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Announcements

ACL Book Series

A new book series has been announced by the Cambridge University Press. It is entitled *Studies in Natural Language Processing*, and has Aravind K. Joshi as the General Editor.

The Association for Computational Linguistics is sponsoring this series of monographs, texts, and collections of papers on scientific and scholarly topics which represent the range of professional activity of concern to its membership. Methods of investigation include the algorithmic, mathematical, and heuristic methods of formal linguistics and artificial intelligence, and the experimental methods of cognitive psychology and psycholinguistics.

It is anticipated that books to appear in the series will be of three general types: research monographs, textbooks, and collections of papers. Research monographs, aimed at the professional reader, will be detailed reports of significant research projects or literature reviews of a size beyond the compass of a journal article. Appropriately revised doctoral dissertations of particularly high quality may be considered for inclusion in the series in this category.

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The third category of books will be collections of papers. These will in no case be proceedings of general meetings or otherwise heterogeneous collections. Rather, each will be a thematically coherent set of research reports bearing on a single, well-defined topic of current significance, assembled under strong direction and control by an editor or editors who will be responsible for the quality of all the contents, and who will provide a unifying introduction. Such a collection might result from a symposium on a particular topic, to which the participants submit written papers. Or chapters on various aspects of important problems in a particular area may be especially commissioned by a volume editor. Collections of already-published papers, in cases where the subject is a major and significant one, the papers represent definitive treatments of particular approaches to it, and the papers are in scattered and perhaps not readily available sources, may occasionally be considered.

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A Conference on Artificial Intelligence will be held April 26-27, 1983, at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. This conference will be hosted by the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation at Oakland University, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, and will include both contributed and invited papers. For information about a session on natural language, contact:

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The 1983 National Conference on Artificial Intelligence sponsored by the American Association for Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), will be held August 22-26, 1983, at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. (This is a change from earlier announced plans.) For additional information contact:

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