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FOREWORD

The second DARPA-sponsored Speech and Natural Language Workshop was held on Cape Cod on 15-18 October 1989. Approximately 120 people representing a wide range of research groups and government agencies attended this by-invitation-only workshop. Of the non-DARPA participants, AT&T was heavily represented and made particularly important contributions.

Significant technical advances were reported during the formal sessions. Informal discussions filled much of the remaining time and often lasted late into the evening. The speech and natural language sessions were interleaved, and the two research communities interacted in meaningful ways.

This bulk of this Proceedings consists of short overviews of the twelve sessions plus the technical papers presented during those sessions. Following the papers is a set of brief project summaries describing the focus of each DARPA-sponsored group. At the end are two white papers with important observations about the speech and natural language fields.

Many people, including all the authors who contributed to this volume, worked long and hard to make the workshop a success. Special recognition goes to Victor Zue, who served as General Chair. An organizing committee consisting of Lyn Bates, Ralph Grishman, Lynette Hirschman, Steve Levinson, John Makhoul, Patti Price, and Cliff Weinstein worked with Victor to design the program. Mary Sullivan assembled the Proceedings.

The cover artwork suggests both the location of the workshop and the speech understanding capabilities of MIT's VOYAGER system shown on videotape at the workshop and described in the paper beginning on page 51.

Charles L. Wayne
Program Manager

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