CORE Conference Rankings Change Request

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1. Venue for which the change is being requested.
   SIGDIAL -- Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue
2. A request must be supported by one or more named people.
   Jason Williams, Microsoft Research, Seattle
   David Traum, Institute for Creative Technologies, Los Angeles
3. This is a ranking change request from the 2010 rank C to rank B.
   a. Position in Microsoft Academic Search (overall and within sub-area) obtained July 2, 2013
      academic.research.microsoft.com/?SearchDomain=2&entitytype=3
      62/64 in Natural Language and Speech
   b. Position in Arnetminer (overall and within sub-area) obtained July 2, 2013
      http://arnetminer.org/page/conference-rank/html/All-in-one.html
      Not Found
   c. Position in Google citations ranking (overall and within sub-area) obtained July 2, 2013
      http://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=top_venues&hl=en&vq=eng
      Not Found
   d. The name and rank (in the current CORE list) of the subdiscipline conferences immediately above this venue in each of the above lists.
      i. **Graphik** is not listed in Microsoft Academic Search
         academic.research.microsoft.com/?SearchDomain=2&entitytype=3
   e. The name and rank (in current CORE list) of the subdiscipline conferences immediately below this venue in each of the above lists.
      i. **MUC** is not listed in Microsoft Academic Search
         academic.research.microsoft.com/?SearchDomain=2&entitytype=3
   f. Names and h index of program chairs for current and previous year.
      2011:
      Joyce Chai (Michigan State University), h-index 22
      Rebecca Passonneau (Columbia University), h-index 29
      2012:
      Claire Gardent (Loria, France), h-index 20
      Amanda Stent (AT&T), h-index 22
      2013:
      Jason Williams (Microsoft Research), h-index 17
      Barbara di Eugenio (University of Illinois at Chicago), h-index 22

g. A similar (in content) venue at the rank this venue is requested to be moved from, with names and h-index of that conference's program chair(s).
ASRU IEEE Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding Workshop (bi-annual)
2011
Jerome Bellegarda (Apple), h-index 28
Dimitra Vergyri (SRI International), h-index 20
Murat Saraclar (Bogazici University), h-index 24
Bhuvana Ramabhadran (IBM Research), h-index 22
2013
Lukas Burget (BUT, Czech Republic), h-index 28
Dan Povey ((John Hopkins University), h-index 7
Jason Williams (Microsoft Research), h-index 17
Sanjeev Khudanpur ((John Hopkins University), h-index 28
Tanja Schultz (KIT, Germany), h-index 34
Yannis Stylianou (ICS Forth, Greece), h-index 23

h. A similar (in content) venue at the rank this venue is requested to be moved to, with names and h-index of that conference's program chair(s).
IJCNLP International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing
2012
Haifeng Wang (Baidu, China), h-index 12
David Yarowsky (John Hopkins University, USA), h-index 36
2013
Ruslan Mitkov (University of Wolverhampton, UK), h-index 21
Jong Park (KAIST, Korea), h-index 13

i. If the venue started within the last 5 years, date of start should be provided.
The SIGdial conference started in 2009. Prior to that it was a workshop.

4. Additional information/justification/evidence may be provided as desired.
   a. Details of a person who by virtue of their role should be qualified to make a judgement:
      Prof Robert Dale, Adjunct Professor at Macquarie University and Chief NLG Strategist with Arria NLG
   b. Data on conference citation rates compared with other venues in the same content area.
      It is important to note that Microsoft Academic only seems to cover the years 2009-2011 (after SIGdial became a conference) and seems to be missing many citations in those years as well. Statistics from the first page of GoogleScholar for the SIGdial conferences in 2009-2011 versus IJCNLP are:

year	SIGdial	IJCNLP
2009	110	48
2010	139	Not held
2011	177	58

   c. In addition, comparison between the citations for the first seven papers presented at SIGdial 2010 with the first seven papers presented at ACL 2010 (**ranked A**) yield the following results:

i. First seven papers presented at Sigdial 2010 (total 115 citations, average 16.4, median 18):
Toward incremental speech generation, Skantze & Hjalmarsson - 41 citations
Comparing local and sequential models, Heintze et al - 18 citations
Modelling user satisfaction, Higashinaka et al 5 citations
Evaluation metrics for end to end coreference resolution systems, Cai & Strube - 24 citations
Probabilistic Ontology Trees for Belief Tracking in Dialog Systems, Mehta et al - 7 citations
How was your day? An architecture for multimodal ECA systems, Santos et al - 0 citations
Middleware for incremental processing, Schlangen et al - 20 citations

ii. First seven papers presented at ACL 2010 (total 136 citations, average 19.4, median 12)
Efficient third-order dependency parsers, Koo & Collins - 74 citations
Dependency parsing and projection based on word-pair classification, Jiang & Lu - 12 citations
Bitext dependency parsing with bilingual subtree constraints, Chen et al - 7 citations
Computing weakest readings, Koller & Thater - 12 citations
Identifying generic noun phrases, Reiter & Frank - 8 citations
Structural semantic relatedness: A knowledge-based method to named entity disambiguation, Han & Zhao - 18 citations
Correcting errors in speech recognition with articulatory dynamics, Rudzicz - 5 citations