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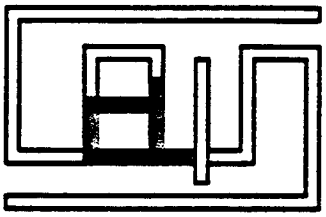

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PREFACE

I hope you like the programme; I do personally, and look forward to hearing many of the papers, even those I disagree with. There has been a lot of effort behind the production of what you see, and enormous thanks are due to the large committee of 40 distinguished persons who gave a great deal of time to review a large field quickly. The method used was more akin to that of previous COLING meetings than of ACL ones, but I think it has yielded a programme as interesting as those produced by more strenuous methods. I also owe a special personal word of thanks to my back-up team at Essex who coped with the dog work while staying in touch with me during a year away in Australia and Costa Rica. I now have much unwanted experience on the relative virtues of nets, telex, phones and mail in a range of countries. Another especial personal word of thanks is due Don Walker, who was officially ACL liaison, but in fact much more.

I hope, then, that you will enjoy and profit from the programme and find the national, continental, linguistic and gender balance to your taste. If not, remember how little of it was really under our control. I hope, too, that the no-chair sessions will cause you no problems of novelty or insecurity. The method is now well established in the United States, and I think of it as just a form of self-organization and common sense.

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