Introduction

On behalf of the Programme Committee, we are pleased to present the proceedings of the Student Research Workshop held at the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, in Avignon, France, on April 26, 2012. Following the tradition of providing a forum for student researchers and the success of the previous workshops held in Bergen (1999), Toulouse (2001), Budapest (2003), Trento (2006) and Athens (2009), a panel of senior researchers will take part in the presentation of the papers, providing detailed comments on the work of the authors.

The Student Workshop will run as three parallel sessions, during which 10 papers will be presented. These high standard papers were carefully chosen from a total of 38 submissions coming from 20 countries, and one of them will be awarded the EACL-2012 Best Student Paper.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that have contributed in various ways to the success of the Student Workshop: the members of the Programme Committee for their evaluation of the submissions and for taking the time to provide useful detailed comments and suggestions for the improvement of papers; the nine panelists for providing detailed feedback on-site; and the students for their hard work in preparing their submissions.

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We hope you enjoy the Student Research Workshop.

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