Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the workshop SENSE’09 - conceptual Structures for Extracting Natural language SEmantics. This workshop was held in July 2009 in Moscow, Russia in conjunction with the 17th International Conference on Conceptual Structures (ICCS) at the State University Higher School of Economics.

The aim of SENSE’09 was to provide an interdisciplinary forum for research on conceptual structures applications that focus on modeling, extracting, representing, analyzing and exploring natural language semantics. Conceptual structures (such as Formal Concept Analysis and Conceptual Graphs) provide mathematical models for concepts, semantic relations and hierarchies. Their usefulness for the extraction and modeling of semantics has been explored in prior research, but there have been very few conferences or workshops specifically dedicated to linguistic aspects of conceptual structures.

SENSE’09 had a rigorous refereeing process. All papers were reviewed by at least two Program Committee members. About 70% of the submitted papers were accepted as full papers to be presented at the workshop and included in this proceedings volume.

We wish to express our thanks to all the authors of submitted papers, to the members of the Program Committee, and to the ICCS Chairs, especially Sergei Kuznetsov, who suggested the idea for this workshop and without whose continued support SENSE’09 would not have been possible.

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