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Preface

Welcome to the Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Uralic Languages (IWCLUL), a dedicated venue for scholars, practitioners, and researchers working in computational linguistics with a particular emphasis on Uralic languages. This year’s workshop continues the IWCLUL tradition of fostering interdisciplinary exchange, shared learning, and a collective dedication to tackling the linguistic, technological, and social issues surrounding Uralic languages in the digital era. The Uralic language family—stretching across Europe and Asia and including languages as varied as Finnish, Hungarian, and the endangered Udmurt and Khanty—brings with it a distinct set of computational challenges. These languages often feature rich morphology, agglutinative patterns, and unique syntactic and phonological structures, all of which demand specialized methods in computational analysis and language technology. Our workshop aims to highlight these complexities and encourage the creation of innovative tools and approaches that not only facilitate digital use of these languages but also contribute to their long-term vitality.

This year, IWCLUL saw a strong and wide-ranging set of submissions from the international research community, demonstrating the sustained interest in computational work on Uralic languages. The accepted papers span numerous topics and language varieties, offering insights into both well-documented and lesser-resourced Uralic languages. This diversity reflects the ongoing growth of the field and the many directions in which researchers are advancing computational linguistics for Uralic languages.

We are also pleased to celebrate Jack Rueter, who was honored with a lifetime achievement award by ACL SIGUR for his decades-long dedication to Uralic language research, documentation, and technology development. His work has had a lasting impact on the community and serves as an inspiration for future generations of researchers.

We hope that these proceedings inspire continued research and collaboration in computational linguistics for Uralic languages. May the insights, methodologies, and resources shared here contribute to meaningful advances in the field and foster an inclusive future for Uralic languages in the digital landscape.

Sincerely, The IWCLUL 2025 Organizing Committee

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

09:15 - 09:30 *Workshop Opening*

09:30 - 10:30 *Keynote – Josh Wilbur*

10:30 - 11:20 *Lightning Talks*

11:20 - 11:40 *Coffee Break*

11:40 - 12:40 *Oral Session 1*

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12:40 - 13:40 *Lunch*

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15:00 - 15:20 *Coffee Break*

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13:00 - 13:20 *Coffee Break*

13:20 - 14:20 *SIGUR Business Meeting*