

## Preface

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On 20 January 2012 the 22nd Computational Linguistics in the Netherlands (CLIN) conference took place. CLIN is a yearly conference for researchers in the area of computational linguistics in the Netherlands, Belgium and surrounding countries. This year the conference was hosted at Tilburg University and organized by people working at the School of Humanities: Matje van de Camp, Roser Morante, Martin Reynaert, Menno van Zaanen, and Kalliopi Zervanou.

CLIN was visited by 105 people, mostly researchers from the Netherlands and Belgium, but also from France, Ireland, South Africa, Italy, Portugal, Germany, the United Kingdom, and South Korea. The presentations were divided into 14 sessions. These were divided over the day in at most 5 parallel sessions. Additionally, the day featured a poster session and a session with presentations by the sponsors. The invited speaker, Marco Baroni, from the CLIC group in the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences of the University of Trento presented: “Distributional semantics in the phrasal and sentential domains: How and why” and described his ideas on different approaches to formal semantics and their comparison against computational approaches.

The presenters of the CLIN conference were all invited to submit an article describing their work in more detail. From these submissions we selected six articles to be included in the second issue of the CLIN journal. We would like to thank the authors for submitting their articles and the members of the editorial board, as well as the additional reviewers, for their hard work in providing useful feedback to the authors. A group of people helped with all the practical issues: Nanne van Noord, Mehdi Aminian, Tetske Avontuur, Laura Elshof, Iris Balemans, Rose Newell, and Alexandros Ntavelos. They made sure everything went smoothly during the day. We would like to thank them for their help.

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