KET 2015 Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *2nd Workshop on Knowledge Extraction from Text,* associated with WWW 2015.

Text understanding is an old, but as yet unsolved, AI problem consisting of a number of nontrivial steps. The critical step in solving the problem is knowledge acquisition from text, i.e. a transition from a non-formalized text into a formalized language that drives computer actions. Many of required steps in the text understanding pipeline, including linguistic processing, reasoning, text generation, search, question answering etc., are already solved to a degree that allows composition of text understanding services. We know that knowledge acquisition, the key bottleneck, can be done by humans, but automating of the process is still out of reach in its full breadth.

In recent years interest in text understanding and knowledge acquisition from text has been growing. Many AI research groups are addressing relevant aspects of computational linguistics, machine learning, probabilistic and logical reasoning, and the semantic web. The goal of the workshop is to bring together experts from the diverse fields working towards text understanding. The workshop is a continuation of the Knowledge Extraction from Text workshop from NIPS 2013.

The call for papers attracted submissions from Asia, United States, Europe and South America. The program committee reviewed and accepted the following:

	Reviewed	*Accepted*	
Full Technical Papers	11	9	82%

We also encourage attendees to attend the invited talk presentation, *A hitchhiker's guide to Ontology,* by Fabian M. Suchanek, who is currently at Télécom ParisTech University in Paris.

Putting together *KET 2015* was a team effort. We first thank the authors for providing the content of the program. We are grateful to the program committee, who worked very hard in reviewing papers and providing feedback for authors. Finally, we would like to thank the WWW 2015 workshop chairs for support in organizing the workshop.

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