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Preface

Welcome to the ACL Workshop on Computing and Historical Phonology, the 9th Meeting of ACL Special Interest Group for Computational Morphology and Phonology, a meeting held in conjunction with the 45th Meeting of the ACL in Prague. An introductory article explains our motivation for holding the workshop, which attracted 16 submissions, all but one of which is included in this volume of proceedings. We are gratified not only by the level of interest, but also by the quality of submissions we received.

We hoped to attract interest not only in the computational linguistics community *sensu stricto* but also in the broader linguistics community, and in the group of geneticists who have begun to apply phylogenetic analysis to linguistic data. As the reader may verify in these proceedings, we were not disappointed in this hope. Perhaps it is worth adding that, while we are in principle interested in further meetings of this sort, there are at the time of this writing no concrete plans for follow-ups.

Our thanks are largely given in the acknowledgments section of the introductory article, but let's add thanks here to Simone Teufel, the workshop chair of the conference, who ushered us through the various steps from the proposal through the production of this publication, and also to the committee she chaired.

John Nerbonne, T. Mark Ellison and Grzegorz Kondrak (Chairs)

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