martha Palmer and the paper by Coyne et al.) and how such resources can be built up (Ayşe et al. and Bonial et al.). They further heard about discovering elements implicit in texts (Tonelli and Delmonte, Gerber and Chai). There were also papers on classifying relations (Choi, Palmer and Jamison), on information extraction (Surdeanu et al.) and even on the connection between relations and sentiment (Kolya et al.). We thank the Authors for letting us put together such an interestingly varied program.

The success of the workshop was only possible with the support of all of the authors who submitted their papers for review and then presented them, the program committee members who constructively assessed the submissions, the invited speaker (Martha Palmer) and the panelists (Timothy Baldwin, Eduard Hovy, Saif Mohammad, and Sebastian Riedel) who shared their views on interesting topics, and the registered participants. We thank them all for their support for this workshop.

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Martha Palmer, University of Colorado

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