

Preface

On behalf of the Program Committee for the 2002 Australasian Natural Language Processing Workshop we are pleased to present you with these proceedings containing the peer-reviewed full papers accepted for presentation at the workshop on Monday, 2nd December 2002, in conjunction with the 15th Australian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI'02) held in Canberra.

We received 18 submissions, of which 9 were selected for presentation at the workshop. All submissions were thoroughly reviewed by an international team of reviewers that includes leading researchers in the area of Natural Language Processing.

The contributions present a snapshot of Natural Language Processing research in Australasia. Research ranges from the use of inductive approaches to Natural Language Processing to the investigation of theoretical aspects of language and the development of Natural Language Processing systems for practical applications. The names “Inductive Approaches to NLP”, “Syntax and Semantics”, and “NLP Systems” have been used in the workshop as a means of classifying the papers. Of course these topics are not disjoint and some of the contributions can be classified as belonging to several of those topics. We decided upon this classification only for presentation purposes in the workshop.

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