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Preface: General Chair

In 2005, the Human Language Technology Conference (HLT) and the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) were held together as a joint conference for the first time. The conference was co-sponsored by the organization traditionally behind HLT, the Human Language Technology Advisory Board, and the organization traditionally behind EMNLP, SIGDAT: The Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) Special Interest Group on linguistic data and corpus-based approaches to natural-language processing. The joint conference was held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada on October 6–8, co-located with the 2005 Document Understanding Conference (DUC) and the 9th International Workshop on Parsing Technologies (IWPT).

In the HLT tradition, the conference especially encouraged submissions involving synergistic combinations of language technologies from the sometimes disjoint areas of natural-language processing, speech processing, and information retrieval. To encourage such cross-fertilization, each of the major chair positions were filled by three people, one from each of these research areas.

First, I would like to thank the Program Chairs, **Chris Brew**, **Lee-Feng Chien**, and **Katrin Kirchhoff**, for handling the unexpectedly large number of submissions under a very tight schedule and putting together an excellent program for the conference. Please see their preface for further information on the submissions, the program committee, and the conference program.

Priscilla Rasmussen deserves our enduring gratitude for agreeing to serve as a remote Local Arrangements Chair, and gracefully handling the multitude of responsibilities that this important position requires.

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Donna Byron, **Anand Venkataraman**, and **Dell Zhang** served as Demonstrations Chairs and carefully reviewed 31 proposals to select 20 interesting demos that were a great addition to the conference program.

David Elworthy and **Marius Pasca** served in the important role of Sponsorship and Exhibits Chairs and helped raise important corporate financial support for the conference. Thanks are also due to our corporate sponsors (listed on the previous page) for their gracious support.

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Also thanks to **Donna Harman** for organizing the co-located DUC meeting and **Harry Bunt, Rob Malouf** and **Alon Lavie** for organizing the co-located IWPT meeting.

Finally, I would to thank all of the authors, demo presenters, and conference attendees for helping to make the first joint HLT/EMNLP meeting a successful and engaging scientific venue!

Raymond J. Mooney
HLT/EMNLP-05 General Chair
August 24, 2005

Preface: Program Co-chairs

It is our pleasure to welcome you to HLT/EMNLP 2005 in the beautiful city of Vancouver. For the third time, HLT is being held in combination with a conference sponsored by an ACL organization, thus continuing the tradition of bringing together researchers from three different communities: natural language processing, information retrieval, and speech processing. During the last few years, these fields have experienced a growing trend towards interaction across their traditional boundaries, as evidenced by the exchange of approaches and methodologies, and the development of large-scale systems integrating speech and language processing as well as information retrieval components.

We hope that this conference will further encourage this trend. In order to facilitate the interaction between researchers from different fields, all papers have been organized into a single track rather than two or three different tracks. We are also pleased to welcome three invited speakers whose work spans several areas in the HLT/EMNLP field: Ellen Vorhees, Larry Hunter, and Sanjeev Khudanpur. We would like to thank them again for accepting our invitation and for their exciting and stimulating contributions to our program.

The joint organization of HLT and EMNLP generated an unusually large load of papers. A total of 402 submissions were received, of which 127 were accepted, resulting in an acceptance rate of 31.6%. We would like to thank our technical chairs, who did an excellent job at selecting the program committee and managed to handle the large number of submissions efficiently and on time. Our thanks also go to the program committee members for their expert reviews. We are particularly grateful to those PC members who were willing to take on additional reviews beyond their original assignments.

For the demonstrations track, thirty-one submissions were received, twenty of which were accepted. Donna Byron, Anand Venkataramanan and Dell Zhang did a superb job at managing the demo submissions and reviews, and we are looking forward to a very interesting session.

We are please to announce that, for the first time, a prize for the best student paper will be awarded at this year's conference. We are especially grateful to IBM for sponsoring this award – educating future generations of researchers in our community is of prime importance, and the public acknowledgment of students' research achievements is a significant contribution towards this goal.

Finally, we would like to thank our general chair, Ray Mooney, for his help and guidance, and all organizers, PC members, technical chairs, authors, and attendees for their efforts and contributions. We wish you a pleasant time at HLT/EMNLP 2005!

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Oana Postolache, Ivana Kruijff-Korbayova and Geert-Jan Kruijff

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Heng Ji, David Westbrook and Ralph Grishman

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Xiaoqiang Luo

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Advaith Siddharthan and Kathleen McKeown

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Yongmei Shi and Lina Zhou

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Roman Yangarber and Lauri Jokipii

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Ben Taskar, Lacoste-Julien Simon and Klein Dan
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- 2:00–2:25 *A Large-Scale Exploration of Effective Global Features for a Joint Entity Detection and Tracking Model*
Hal Daumé III and Daniel Marcu
- 2:25–2:50 *Novelty Detection: The TREC Experience*
Ian Soboroff and Donna Harman
- 2:50–3:15 *Tell Me What You Do and I'll Tell You What You Are: Learning Occupation-Related Activities for Biographies*
Elena Filatova and John Prager
- 3:15–3:40 *Using Names and Topics for New Event Detection*
Giridhar Kumaran and James Allan

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Alfio Gliozzo, Carlo Strapparava and Ido Dagan
- 2:25–2:50 *Speeding up Training with Tree Kernels for Node Relation Labeling*
Jun'ichi Kazama and Kentaro Torisawa
- 2:50–3:15 *Kernel-based Approach for Automatic Evaluation of Natural Language Generation Technologies: Application to Automatic Summarization*
Tsutomu Hirao, Manabu Okumura and Hideki Isozaki
- 3:15–3:40 *Discretization Based Learning for Information Retrieval*
Dmitri Roussinov and Weiguo Fan

Session 2C: Machine Translation

- 2:00–2:25 *Local Phrase Reordering Models for Statistical Machine Translation*
Shankar Kumar and William Byrne
- 2:25–2:50 *HMM Word and Phrase Alignment for Statistical Machine Translation*
Yonggang Deng and William Byrne
- 2:50–3:15 *Inner-Outer Bracket Models for Word Alignment using Hidden Blocks*
Bing Zhao, Niyu Ge and Kishore Papineni
- 3:15–3:40 *Alignment Link Projection Using Transformation-Based Learning*
Necip Fazil Ayan, Bonnie J. Dorr and Christof Monz
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- 4:15–4:40 *Predicting Sentences using N-Gram Language Models*
Steffen Bickel, Peter Haider and Tobias Scheffer
- 4:40–5:05 *Training Neural Network Language Models on Very Large Corpora*
Holger Schwenk and Jean-Luc Gauvain
- 5:05–5:30 *Minimum Sample Risk Methods for Language Modeling*
Jianfeng Gao, Hao Yu, Wei Yuan and Peng Xu

Session 3B: Robust Dialogue Processing

- 4:15–4:40 *A Salience Driven Approach to Robust Input Interpretation in Multimodal Conversational Systems*
Joyce Y. Chai and Shaolin Qu
- 4:40–5:05 *Error Handling in the RavenClaw Dialog Management Architecture*
Dan Bohus and Alexander Rudnicky
- 5:05–5:30 *Effective Use of Prosody in Parsing Conversational Speech*
Jeremy G. Kahn, Matthew Lease, Eugene Charniak, Mark Johnson and Mari Ostendorf

Session 3C: Summarization

- 4:15–4:40 *Automatically Learning Cognitive Status for Multi-Document Summarization of Newswire*
Ani Nenkova, Advaith Siddharthan and Kathleen McKeown
- 4:40–5:05 *Bayesian Learning in Text Summarization*
Tadashi Nomoto
- 5:05–5:30 *Discourse Chunking and its Application to Sentence Compression*
Caroline Sporleder and Mirella Lapata

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10:30–10:55 *A Comparative Study on Language Model Adaptation Techniques Using New Evaluation Metrics*

Hisami Suzuki and Jianfeng Gao

10:55–11:20 *PP-attachment Disambiguation using Large Context*

Marian Olteanu and Dan Moldovan

11:20–11:45 *Compiling Comp Ling: Weighted Dynamic Programming and the Dyna Language*

Jason Eisner, Eric Goldlust and Noah A. Smith

11:45–12:10 *Learning What to Talk about in Descriptive Games*

Hugo Zaragoza and Chi-Ho Li

Session 4B: Question Answering

10:30–10:55 *Using Question Series to Evaluate Question Answering System Effectiveness*

Ellen Voorhees

10:55–11:20 *Combining Deep Linguistics Analysis and Surface Pattern Learning: A Hybrid Approach to Chinese Definitional Question Answering*

Fuchun Peng, Ralph Weischedel, Ana Licuanan and Jinxi Xu

11:20–11:45 *Enhanced Answer Type Inference from Questions using Sequential Models*

Vijay Krishnan, Sujatha Das and Soumen Chakrabarti

11:45–12:10 *A Practically Unsupervised Learning Method to Identify Single-Snippet Answers to Definition Questions on the Web*

Ion Androutsopoulos and Dimitrios Galanis

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Session 4C: Opinion and Sentiment Analysis

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Regina Barzilay and Mirella Lapata
- 10:55–11:20 *Extracting Product Features and Opinions from Reviews*
Ana-Maria Popescu and Oren Etzioni
- 11:20–11:45 *Recognizing Contextual Polarity in Phrase-Level Sentiment Analysis*
Theresa Wilson, Janyce Wiebe and Paul Hoffmann
- 11:45–12:10 *Identifying Sources of Opinions with Conditional Random Fields and Extraction Patterns*
Yejin Choi, Claire Cardie, Ellen Riloff and Siddharth Patwardhan
- 12:10–2:00 Lunch

Session 5A: Textual Entailment and Inference

- 2:00–2:25 *Disambiguating Toponyms in News*
Eric Garbin and Inderjeet Mani
- 2:25–2:50 *A Semantic Approach to Recognizing Textual Entailment*
Marta Tatu and Dan Moldovan
- 2:50–3:15 *Detection of Entity Mentions Occuring in English and Chinese Text*
Kadri Hacioglu, Benjamin Douglas and Ying Chen
- 3:15–3:40 *Robust Textual Inference via Graph Matching*
Aria Haghighi, Andrew Ng and Christopher Manning

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Session 5B: Word Sense and Polysemy

- 2:00–2:25 *Bootstrapping Without the Boot*
Jason Eisner and Damianos Karakos
- 2:25–2:50 *Differentiating Homonymy and Polysemy in Information Retrieval*
Christopher Stokoe
- 2:50–3:15 *Unsupervised Large-Vocabulary Word Sense Disambiguation with Graph-based Algorithms for Sequence Data Labeling*
Rada Mihalcea
- 3:15–3:40 *Domain-Specific Sense Distributions and Predominant Sense Acquisition*
Rob Koeling, Diana McCarthy and John Carroll

Session 5C: Named Entity Recognition and Transliteration

- 2:00–2:25 *Chinese Named Entity Recognition with Multiple Features*
Youzheng Wu, Jun Zhao, Bo Xu and Hao Yu
- 2:25–2:50 *Cluster-specific Named Entity Transliteration*
Fei Huang
- 2:50–3:15 *Extracting Personal Names from Email: Applying Named Entity Recognition to Informal Text*
Einat Minkov, Richard C. Wang and William W. Cohen
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Sheila M. Reynolds and Jeff A. Bilmes
- 4:40–5:05 *Bidirectional Inference with the Easiest-First Strategy for Tagging Sequence Data*
Yoshimasa Tsuruoka and Jun'ichi Tsujii
- 5:05–5:30 *Context-Based Morphological Disambiguation with Random Fields*
Noah A. Smith, David A. Smith and Roy W. Tromble

Session 6B: Large-Scale Systems

- 4:15–4:40 *Mining Key Phrase Translations from Web Corpora*
Fei Huang, Ying Zhang and Stephan Vogel
- 4:40–5:05 *Robust Named Entity Extraction from Large Spoken Archives*
Benoit Favre, Frédéric Bechet and Pascal Nocéra
- 5:05–5:30 *Mining Context Specific Similarity Relationships Using The World Wide Web*
Dmitri Roussinov, Leon J. Zhao and Weiguo Fan

Session 6C: Statistical Parsing

- 4:15–4:40 *Hidden-Variable Models for Discriminative Reranking*
Terry Koo and Michael Collins
- 4:40–5:05 *Disambiguation of Morphological Structure using a PCFG*
Helmut Schmid
- 5:05–5:30 *Non-Projective Dependency Parsing using Spanning Tree Algorithms*
Ryan McDonald, Fernando Pereira, Kiril Ribarov and Jan Hajic

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Making Computers Laugh: Investigations in Automatic Humor Recognition

Rada Mihalcea and Carlo Strapparava

Optimizing to Arbitrary NLP Metrics using Ensemble Selection

Art Munson, Claire Cardie and Rich Caruana

Word Sense Disambiguation Using Sense Examples Automatically Acquired from a Second Language

Xinglong Wang and John Carroll

Using MONA for Querying Linguistic Treebanks

Stephan Kepser

KnowItNow: Fast, Scalable Information Extraction from the Web

Michael J. Cafarella, Doug Downey, Stephen Soderland and Oren Etzioni

A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Hybrid Phone-Manner Representations for ASR

Eric Fosler-Lussier and C. Anton Rytting

Emotions from Text: Machine Learning for Text-based Emotion Prediction

Cecilia Ovesdotter Alm, Dan Roth and Richard Sproat

Combining Multiple Forms of Evidence While Filtering

Yi Zhang and Jamie Callan

Handling Biographical Questions with Implicature

Donghui Feng and Eduard Hovy

The Use of Metadata, Web-derived Answer Patterns and Passage Context to Improve Reading Comprehension Performance

Yongping Du, Helen Meng, Xuanjing Huang and Lide Wu

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Sabine Schulte im Walde and Alissa Melinger

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