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Preface by the General Chair

Welcome to ACL-IJCNLP 2022, the 2nd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 12th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing! The conference will be held online on November 20-23, 2022.

ACL-IJCNLP 2022 was originally scheduled to take place in Taipei, Taiwan. We had a discussion with ACL executive board early this year whether to hold the conference entirely in the virtual mode due to the strict COVID quarantine rule imposed by the Taiwan government. We later decided to wait until the mid of June to re-evaluate the situation. In early June, the Central Epidemic Command Center in Taiwan announced that starting from 15 June 2022, the mandatory quarantine period for international arrivals in Taiwan would be reduced from 7 to 3 days. After a discussion with both the Program Chairs and the Local Organization Chair, we decided to wait further until August to see if we could have a hybrid conference in the hope that Taiwan will open its border fully in November. But we eventually made a difficult decision to hold the conference entirely online at mid of August as the quarantine rule and the travel ban imposed on foreign nationals were still in place in Taiwan. This was rather disappointed. Nevertheless, our Program Chairs have put together a very interesting conference program. I hope to see many of you joining our conference online.

ACL-IJCNLP 2022 adopted a dual paper submission system that authors can choose to submit their papers to the "ACL Rolling Review (ARR)" or submit to the softconf submission site in a conventional way. For the latter, authors had a chance to respond to reviewers' comments. One innovation our Program Chairs introduced is to allow authors to run additional experiments and upload revised papers during the rebuttal period to address reviewers' comments. This required additional efforts from our reviewers, area chairs and senior area chairs to check the revised submissions. But it gave authors better opportunities to address reviewers' criticism. Another innovation is to introduce poster lightning talks in the main conference. We hope these efforts will be followed in future conferences.

ACL-IJCNLP 2022 would not be possible without the contribution from a large number of volunteers who are willing to spend tremendous time and effort. These include the members of our organisation committee and various people from the ACL community. In particular, I would like to thank:

- the three Program Co-Chairs, Heng Ji, Sujian Li, and Yang Liu, who managed the whole conference paper submission and review process, and assembled the conference program with new initiatives such as a debate on "*Is there more to NLP than Deep Learning?*" and the "7 NLP Dissertation Topics for Next 7 Years";
- the Local Organisation Chair, Chia-Hui Chang, who was in charge of venue booking when we initially planned for a hybrid conference and coordinated the setup of a registration site. She was supported by a great local organisation team, including the Financial Chair, Lun-Wei Ku, the Local Arrangement Chair, Kuan-Yu (Menphis) Chen, the Online Conference Coordinator, Richard Tzong-Han Tsai, and the Registration Chair, Hsiu-Min Chuang;
- the Publication Co-Chairs, Min-Yuh Day, Hen-Hsen Huang, and Jheng-Long Wu, who prepared the instruction for proceedings compilation and coordinated with our workshop/tutorial/demo/student research workshop chairs to assemble all papers into our conference proceedings;
- the Workshop Co-chairs, Soujanya Poria and Chenghua Lin, who selected 5 workshops for the conference and ensured all the workshops could successfully run virtually;
- the Tutorial Co-Chairs, Miguel A. Alonso and Zhongyu Wei, who selected 6 tutorials to be presented at the conference and prepared the tutorial abstract proceedings;