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Preface

These proceedings include the 32 papers presented at the Thirteenth Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects (VarDial 2026), co-located with the 19th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL). VarDial was held in Rabat, Morocco.

This year, VarDial saw a record number of submissions, with 44 research papers submitted to the workshop, 25 of which were accepted to appear in these proceedings. We extended the programme committee to be able to handle the increased reviewing load and would like to thank all new and returning PC members for being an important part of the workshop's success!

The accepted papers focus on a large number of language varieties, including Tamil, Finnish, Arabic, Ukrainian, Greek, Galician, and Piedmontese, among others. Similarly, the NLP tasks addressed in the papers are very diverse, including topics such as syllabification and quantifying linguistic distances as well as sentiment analysis and generating texts with LLMs. Notably, six of the accepted papers focus on spoken language input.

As in previous editions, VarDial 2026 features an evaluation campaign. This year, the AMIYA shared task (Arabic Modeling In Your Accent) attracted six participating teams whose system description papers are included in these proceedings, along with a report by the shared task organizers. We thank all the shared task organizers and the participants for their hard work!

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