

Message from the Program Chairs

As the program chairs of the 2010 International Conference on Asian Language Processing (IALP 2010), it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the conference. IALP conference has a long history, which dates back to the First International Conference on Chinese Computing (ICCC) in 1986. Over the years, the conference has grown to cover a wider range of topics in Asian language processing. The conference has now become one of the important annual events on nature language processing in Asia. We believe that IALP 2010 will be a memorable one with your valuable participation.

The call-for-papers of this year's conference attracted 122 paper submissions from 13 countries and regions including China, Thailand, India, Japan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Iran, Ireland, Hong Kong and Taiwan. After the hard work of program committee, finally 82 papers are accepted to appear in the conference proceedings. The accepted papers cover a wide range of topics, such as morphology, syntax, parsing, semantics, information extraction, machine translation, text understanding, summarization, language resources, spoken language processing, etc. We are also delighted to see that the accepted papers cover a variety of the Asian languages and dialects, such as Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Tamil, Hindi, Malay, Indonesian, Urdu, Korean, Bangla, Tibetan, Mongolian, Uyghur, Kazakh, Yami, etc.

The technical program offered by IALP 2010 is a result of the collective efforts by the program committee. The completion of 375 reviews within a few weeks directly reflects the hard work of the committee members. We are very grateful to the reviewers for their diligence and carefulness in the review process. Many of the reviewers provided detailed review comments, which helped the authors to improve their papers further. We wish to thank all of the members of the program committee for helping to create an exciting and technically stimulating program for the conference.

On behalf of the program committee, we would also like to thank the two invited speakers. Dr. Francis Bond from Nanyang Technological University will give a talk titled "Cross-lingual Word Sense Disambiguation using WordNet". Dr. Haifeng Wang from Baidu will discuss "Box Computing". We believe the inspiring talks will benefit everyone.

Great thanks should also go to the authors and participants for their tremendous supports in making the conference a success. Finally, we express our utmost gratitude to IEEE CPS Editor Juan Guerrero, whose professional assistance was invaluable in the proceedings production.

Besides the technical program, each year the IALP also brings different Asian experiences to the participants. After we have felt the historical Thai city Chiang Mai in 2008 and modern tropical garden city Singapore in 2009 in South-east Asia, this year we welcome you to the North-east Asia to experience the beauty of the ice and snows in Harbin. We wish you enjoy the city as well as the conference.

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IALP 2010 Program Chairs