

FOREWORD

We are very pleased to be able to host the 16th Pacific Asia Conference on Language Information and Computation (PACLIC 16) with the help from various scholars, institutions, and universities despite the unfavorable economic and political situations on the global scale. With the turn of the century we are witnessing the quality of our life depends more on the development in the software domains than on the abundance in the material matters. We are proud that many of the scholars who are here are leading this new trend of history in their own country. Now we have gathered together in this beautiful island of Jeju to strengthen our positions in our own field and to pursue and widen our academic curiosity and perspectives into the neighboring fields.

Since the 1994 amalgamation of the two organizations, namely the Asian Conference on Language, Information and Computation (ACLIC) and the Pacific Conference on Formal and Computational Linguistics (PACFoCoL), there have been beneficial interactions between theoretical linguistics and computational fields of research. These seem to be a few of the major contributions that this annual conference has made since its inception.

As the host of this conference, the Korean Society for Language and Information (KSLI) carried out a long process of soliciting and selecting papers. The call for extended abstracts drew 56 responses from various countries including Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and United States. The Program Committee of PACLIC 16 conducted a blind review process, and sent out each submission to three reviewers. With the evaluations and comments from the reviewers on hand, the Organizing Committee and the Program Committee of this conference got together and also took on a blind process of deciding how many papers to be presented during the conference. This joint process selected 43 out of 56 papers.

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