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■ Preface

Welcome to the Fifth Workshop on Computational Models of Narrative. This year finds us once again co-located with the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2014), and again associated with AAAI, in the form of co-location with AAAI-14 and IAAI-14. We are also co-located with the Annual Computational Neuroscience Meeting (CNS 2014). This latter association, along with the end of DARPA's Narrative Networks program, made it convenient to have a special focus on the intersection of neuroscience and narrative. Although this intersection is currently small, I believe we will see much more activity in this areas in coming years, as neuroscience, cognitive science, and cognitive modeling become ever more integrated.

Interest in and submissions to the CMN workshop remain robust. This year we received 27 submissions; of these 7 were accepted outright and 5 were declined. In keeping with our goal of inclusiveness, 14 papers that the reviewers thought contained worthwhile contributions but had (fixable) flaws were accepted on condition of revision. None of these revised papers were declined after revision, although one paper was withdrawn. Including an additional 2 invited works and 1 keynote abstract brings the total number of published works in this proceedings to 24. These numbers have allowed us to reach an important milestone: the CMN workshop series has published exactly *101 works* across its six years, five meetings, and four proceedings volumes! This sustained pace bodes well for the future of the workshop series and the field.

This year we are proud to give the *Award for Best Student Paper on a Cognitive Science Topic* to Oleg Sobchuk of the University of Tartu for his paper "Multilevel Accentuation and its Role in the Memorization of Narrative." Oleg will receive a \$250 award, as well as a year's membership in the Cognitive Science Society.

In an effort to ensure the longevity and continued vitality of the workshop series, we will begin a transition period over the next few years from my stewardship to a more formal organizational structure. We will establish a steering committee, comprised of former organizers and co-organizers of the workshop. We will also move to a "staged" organization arrangement, where those who volunteer to be lead organizer of the workshop in year X will help co-organize the workshop in year X-1. This arrangement will not only help new organizers learn the ropes, but help lend continuity to the series.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors without whom this year's workshop would not have been possible: The United States Office of Naval Research Global (ONR-G) again provided funds for the venue and travel grant money; and the Cognitive Science Society funded our best paper award.

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