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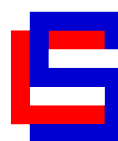
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Preface

PotsDial brings the SemDial Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue to the University of Potsdam for the second time; the first time was as the 10th meeting (brandial) in 2006. PotsDial, and the SemDial workshop as a whole, offers a unique cross section of dialogue research including experimental studies, corpus studies, and computational and formal models.

This year we received 28 full paper submissions, 15 of which were accepted after a peer-review process, during which each submission was reviewed by a panel of three experts. The poster session hosts 3 of the remaining submissions, together with 9 additional submissions that came in response to a call for late-breaking posters and demos. All accepted full papers and poster abstracts are included in this volume.

The PotsDial programme features three keynote presentations by Ryuichiro Higashinaka, Ruth Kempson and Stefan Kopp. We thank them for participating in SemDial and are honoured to have them at the workshop. Abstracts of their contributions are also included in this volume.

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