

Preface to MAICS2014 Proceedings

Welcome to the twenty-fifth *Modern* Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science Conference (MAICS2014) in Spokane! This is the first time MAICS has come outside the Midwest.

In keeping with the tradition of the previous conferences, this year too, graduate students and junior researchers were encouraged to submit their work. Thirteen papers were accepted out of twenty-three submissions (about 57%). Two student papers have been nominated for MAICS2014 Best Student Paper Competition according to their review scores. We wish to thank the program committee for their hard, diligent work.

This conference features three plenary and invited lectures in medical informatics and intelligent robotics from Japan: Ms. Yuki Nakagawa, CEO of RT Corp., Professor Syoji Kobashi, University of Hyogo, and Professor Hiroharu Kawanaka, Mie University. In addition, Professor George Luger, University of New Mexico, has kindly organized his special session on concept extraction from human noisy data such as recorded speech.

For better support of our participants, i.e. graduate students and junior researchers, and a lean conference organization, we publish our proceedings using CEUR WS Proceedings, a free open-access proceedings publication service and offer minimal refreshment. With generous donation from our industrial sponsor, we managed to maintain a nominal registration fee. Our special thanks go to the industrial sponsor: OMRON Corporation, Japan.

We hope for a good conference with lively and interesting discussions.

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