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Finally, we thank the authors for providing superb technical content, the workshop organizers, the tutorial lecturers and our keynote speakers Ming Zhou and Yiming Yang.

We look forward to welcoming you in Tianjin, China, and hope you enjoy your stay.

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The call for papers attracted submissions from all over the world. The program committee reviewed 70 submissions – 47 long and papers and 23 short papers. Of these 19 long papers and 16 short papers were accepted for presentation at the conference. We also accepted two tutorial proposals and a workshop proposal. We sincerely hope that these papers, tutorials and workshop will help lay down and promote foundational ideas in information retrieval research.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the symposium will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world.

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