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## Preface

The international RANLP conference is a well-established biennial forum for computational linguists and Natural Language Processing (NLP) practitioners which continues to report important trends in the field. In 2023 the programme was dominated by research on developing or exploiting pre-trained large language models (LLMs) and the deep learning technology which was the reason to assign the subtitle ‘LLMs for NLP’ to the volume. The highlights of this year included the urgent and challenging topics such as responsible and explainable machine learning, quality of the existing datasets, multimodality and multilinguality.

The conferences attracted 165 submissions and accepted 31 regular papers, 59 short papers, 41 posters, and 4 demos (excluding workshops). The event was attended by over 170 participants from over 35 countries.

The conference in 2023 features six keynote speakers:

- Eduard Hovy (University of Melbourne, Australia and Carnegie Mellon University, USA),
- Tharindu Ranasinghe (Aston University, UK),
- Sandra Kübler (Indiana University Bloomington, USA),
- Lucas Beyer (Google Brain, Switzerland),
- Isabelle Augenstein (University of Copenhagen, Denmark),
- Efstatios Stamatatos (University of the Aegean, Greece).

The proceedings cover a wide variety of NLP topics, including training, adaptation, evaluation and explanation of language models, multimodal studies, language resources, machine translation, NLP for social sciences and literary studies, simplification and summarisation, topic modelling, opinion-mining and sentiment analysis, fake news, bias and hate speech detection.

In 2023 RANLP was preceded by the summer school ‘Deep Learning for NLP’ and pre-conference tutorials, and hosted a record number of post-conference workshops on popular NLP topics:

- LT-EDI 2023 – Third Workshop on Language Technology for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- DravidianLangTech 2023 – Third Workshop on Speech and Language Technologies for Dravidian languages
- TSAR 2023 – Workshop on Text Simplification, Accessibility and Readability
- ALP 2023 – Workshop on Ancient Language Processing
- HumEval 2023 – Third Workshop on Human Evaluation of NLP Systems
- BUCC 2023 – 16th Workshop on Building and Using Comparable Corpora
- CASE 2023 – 6th Workshop on Challenges and Applications of Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from Text
- ConTeNTS 2023 – Computational Terminology in NLP and Translation Studies
- NLP4TIA 2023 – NLP tools and resources for translation and interpreting applications

In addition to thanking the keynote speakers and workshop organisers who accepted our invitation, we would like to thank the lecturers and tutors of the Summers school and tutorials.

We are grateful to the members of the Programme Committee and all additional reviewers. They ensured that the best papers were included in the Proceedings and provided invaluable comments to the authors.

We would like to use this paragraph to acknowledge the members of the Organising Committee, who worked very hard during the last few months and whose dedication and efforts made the organisation of this event possible. The members of the Organising Committee (listed in alphabetical order below) carried out numerous organisational tasks and were eager to step in and support the organisation of the conference whenever needed: Khadija Ait Elfqih, Elena Blagoeva, Marie Escribe, Emma Franklin, Amal Haddad Haddad, Jessica López Espejel, Teodora Mihajlov and Nikolai Nikolov.

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