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Introduction

Welcome to the Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL)!

Since the early editions, CMCL has been a reference point for the research at the intersection between Computational Linguistics and Cognitive Science. The edition of this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will not be held in Punta Cana as we originally planned, but it will be the first to be held entirely online. Despite this, we still received 17 regular paper submissions and 10 were accepted for publication (the total acceptance rate is 58%, the same of the 2019 edition), proving that CMCL is followed by a strong and active research community. We also received 2 cross-submissions, and we accepted one for presentation at the workshop.

The program of this year is rich, stimulating and diversified, with topics ranging from language acquisition to models of linguistic alignment and language disorders. We would like to deeply thank all the reviewers of our PC, without whom we would not have been able to select the best papers for our program.

We also thank Prof Suzanne Stevenson and Prof Richard Futrell, for having accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote speeches.

Finally, thanks to our sponsors, we were able to offer registration fee waivers to PhD students and to offset the costs of participation of the invited speakers: we gratefully acknowledge support from the Laboratoire Parole et Langage (LPL), Aix-en-Provence (France) and from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

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Richard Futrell (University of California Irvine)
Suzanne Stevenson (University of Toronto)

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