

Preface to the Student Research Workshop Proceedings

We are pleased to present the proceedings for the Student Research Workshop at HLT/NAACL-03, combining two conference series, Human Language Technology and the North American chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics. This is the third NAACL student workshop, and the first HLT student workshop. This year's workshop presents 10 full-length papers. After each presentation, a panel of senior researchers will provide detailed comments and feedback on the work. We would like to thank the panelists in advance.

This year, in keeping with HLT's wider scope, we encouraged submissions that crossed the boundaries between computational linguistics, information retrieval, and speech recognition. Our accepted papers represent all of these research areas. This year, we received 12 papers from 6 countries. Each paper was reviewed by at least three researchers, at least one student and at least one non-student. Each review contained extensive comments to the author. We would like to thank everyone who submitted to the conference as well as the members of the Program Committee for their time and extraordinary effort.

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