

Preface

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On Friday 17 January 2014, the 24th meeting of Computational Linguistics in the Netherlands (CLIN 2014) took place in Leiden. The conference was hosted by the Institute for Dutch Lexicology (INL) and the Dutch-Flemish HLT Agency (TST-Centrale), and attracted over 170 participants. The program featured 60 talks and 30 posters, divided over 15 sessions, with a special focus on lexicology, historical data and language change. We were pleased to have Patrick Hanks (University of Wolverhampton and University of the West of England) and Dirk Geeraerts (KU Leuven) as our keynote speakers. During the conference, the STIL prize 2013 was awarded to Greet Olaerts (KU Leuven) for her thesis *My Text Meets Wikipedia*. This prize is handed out annually for the best MA-thesis in computational linguistics or its applications, and is sponsored by the STIL (Stichting Toepassing Inductieve Leertechnieken) association.

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All presenters of the CLIN conference were invited to submit an article for the fourth issue of the CLIN journal. This resulted in the current volume, which contains 14 papers on diverse computational-linguistic subjects. We would like to thank the authors for submitting their articles and the members of the editorial board for their reviews, as well the additional reviewers. Finally, we would like to thank Bob Boelhouwer for his work on the final Latex versions of the papers.