

Message from the Local Co-Chairs

It is with immense excitement and a profound sense of achievement that we, the local co-chairs of IJCNLP-AAACL 2023 - Ayu Purwarianti, Adila Krisnadhi, and myself - welcome you to the breathtaking island of Bali, Indonesia. The significance of this moment cannot be understated, as it marks the very first time that the IJCNLP or ACL conference has found its home in the enchanting Indonesian archipelago. This landmark occasion has doubled our excitement as local chairs, and we are thrilled to share this unique experience with all of you.

Since the moment when we were awarded the privilege of organizing IJCNLP-AAACL 2023, we have been tirelessly working to ensure this conference exceeds all expectations. We embarked on an extensive quest to discover the perfect venue and event organizer, negotiated hybrid support, searched for sponsorships, all while meticulously managing the budget, and addressing an array of logistical details, all with the goal of enhancing your experience at the conference. While our commitment to delivering an exceptional event has remained steadfast, we did encounter some noteworthy challenges. The close proximity of EMNLP 2023, scheduled in nearby Singapore just one month after IJCNLP-AAACL 2023 and whose submission deadline is also just a month after IJCNLP-AAACL 2023's, might have created scheduling dilemmas for prospective authors and participants. We sincerely hope that, despite these challenges, our captivating Bali location will draw participants from around the globe, ensuring IJCNLP-AAACL 2023 remains a highlight in the NLP conference calendar.

Another notable challenge has been attracting local participants to the conference. The absence of Scopus indexing for IJCNLP or AAACL proceedings, a critical factor for researchers in Indonesia, has presented hurdles. We hope that in the future, as more NLP proceedings are indexed by Scopus, we can generate greater local interest and participation in the region.

On behalf of the local organizing team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our General Chair, Jong Park; Publication Co-Chair, Minghui Dong; Finance Chair, Liang-Chih Yu; Tutorial Co-Chair, Sadao Kurohashi; Sponsorship Chair, Min Zhang; Registration Chair, Dessi Puji Lestari; and the PC co-chairs who have given so much help and support to the local co-chairs. I have learned a lot from you. Hosting the AAACL-IJCNLP 2023 has been an invaluable learning experience for me, and it is an experience I will carry with me. I am also grateful for the contributions and hard work of the entire organizing committee and our kind sponsors, without whom none of this would have been possible.

We look forward to the exciting discussions, sharing of knowledge, and camaraderie that will define IJCNLP-AAACL 2023. Welcome to Bali, and we sincerely hope you have one of the most wonderful conference experiences.

Warm regards,

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