

The main aim of SIGPARSE is to ensure the continuity of the biennial 'International Workshop on Parsing Technologies' (IWPT) series. The last workshop in this series was the one with number , which was held in October 2005 in Vancouver, Canada. For the first time, IWPT was organized not as a standalone workshop but as a satellite event of a large conference, in this case the joint Human Language Technology/Empirical Methods in NLP (HLT/EMNLP) conference. This combination worked very well, both from a logistic point of view and for participation. IWPT 2005 was a quite successful workshop both in terms of number of participants and quality of submitted papers. Invited speakers were Mari Ostendorf and Jill Burstein. Rob Malouf was program chair, Alon Lavie logistic arrangements chair, and Harry Bunt general chair.

It was decided to change the name from Workshop to Conference, and to have the next (10th) one in 2007 Europe. Paola Marlo agreed to be the program chair. We will look for an opportunity to have ICPT 2007 in again in conjunction with a large conference.

To facilitate its operation and the communication in the parsing community, a SIGPARSE website continues to be maintained at the University of Twente by Hendri Hondorp, and a mailing list at CMU operated by by Kenji Sagae.

Harry Bunt, July 2006.