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Message from the General Chair

Welcome to the 7th Financial Narrative Processing Workshop (FNP 2026), held in conjunction with LREC 2026 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on 16 May 2026. The FNP workshop series continues to bring together researchers and practitioners working at the intersection of Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, and Financial Text Analysis, fostering collaboration across computing, accounting, and finance.

Since its inception in 2018, the FNP series has evolved alongside the rapid development of NLP methods and their application to financial narratives. Building on previous editions, FNP 2026 continues to support the growing demand for scalable, data-driven approaches to analysing financial disclosures, reports, and news.

This year, the workshop focuses on a single shared task, FinCausal 2026, which remains a central benchmark for advancing research in financial causality detection and question answering. The shared task attracted a diverse range of approaches, reflecting current trends in the field, including retrieval-augmented generation, instruction tuning, multilingual modelling, and the use of large language models for reasoning and evaluation. These contributions demonstrate both methodological innovation and the increasing maturity of financial narrative processing as a research area.

We received 24 submissions this year, covering a wide spectrum of topics such as financial question answering, multimodal document understanding, ESG sentiment analysis, discourse-aware datasets, and LLM-based evaluation frameworks. The accepted papers reflect the diversity and depth of current research in the field, alongside a strong emphasis on real-world financial applications and multilingual settings. Each submission was peer reviewed, and we are grateful for the time and expertise they contributed to maintaining the quality of the programme.

The continued interest in FNP highlights the importance of dedicated venues for financial NLP research. As financial data becomes increasingly complex and abundant, the need for robust, interpretable, and scalable computational methods remains pressing. The contributions presented in this workshop underline the role of NLP in advancing both academic research and industry applications in finance.

We would like to thank all authors for their submissions, the programme committee for their careful reviews, and the organisers of LREC 2026 for hosting the workshop. We hope that these proceedings will serve as a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners working on financial narrative processing and related areas.

Dr Mo El-Haj, General Chair, on behalf of the organisers of the 7th FNP workshop, May 2026

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09:15–10:00 **Keynote - Bridging the Gap: Strengthening the Connection between Research and Industry.** Pablo Haya, Head of Business and Language Analytics (BLA), Instituto Ingeniería del Conocimiento, Spain.

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