COLING 2016

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on Computational Linguistics**

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Preface: General Chair

Welcome to COLING 2016 – the 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics — held in Osaka, Japan! It is the third COLING in Japan after Tokyo (1980) and Kyoto (1994). It is a special pleasure for me to be General Chair (10 years after chairing the joint COLING-ACL 2006 in Sydney) of a COLING held in Japan, a country I love.

COLING is organised under the auspices of the International Committee on Computational Linguistics (ICCL, http://nlp.shef.ac.uk/iccl/index.html). ICCL is a very special committee, with no fixed rules and no funding, whose only function is to make sure that a COLING appears every two years and that it is a good and friendly conference.

I have participated to many COLINGs, since the one in Pisa in 1973. It was a COLING without email! I still remember when Antonio Zampolli (Local chair) received by Hans Karlgren (Program chair) a sketch of the program written by hand, almost unreadable, and asked me (very young at the time) to interpret it. I have seen COLINGs where submissions arrived on paper and many packages were sent around the world to area chairs, to be sent to reviewers, and all the results back again by normal mail. It seems impossible now.

COLING has changed over the years, together with the changes in our field. But it has always been important for ICCL to maintain the COLING "spirit": we always wanted COLING to be an inclusive and broad conference. We also want to underline that in our field "language" is important and we therefore pay special attention to having papers and workshops focusing on understanding language properties and complexities. Moreover, for us the social part of the conference is as important as the scientific one.

An outstanding competent and dedicated team has worked for the organisation of COLING 2016. I wish to warmly thank, also on behalf of ICCL, all the various Chairs, too many to mention them all here, for the wonderful work they have done. It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to work together with all of them: they made my work as General chair very easy. But I owe a special thanks to Yuji Matsumoto and Rashmi Prasad, Program chairs, for their hard work in managing so smoothly an impressive number of submissions, many more than we expected. And I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the Local chairs – Eiichiro Sumita, Takenobu Tokunaga and Sadao Kurohashi – who have done a fantastic work with great dedication in all the various phases of the conference organisation, always keeping everything under control. Not an easy task, as I know too well!

I also want to thank the generosity of all the sponsors for their great support to COLING.

Last but not least, I thank the colleagues (so many) who submitted their work to COLING, the organisers of Workshops and Tutorials, the participants (more than 900 at the time of writing) and the many students among them. It is important that many young researchers can attend COLINGs. They show the great interest of our community in COLING.

I hope that you benefit not only from the scientific programme but also from the social parts of COLING. I hope you get from this COLING both new exciting ideas and also new friends.

Enjoy COLING 2016 in Japan!

Nicoletta Calzolari (ICCL, ILC-CNR and ELRA)

Preface: Program Chairs

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2016) in Osaka, Japan! COLING covers a broad spectrum of technical areas related to natural language and computation. This year, we received 1,039 valid submissions (from a total of 1127 submissions), of which we accepted 337 papers (32.4% acceptance rate). 134 papers were selected for oral presentation and 203 papers for poster presentation. No distinction is made in these proceedings between papers presented orally or as a poster, as they were not distinguished qualitatively but rather by judging the best mode for delivering the paper content.

To effectively cover the broad spectrum of topics included in the conference, we have 18 thematic areas, each chaired by two or more area chairs. We are extremely grateful to the area chairs, who led and monitored the reviewing and reviewer discussions, and sent us detailed recommendation reports resulting from the reviewing process, including best paper recommendations. We cannot thank enough the over 800 reviewers who have put in the requisite time and effort to carefully assess the very large number of submissions we received this year. Their dedication and commitment, and willingness to work with us even when there were tight time constraints, made the entire task proceed much more smoothly than we had hoped! Almost all papers were reviewed by at least three reviewers and we are very happy with the highly strong set of papers accepted for presentation. We thank all authors for their submissions describing their very commendable research, and hope that authors of papers we could not accept have nevertheless benefited from the feedback they received from reviewers.

We have structured the accepted submissions into ten sessions, with multiple thematic areas included in parallel, either for oral presentation or poster presentation. Only one session – the first session – does not have a parallel poster session. We are delighted to have four invited speakers to the conference: Joakim Nivre from Uppsala University: "Universal Dependencies – Dubious Linguistics and Crappy Parsing?"; Reiko Mazuka from RIKEN Brain Science Institute & Duke University: "Getting the Input Right: Refining our Understanding of What Children Hear"; Dina Demner-Fushman from the U.S. National Library of Medicine: "NLP to support clinical tasks and decisions", and Simone Teufel from University of Cambridge: "A Look at Computational Argumentation and Summarisation from a Text-Understanding Perspective".

We are extremely grateful to the members of the best paper committee, Tim Baldwin, Vincent Ng, and Hinrich Schütze, who agreed to put in extra time to select the two best papers at the conference. Best paper nominations were collected in a bottom-up fashion, with reviewers first providing their recommendation for each paper, and area chairs then collecting the positive recommendations, and upon their own assessment of the corresponding reviews and papers, selecting some or all to be forwarded to the PC chairs. PC chairs then invited the three experts to form a committee (chaired by the PC chairs) to select the two best papers from this set of nominated papers.

We would like to thank the many members of the organizing committee who have helped us in crucial ways at various stages of organizing the technical program – the General Chair, Nicoletta Calzolari; the Local Chairs, Eiichiro Sumita, Takenobu Tokunaga and Sadao Kurohashi; the Publication Chairs, Hitoshi Isahara and Masao Utiyama; the Publicity Chairs, Srinivas Bangalore, Dekai Wu and Antonio Branco; and the Web Master Akifumi Yoshimoto. Our special thanks go to Swapna Somasundaran for her voluntary help to recruit additional reviewers to handle the much larger than expected submissions to the conference. Last but not the least, we are grateful to the softconf manager, Rich Gerber, for his continuous help with our various questions and needs.

We hope that you enjoy the conference!

Yuji Matsumoto, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan
Rashmi Prasad, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, U.S.A.

Preface: Local Chairs

Welcome to the COLING 2016!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to COLING 2016 organized by the Japanese Association of Natural Language Processing (ANLP) in Osaka. It has been 22 years since Japan last held the conference. While we are meeting here to discuss NLP, there is no substitute for personal contact. Therefore, we have arranged breaks, a reception, an excursion and a delightful banquet to facilitate discussion, collaboration and making connections. We hope and the modern conference venue together with the ambience of western Japan including Osaka, Nara and Kyoto (famous for their nature, culture, history, and food), help to make this an enjoyable experience for all. We hope the conference will result in accelerated growth of NLP.

Organizing a conference always takes a lot of work, and fortunately, we have experienced people from all around the world in attendance at the COLING 2016 site. It is both an honor and a great pleasure to work with them, and we thank them gratefully.

Since the proposal to host COLING was accepted by ICCL in 2014, our world has experienced some drastic changes. Under unfavorable economic conditions in Japan and considering the distance from Europe and America, we had to make a very conservative financial plan for the conference. The sponsorship chairs worked very hard and collected 33 sponsors, which is considerably more than in previous COLINGs.

This year's conference has attracted a huge number of submissions and has a high level of participation, reflecting the ongoing dynamism in artificial intelligence around the globe. We were both overwhelmed by the numbers of visa applications we had to handle, and at the same time delighted and excited by the tremendous response.

We'd like to end by reporting two special features of COLING 2016: (1) COLING will assist student participants with registration subsidies. Successful applicants for the Student Support Program will receive all-inclusive free registration; (2) the collocation of the first international symposium for young researchers working on Natural Language Processing (YRSNLP) as an official satellite event at COLING 2016.

Welcome, and enjoy the conference!

Eiichiro SUMITA, Takenobu TOKUNAGA, and Sadao KUROHASHI

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