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Preface

Speech is addressed since several decades in the different places through the world. Many challenges must be met, HMM are still used in speech recognition even if deep learning start to be used by a large community.

The International Conference on Natural Language and Speech Processing (ICNLSP) like ICASSP or Interspeech gives the opportunity to researchers to propose new ideas and models for the different issues of the speech and NLP community.

ICNLSP is a conference which creates a synergy between Natural Language Processing and Speech Recognition communities. It highlights new approaches related to the language in both aspects: text and speech spanning basic theories to applications. The scientific committee received 30 articles from several countries, which have been reviewed by at least 3 reviewers, only 36% of the submissions have been retained.

The committee program of ICNLSP is composed of experts in speech recognition, natural language processing and information retrieval. The instructions were given to reviewers to evaluate the papers such as they do for conferences as ICASSP, Interspeech, etc.

This edition shows that an important issue emerges: Processing of Arabic dialects, in fact 27% of the accepted papers concern this issue.

The accepted papers are from 6 countries: 36% from Algeria, 28% from France and 9% from each of the following countries: Morocco, Germany, Great-Britain and USA.

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