Notes on the Symposium

The call for papers reflected not only the topic of the symposium, but also encouraged the interdisciplinary nature of submissions. As stated in the call for papers: "....relevant interest areas include: natural language processing, information retrieval, knowledge representation, cognitive science, psychology, philosophy, and others.... The symposium will maintain a balance between theoretical and applications oriented papers."

Two "special events" were planned for the Workshop: one was an invited talk by Professor Charles Fillmore on the future of lexical research, with some visionary thoughts from a pioneer in the field of lexical semantics. The other was a set of breakout sessions to involve workshop participants, focussing on "burning issues" such as limits of corpus analysis, machine-readable dictionaries, thematic roles, linking rules, and other "limits" to be set by the participants. This section of the workshop involved "pushing the limits" in focussed discussion and brainstorming on where to go, given the limits we face.

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