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Introduction

Welcome to the ACL Student Research Workshop! We had an amazing amount of student participation this year. We received a record number of submissions – over 70 papers from students in 19 countries. In order to accommodate the overwhelming response, weve expanded the Student Research Workshop. In addition to the regular paper presentations it now includes a poster session. The acceptance rate for the regular paper presentations was 11% (more competitive than the main conference!), and the acceptance rate for the poster presentations from the remaining submissions was 28%. These proceedings contain papers for both the regular and the poster presentations.

We are grateful to our faculty advisor, Regina Barzilay, and to Mary Harper of the National Science Foundation for organizing sponsorship from the National Science Foundation for the Student Research Workshop. The NSF's generous grant has paid for the conference registration fees for all of the student workshop participants and a good portion of their travel expenses. We are also grateful for the Don and Betty Walker International Student Fund which has provided assistance for two students who had their work accepted in the main conference.

We would like to extend our thanks to the students and faculty on the program committee who dutifully reviewed the papers and gave useful feedback to everyone who submitted papers, and to all the students who submitted such excellent work.

Enjoy the workshop!

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Pavel Pecina

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Kevin Duh
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Thamar Solorio

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Monday June 27, 2005: Posters

All posters will be on display during the Student Lunch from 12:00–1:30

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