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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Gender Bias in Natural Language Processing, held in conjunction with the 2022 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics – Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT2022). This year, the organization committee changed membership: Kellie Webster made way for Christine Basta and Gabriel Stanovsky. Kellie has been one of the main reasons for the success of this workshop and we would like to thank her for her valuable and enthusiastic contribution to this workshop. We are glad to welcome our two co-organizers and look forward to sharing their insights and expertise.

This year, the workshop received 33 submissions of technical papers (12 long papers, 21 short papers), of which 28 were accepted (11 long, 17 short), for an acceptance rate of 84%. We are pleased to see an increased interest compared to our previous editions in the last three years: the submissions have increased this year to 33 papers compared to 18 papers last year and 19 papers in 2019 and 2020. Furthermore, the high quality of the submissions allowed us to have a higher acceptance rate this year of 84% compared to the previous years, where the acceptance rate was 63%, 68% and 67% respectively. Once more, we thank the Programme Committee members, who provided extremely valuable reviews in terms of technical content and bias statements, for the high-quality selection of research works.

The accepted papers cover a wide range of natural language processing research areas. From the core tasks of NLP, the papers include language modeling and generation, annotation, machine translation, word embeddings, and evaluation. New aspects regarding the analysis and the debiasing mechanisms are introduced and we are excited about the discussions these will inspire. Besides English, we have interesting studies targeting Inuktikut, Hindi and Marathi as well as Chinese, Italian, French and Spanish. All papers cover a variety of gender (and intersectional) bias studies as well as a taxonomy definition.

Finally, the workshop has two keynotes by speakers of high standing: Kellie Webster and Kevin Robinson, Google Research, and Kai-Wei Chang, University of California (UCLA-CS). We also have a panel under the theme of Evaluating gender bias in NLP and we are looking forward to the insights of this panel.

We are very pleased to keep the high interest that this workshop has generated over the last three editions and we look forward to an enriching discussion on how to address bias problems in NLP applications when we meet at a hybrid event on 15 July 2022!

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