

PREFACE

We are pleased to present the Proceedings of the Workshop on the *Production of Referring Expressions (PRE-CogSci 2011): Bridging the gap between computational, empirical & theoretical approaches to reference* (<http://pre2011.uvt.nl/>). The PRE-CogSci 2011 workshop was held on 20 July 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts, as part of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2011). It was a follow-up to the successful PRE-CogSci 2009 workshop held in Amsterdam (<http://pre2009.uvt.nl/>).

PRE-CogSci invited substantial, original, and unpublished submissions on all topics related to the production of referring expressions. Contributions could focus on computational, theoretical or experimental approaches to reference, with combinations of the two especially appreciated. Following our call, we received 24 submissions, and each submission was evaluated by three members of our programme committee (always including, per submission, at least one computational linguist and one psycholinguist). After a careful review process 8 submissions (33%) were accepted for oral presentation and 10 submissions (42%) were accepted for poster presentation. Invited talks were given by Jeannette Gundel (University of Minnesota - theoretical linguistics), Amanda Stent (AT&T Labs - computational linguistics and dialogue) and Dale Barr (University of Glasgow - psycholinguistics)

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