MESSAGE FROM PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dear ISCSLP’02 Participants,

On behalf of the technical program committee, we would like to welcome all of you who are taking part in this symposium and contributing your efforts to the advancement of Chinese spoken language processing.

This year, The Third International Symposium on Chinese Spoken Language Processing (ISCSLP) is held in Taipei, 23rd-24th August 2002. ISCSLP is a forum to promote research and development of Chinese Spoken Language Processing. It is a biennial conference rotated among Asia Pacific cities to promote the research and development of Chinese Spoken Language Processing (CSP), and to provide an opportunity for scholars, scientists, and engineers to meet and discuss the latest advancements in various disciplines of this exciting research area.

It is the third in the series of ISCSLP. The first symposium has been held in Singapore, 7th-9th December 1998. The second symposium has been held in Beijing, 14th-15th October 2000. The next symposium is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong (2004).

For ISCSLP’02, the topics of the papers comprise nearly all fields of spoken language processing. We were pleasantly surprised by the strong worldwide response to the Call for Papers, and we finally received 127 submissions from six countries and regions: China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, USA, and Germany. All the papers are of such high quality that it was very difficult for the technical committee to make a rejection. With the high-quality assessment of the reviewers, 94 papers were accepted to be presented at the symposium, either in oral sessions or poster sessions. Space and time constraints mean that only just under half of the accepted papers could be presented orally.

We are honored to have 2 tutorials, 2 keynote speeches, and 4 invited talks given by academic and industrial leaders in the field. We are also planning to select Best Student Paper to encourage young researchers in this area. Furthermore, a room will be provided for free demonstration of the state-of-the-art technologies in the CSP area.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to National Science Council, The Association for Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing,
Institute of Linguistics, Preparatory Office Academia Sinica, Elan Microelectronics Corp., Sunplus Technology Co., Ltd., Penpower Technology Ltd., and Communication Engineering Department, National Chiao Tung University for their financial and logistic supports. We would like to give thanks to the ISCSLP’02 co-chairs and technical program committee members. We also wish to thank all our learned colleagues who submitted papers and who have come to Taipei to attend the symposium. As is so often the case, the hard work behind the scene is invisible; but without the help of all these people, this technical program would not have been possible.

Finally, we sincerely wish that you have a nice stay in Taipei and enjoy the symposium.

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