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Preface

We are pleased to present the 10 papers that have been accepted for presentation at the first HLT/NAACL Doctoral Consortium (New York City, June 2006). The goal of this event is to create an opportunity for a group of senior Ph.D. students to discuss and explore their research and career objectives with a panel of researchers in the fields of natural language processing, speech technology, and information retrieval. The event is also an opportunity for students to gain exposure for their work among the entire HLT/NAACL research community.

On June 4, 2006, the 10 participating students share their research in the form of short “job talk” presentations and receive feedback from a panel of researchers drawn from industry and academia. The day also includes a panel presentation by established researchers on the topic of “How to best present yourself on the academic/industrial job market.” We would like to thank all of the researchers who have volunteered to serve on panels throughout the day.

Students also participate in a poster session held during the main HLT/NAACL conference and have their professional biography, research abstract, and photograph included in a face book to be distributed to all attendees of HLT/NAACL-2006.

This year, we received 18 submissions representing 8 countries. We would like to thank all of the authors who have submitted their work to this event.

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