



## Preface

STIL is the bi-annual Language Technology event supported by the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC) and by the Brazilian Special Interest Group on Natural Language Processing. In 2011 it took place at the Federal University of Mato Grosso, in Cuiabá, MT, Brazil. The conference has a multidisciplinary nature and covers a broad spectrum of disciplines related to Human Language Technology, such as Linguistics, Computer Science, Psychology, and Information Science, among others. It aims at bringing together both academic and industry participants that work on those areas.

The topics of interest advertised in the Call for Papers centered around work in human language technology in general from perspectives as diverse as Computer Science, Linguistics and Information Science, such as text mining, written and spoken language processing, terminology, lexicology and lexicography and natural language generation. We received 58 papers from Brazil, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee, which had 66 members from 13 countries and 44 institutions. After a rigorous reviewing process, 16 papers were selected for oral presentation (acceptance rate of 27%), and 17 papers were selected for poster presentation (including some long papers reallocated as short papers).

Besides the technical sessions with paper and poster presentations, STIL 2011 included two invited talks and two tutorials in its program. The invited speakers were Dr. Eduard Hovy (Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern California) and Dr. Christian Nunes Aranha (Technology Manager, Cortex Intelligence). The tutorials were delivered by Dr. Eduard Hovy and Clarissa Castellã Xavier (PhD Student at PUCRS).

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