

Dear Cognitive Scientists:

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Quebec City for the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society! In addition to bringing together some of the most innovative and exciting research in the cognitive sciences, CogSci 2014 highlights the unique influence that computational cognitive systems have had on our community. CogSci 2014 is co-located with the 28th AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and our program encourages interaction through shared demonstrations and interactive panels. We are also very pleased to have three outstanding plenary speakers, Dedre Gentner, Stevan Harnad, and Minoru Asada, and three invited symposia that cover some of the most rapidly developing and active areas of research.

Overall, the quality of the submissions this year was extremely high. CogSci 2014 received 973 submissions, including 714 full papers, 214 member abstracts, 11 publication-based presentations, 20 symposium proposals, and 16 workshop and tutorial proposals. After a rigorous review process, we selected 297 papers for oral presentation (42%), 218 papers for poster presentation (31%), 241 member abstracts for poster presentation (96% of submitted abstracts plus reformulations of submitted papers as member abstracts), 7 publication-based papers for oral presentations (64%), 14 symposia (70%), and 13 tutorials or workshops (81%).

Quebec City offers our conference a unique and colorful backdrop. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the city's breathtaking views and old world charm bring a European flavor to North America. We hope that your visit will include time to wander the cobblestone streets, enjoy the views of the St. Lawrence River from the Cap Diamant cliffs, and explore the fortifications of the only walled city north of Mexico.

We hope that you enjoy the wide array of intellectual, cultural, and social activities that CogSci 2014 and Quebec City have to offer!

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