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Preface

The Generation Challenges (GenChal) aim at bringing together a variety of shared-task efforts that involve the generation of natural language. This year again, the Generation Challenges was held during a special session at the 17th International Conference on Natural Language Generation (INLG 2024, September 23-27 2023). The session comprised presentations of results by the organisers of recently completed tasks, a poster session for task participants to present their submissions, as well as a presentation of a proposal for a new shared task. In 2024, we received one new shared task proposal; the proposal was reviewed positively by the four program committee members, who also provided valuable feedback to the task organisers. Three completed shared tasks are also included in these proceedings (see below), with an overview report by the organisers and participants' system descriptions (the system descriptions are included in the overview report for VGSG, see below). The system descriptions underwent a light touch review organised by each respective task organisers.

New Challenge Proposal

- Long-Form Analogy Evaluation Challenge. Bhavya Bhavya, Chris Palaguachi, Yang Zhou, Suma Bhat and ChengXiang Zhai.

Completed Challenge Overviews

- Overview of Long Story Generation Challenge (LSGC) at INLG 2024. Aleksandr Migal, Daria Seredina, Ludmila Telnina, Nikita Nazarov, Anastasia Kolmogorova and Nikolay Mikhaylovskiy.
- The 2024 GEM Shared Task on Multilingual Data-to-Text Generation and Summarization: Overview and Preliminary Results. Simon Mille, João Sedoc, Yixin Liu, Elizabeth Clark, Agnes Johanna Axelsson, Miruna−Adriana Clinciu, Yufang Hou, Saad Mahamood, Ishmael Nyunya Obonyo and Lining Zhang.
- Visually Grounded Story Generation Challenge. Xudong Hong, Khushboo Mehra, Asad Sayeed and Vera Demberg (including participants' system descriptions).

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