

Preface from the Programme Chairs

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It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 19th annual conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT) to be held in Riga, Latvia. We have really enjoyed serving as programme chairs for this edition of the conference. The EAMT conference has become the most important event in Europe in the area of machine translation for researchers, users, professional translators, etc. As in previous editions, the conference is organised around three different tracks: research, user and projects/products. The research track concerns novel and significant research results in any aspect of machine translation and related areas while the user track reports users' experiences with machine translation, in industry, government, NGOs, etc. Finally, the project and product track offers projects and products the opportunity to be presented to the wide audience of the conference.

This year we have received 36 submissions to the research track, 8 submissions to the user track and 25 descriptions of projects and products. Overall, submissions come from 34 different countries. Each submission to the research and user tracks was peer-reviewed by three independent members of the Programme Committee. In the research track 19 papers out of 36 (53%) were accepted for publication while 5 papers out of 8 were accepted in the user track (63%).

Aside from regular papers from the three tracks, the programme includes an invited talk by Alexander Fraser, MT Group Leader at LMU München, on the hot topic of machine translation into morphologically rich languages. We will also have a presentation by the winner of the EAMT Best Thesis Award.

We would like to thank the Programme Committee members and additional reviewers, whose names are listed below, for their high quality reviews and recommendations. These have been very useful for the Programme Chairs to make decisions. We would also like to thank all the authors for trying their best to incorporate the reviewers' suggestions when preparing the camera ready papers. For those papers that were not accepted, we hope that the reviewers' comments will be useful to improve them. Special thanks to Mikel L. Forcada, who took care of the projects and products track.