

The first International Symposium on Languages in Biology and Medicine

LBM2005

November 24-26, 2005-12-09

Program Committee Meeting

November 24, 2005, 6-9pm

Presiding: Limsoon Wong (chair)

Attendants: Vladimir Bajic (Singapore), Sunghee Choi (Korea), Nigel Collier (Japan), Udo Hahn (Germany), See-Kiong Ng (Singapore), Jinah Park (Korea), Jong C. Park (Korea), Alfonso Valencia (Spain), Gwan-Su Yi (Korea)

AGENDA

1. Best Paper Award
2. Future Plan for the Symposium
3. Topics of the Panel Discussion
4. Publicizing Efforts
5. Any Other Business

1. Best Paper Award

In order to set up a good tradition to acknowledge excellency of work, in terms of research substance, potential and/or comprehensiveness, the committee decided to give Best Young Researcher Award to one of the paper presenters. Among the five paper presentations at this symposium, the committee decided to give Best Young Researcher Award to Mr. Chan-Goo Kang, for the work on "Generation of Coherent Gene Summary with Concept-Linking Sentences". The award will be signed by the two general chairs of the symposium, and will be given at closing by Alfonso Valencia as a keynote speaker for the symposium.

2. Future Pan for the Symposium

It is agreed that LBM is a symposium that is worth continuing internationally. With the recognition of a similar symposium in Europe, namely International Symposium on Semantic Mining in Biomedicine (SMBM), whose first meeting was held in April, 2005 in England and second meeting will be held in April, 2006 in Germany, the committee discussed the possibilities to coordinate the two symposia in a mutually beneficial way. The committee, with Udo Hahn and Alfonso Valencia also acting as delegates from SMBM, decided that LBM and SMBM will be held in alternating years, starting with the second meeting of SMBM in 2006. The committee decided that the second meeting of LBM will thus be held in 2007, to be located in Singapore.

3. Topics of the Panel Discussion

The committee decided to invite panelists, each from a different country. The topics of the panel discussion will be on the future of bioinformatics with respect to the use of languages, especially on the challenges that are ahead.

4. Publicizing Efforts

The committee discussed several options to publicize the symposium, including a post-conference book, a position paper at a journal, and a special issue at a journal. Such options will be looked into after the symposium, and followed up by the general chairs of the symposium.

5. Any Other Business

Possible plans for excursion

ACTION LIST

1. Give Best Young Researcher Award.
2. Hold next meeting in 2007, in Singapore.
3. Finalize a panel for discussion during the symposium.
4. Follow-up on options for publicizing the symposium.