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## **Preface**

Multilingualism has become an issue of major interest for the Semantic Web community, in light of the substantial growth of internet users that create and update knowledge all over the world in languages other than English. This process has been accelerated due to initiatives such as the Linked Data initiative, which encourages not only governments and public institutes to make their data available to the public, but also private organizations in domains as far apart as medicine, cartography or music. These actors publish their data sources in the languages they are available in, and, as such, in order to make this information available to an international community, multilingual knowledge representation, access and translation are an impending need.

This second edition of the MSW workshop focused on the representation of multilingual information in the Semantic Web and Linked Data, specifically addressing issues in the cross-lingual discovery of mappings between multilingual Linked Data vocabularies and data sets, and the cross-lingual querying of knowledge repositories. The workshop brought together researchers from several distinct communities, including natural language processing, computational linguistics, human-computer interaction, artificial intelligence and the Semantic Web.

There were 13 submissions to the workshop, from which the program committee accepted 5 as full papers and 5 as short papers. Taking into account only the full papers the selection rate amounts to 40%. The accepted papers cover a variety of topics regarding the representation of lexical objects in the Semantic Web, the creation and management of multilingual knowledge bases, as well as the cross-lingual linking of multilingual ontologies and data sets. The MSW Workshop program also included a keynote talk by Sebastian Hellmann.

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