

Preface

The conference series Logical Aspects of Computational Linguistics (LACL) aims at providing a forum for the presentation and discussion of current research in all the formal and logical aspects of computational linguistics. The LACL initiative started with a workshop held in Nancy (France) in 1995. Selected papers from this event have appeared as a special issue of the *Journal of Logic Language and Information*, Volume 7(4), 1998. In 1996, LACL shifted to the format of an international conference. LACL'96 and '97 were both held in Nancy (France). The proceedings appeared as volumes 1328 and 1582 of the Springer Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence.

This volume contains selected papers of the third international conference on Logical Aspects of Computational Linguistics (LACL'98), held in Grenoble, France, from December 14 to 16, 1998. The conference was organized by the University Pierre Mendès-France (Grenoble 2) together with LORIA (Laboratoire Lorrain d'Informatique et Applications, Nancy). On the basis of 33 submitted 4-page abstracts, the Program Committee selected 19 contributions for presentation. In addition to the selected papers, the program featured three invited talks, by Maarten de Rijke (ILLC, Amsterdam), Makoto Kanazawa (Chiba University, Japan), and Fernando Pereira (AT&T Labs). After the conference, the contributors were invited to submit a full paper for the conference proceedings.

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