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Language Generation**

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Preface

The main objective of the workshop is to create a platform where young researchers can receive feedback on their research ideas, meet like-minded participants, discuss current trends, and find collaborators for future work. In the long term, this effort aims to create a welcoming network that attracts NLG researchers who are not yet members of the SIGGEN community. Ideally, this effort will organically grow the SIGGEN community from the ground up.

We take inspiration from the Young Researchers' Roundtable on Spoken Dialogue Systems (YRRSDS):¹ the workshop for young researchers working on dialogue systems. It has been running for over 20 years, helped make the SIGDIAL community more welcoming, and created the space for many collaborations.

The inaugural Young Researchers in Natural Language Generation Workshop (YNLG) was held in conjunction with the 18th International Natural Language Generation Conference (INLG) in Hanoi, Vietnam from October 29 to November 2, 2025.

Young researchers submitted a 2-page position paper reporting on their past, present, and future work, a short bio, and topic suggestions for discussions. The participants then presented their submissions during a poster session, which enabled them to gather feedback from a wider audience. Each submission was carefully reviewed by three senior researchers from our Program Committee. We extend our deep gratitude to the Program Committee members for their insightful reviews; their contributions have been invaluable in offering critical feedback to the participants at this pivotal stage in their careers.

YNLG accepted all 8 submissions received, with 4 opting for their work to be archival. Alongside the oral sessions and roundtables, the program featured two outstanding keynote presentations. We would like to express our gratitude and acknowledge our keynote speakers: David M. Howcroft (University of Aberdeen) and Hadas Kotek (Apple) for their inspiring talks full of advice for young researchers. We further encouraged follow-up discussions by hosting a panel discussion in the afternoon, including the two keynote speakers as well as Guanyi Chen (Central China Normal University) and Saad Mahamood (Shopware). Finally, the evening program included a dinner fostering casual interactions between participants and organizers.

We extend our gratitude to the INLG organizers for making sure the conference ran seamlessly and was enjoyed by all attendees.

On behalf of the YNLG 2025 Organizers,
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¹<https://sites.google.com/view/yrrsds2024/program>

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