



SIGDIAL 2026 BUSINESS MEETING

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What is SIGDIAL?

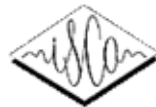
SIGdial is the special interest group (SIG) for Discourse and Dialogue:

- SIG of ACL – Association for Computational Linguistics (*ACL conferences)
- SIG of ISCA – International Speech Communication Association (INTERSPEECH conference)
- Affiliated with Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)



SIGDIAL Functions and Activities

- Promote and develop the field and avenues for publication, and provide information about relevant research and resources
 - We run an annual SIGDIAL conference and an annual YRRSDS workshop
 - We endorse and/or sponsor discourse and dialog events and activities: workshops, challenges, journal special issues and journal(s)
 - We work to broaden the field: for young researchers we provide student bursaries to attend SIGdial-endorsed events
 - The proceedings are indexed by Web of Science and hosted on the ACL Anthology.
- We maintain a website to support the dialog and discourse community
- We facilitate communication between researchers in this field
 - We maintain an active mailing list & social media accounts



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SIGDIAL Membership is Free!

- Website: <http://www.sigdial.org> (conferences at <year>.sigdial.org)
 - Register to get access to polls and other content, to post jobs or events, to add editorial posts or pointers to resources/data/tools, and to add your papers to the bibliography
- The SIGdial electoral roll is made from active members within the past two years of the mailing list and website
- Mailing List: sigdial@sigdial.org
 - Register to receive emails with announcements of events and jobs
 - To post, email sigdial@list.sigdial.org
 - You can manage your registration through your user page on the SIGdial website
- We have 417 mailing list members
(519 followers on X, 183 on LinkedIn)

SIGDIAL Resource lists <https://sigdial.github.io/sigdial-resources/>

Updates (Mikio Nakano):

- Automated program to retrieve corpora from papers
- New “Models” section

Currently:

- 504 corpora
- 13 tools
- 4 challenges
- 2 models

To add resources or modify:

- Create issues or pull requests on GitHub,
- email resources@sigdial.org

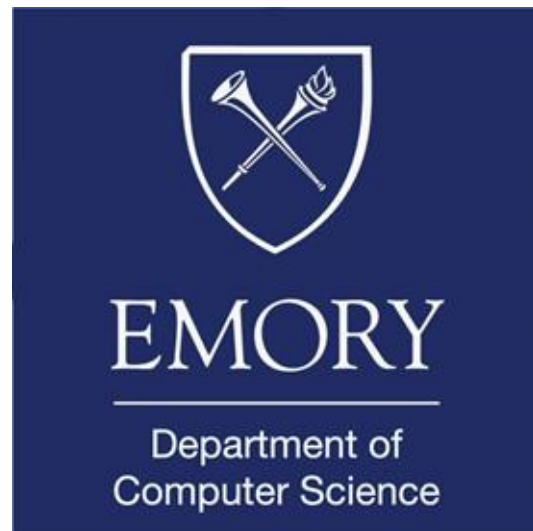
The screenshot shows the SIGDIAL Resource Lists website. The header has a navigation bar with 'SIGDIAL Resource Lists', 'GitHub' (circled in red), 'Corpora', 'Tools', 'Challenges', and a search bar. The main content is titled 'Corpora and Datasets' with a summary: 'Summary: Corpora and datasets for discourse and dialogue research'. Below this, there is a note about content extraction using ChatGPT and a link to 'GitHub issues or pull requests' (circled in red). A table of corpora is displayed with columns: Name, Language, Modalities, Data Types, Task/Domain, Participants, Size, Ave. # of Turns, Brief Description, and Paper. Two rows are visible: 'Cardiff Conversation Database (CCDb)' and 'Persona Chat'.

Name	Language	Modalities	Data Types	Task/Domain	Participants	Size	Ave. # of Turns	Brief Description	Paper
Cardiff Conversation Database (CCDb)	English	audiovisual	audio, video	Natural conversations	Human-Human	30 conversations, 300 minutes of audio-video data	Approximately 10 per conversation (estimated from 5-minute average duration per conversation)	A unique 2D audiovisual database containing natural conversations between pairs of people, annotated for speaker activity, facial expressions, head motion, and non-verbal utterances.	Aubrey et al., 2013
Persona Chat	English	Chat text	Text	Open domain	Human-Human	11K dialogues, 162K utterances		A chat-chat dataset where paired Turkers are given assigned personas and chat to try to	Zhang et al., 2018

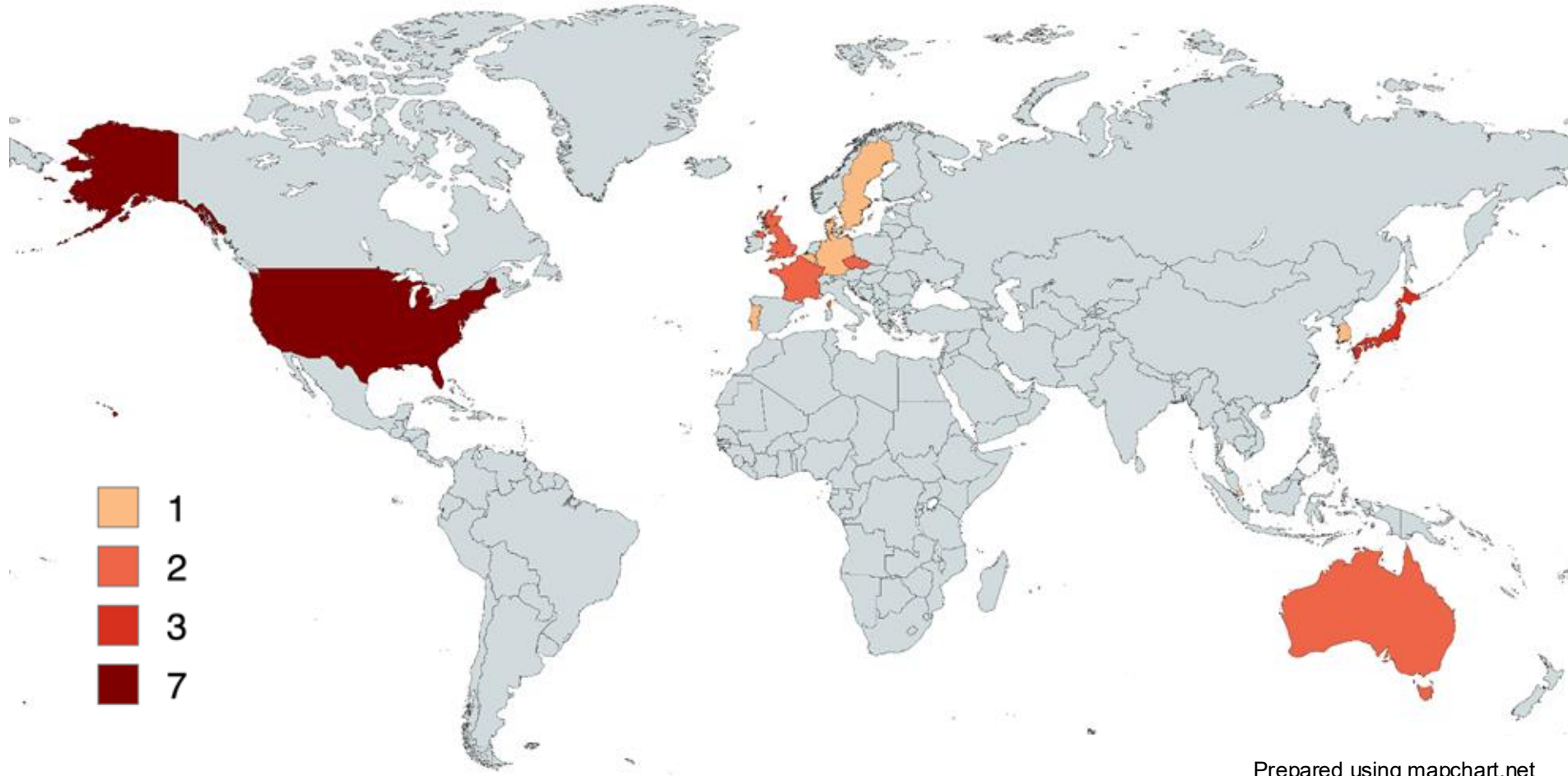
SIGDIAL Income and Expenses

- Income from annual conference registrations
 - No membership fees or publication fees (publications are all open-access via ACL anthology)
- External support of SIGDial conference
 - We thank our sponsors!
- Expenses
 - Dialogue & discourse journal (enable no-cost to authors)
 - Student bursaries
 - Support for SIGDIAL initiatives
 - Website & mailing list
- SIGDIAL accounts are in good shape
(~\$160K pre-conference)

SIGdial 2026 Sponsor

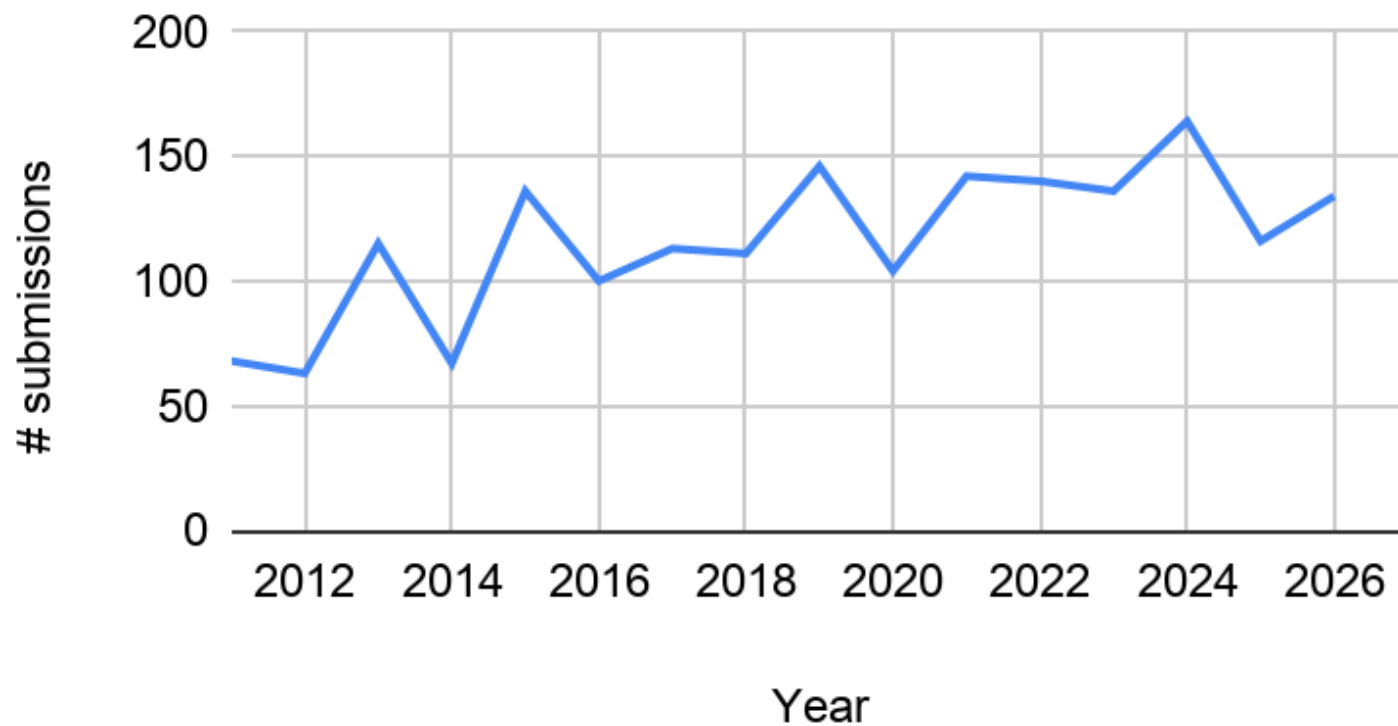


SIGDIAL over the years... Locations



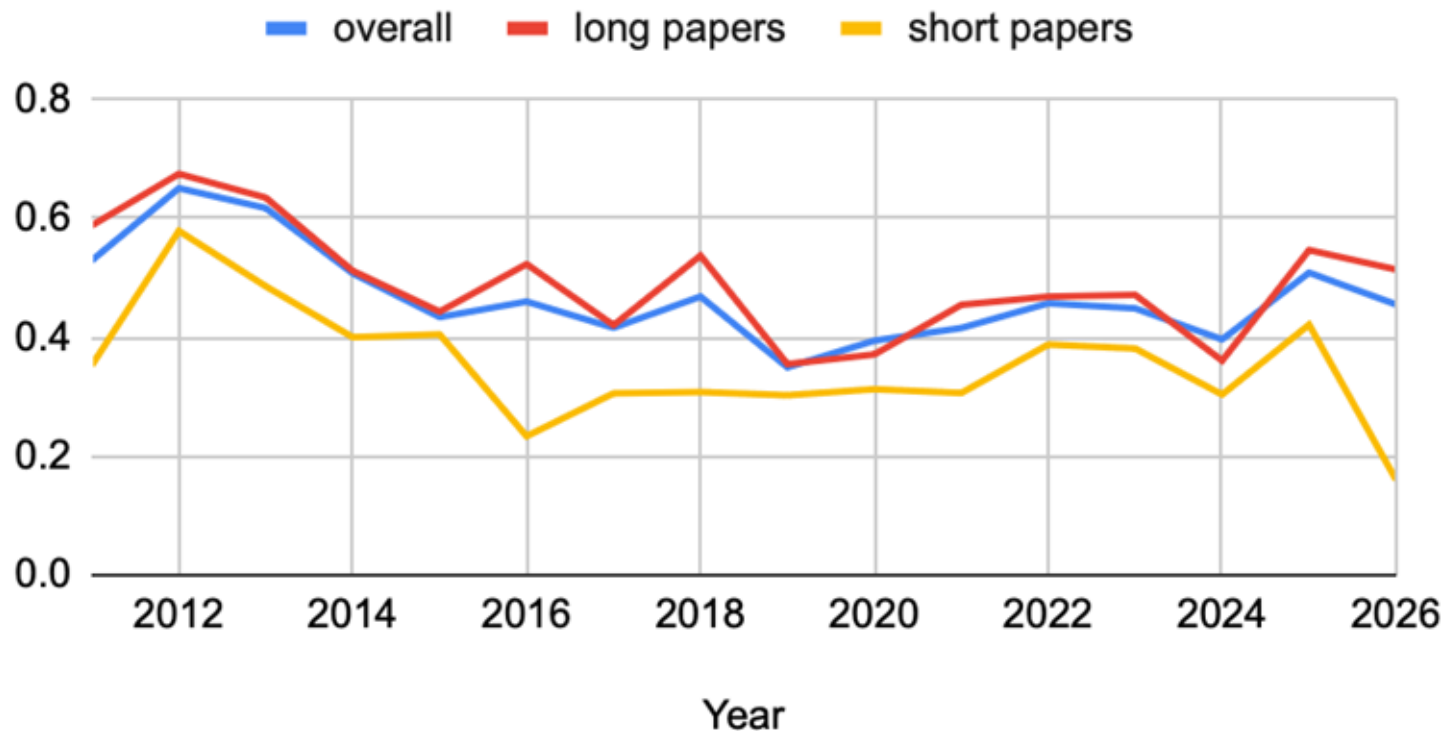
SIGDIAL over the years... Papers

Number of Submissions



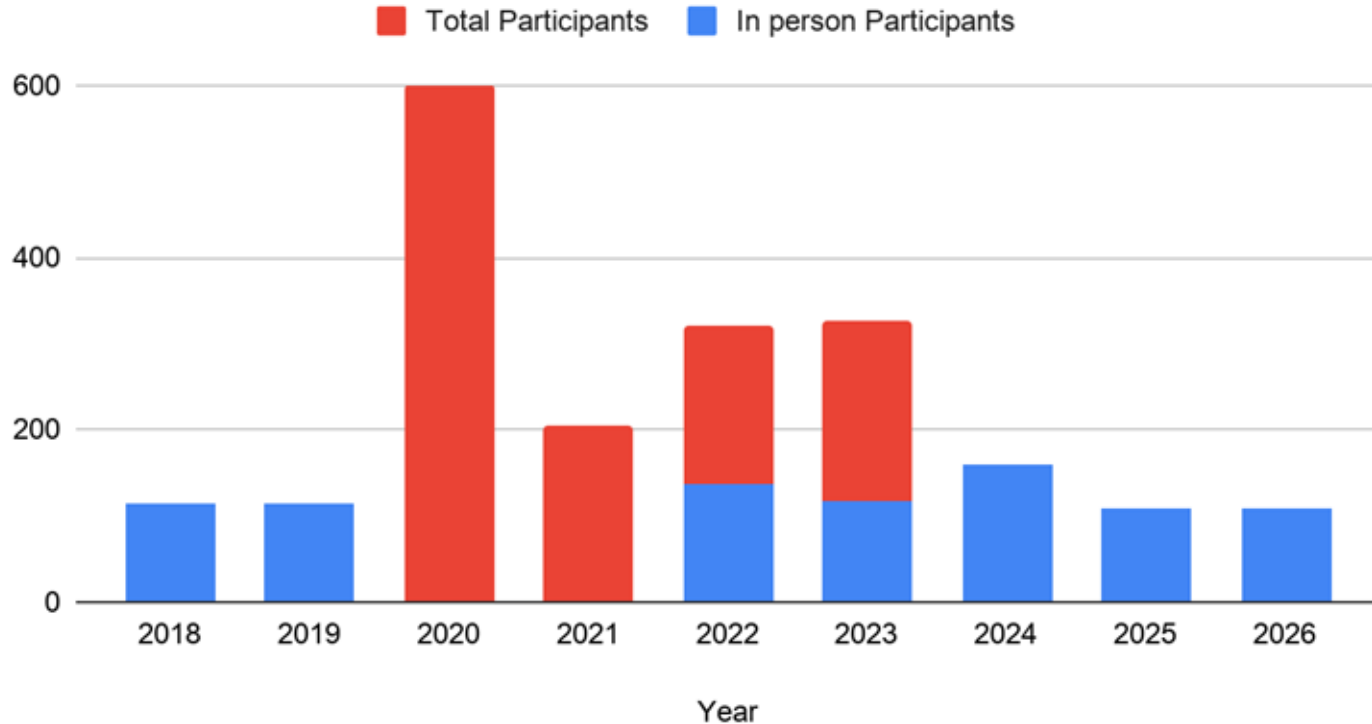
SIGDIAL over the years... Papers

Acceptance Rates



SIGDIAL over the years... Participation

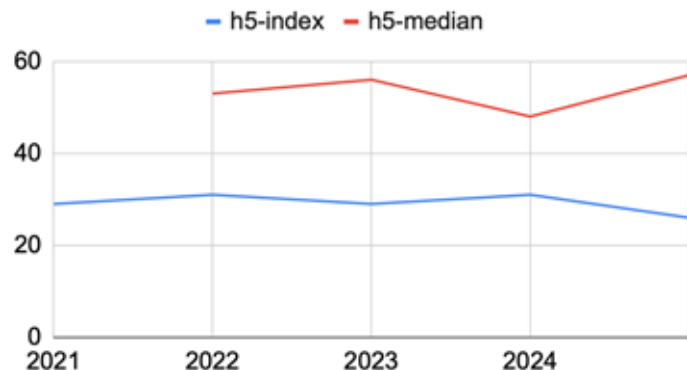
In person Participants and Total Participants



SIGDIAL Impact 2025

Google Scholar /
Computational Linguistics

h5-index and h5-median



Categories > Engineering & Computer Science > Computational Linguistics ▾

	Publication	<u>h5-index</u>	<u>h5-median</u>
1.	Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	<u>236</u>	387
2.	Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)	<u>218</u>	323
3.	Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (HLT-NAACL)	<u>126</u>	202
4.	Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics	<u>96</u>	204
5.	International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)	<u>81</u>	122
6.	Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)	<u>77</u>	128
7.	International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)	<u>68</u>	108
8.	Computer Speech & Language	<u>47</u>	84
9.	IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT)	<u>44</u>	71
10.	Computational Linguistics	<u>41</u>	109
11.	International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)	<u>41</u>	77
12.	International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation	<u>40</u>	72
13.	Workshop on Machine Translation	<u>39</u>	80
14.	ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing	<u>38</u>	56
15.	Language Resources and Evaluation	<u>36</u>	66
16.	Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing: System Demonstrations	<u>35</u>	80

Publication

h5-index

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1. Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL)

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New Initiatives

- 1. SIGDial Recognition Awards** (by former president Dilek Hakkani-Tur)
Biennial award to recognise SIGDial research, several categories
- 2. SIGDial Reviewer Awards**
Annual awards to recognise outstanding reviewers (regular & emergency)
- 3. SIGDial Social Media Strategy**
Raise awareness, increase engagement, grow community
Dedicated student (paid position) to work with various platforms

SIGDIAL Travel Support

- ISCA student members are eligible for applying travel grant
- We aim to provide our own travel grant for students in [developing countries](#) or other groups in need.

SIGDIAL Endorsements

Dialogue and Discourse (<http://www.dialogue-and-discourse.org>)

International Workshop on Spoken Dialog Systems (IWSDS)

Computational Approaches to Discourse, Context, and Document-Level Inferences & Computational Modes of Reference, Anaphora, and Coreference (CODI-CRAC)

DIALOGUE & DISCOURSE

<http://www.dialogue-and-discourse.org/>

First and only interdisciplinary journal dedicated **exclusively** to work that deals with language "**beyond the single sentence**"

- Endorsed by SIGdial, SemDial, AMLaP
- Indexed by SCOPUS, h-index: 32
- Relationship with SIGdial: some small publication expenses; some selected D&D papers presented as posters at SIGdial

This year:

- Strategic Dialogue Assessment: The Crooked Path to Innocence (Anshun Asher Zheng, Junyi Jessy Li and David I. Beaver)
- Enhancing Long-term RAG Chatbots with Psychological Models of Memory Importance and Forgetting (Ryuichi Sumida, Koji Inoue and Tatsuya Kawahara)
- Prior Lessons of Incremental Dialogue and Robot Action Management for the Age of Language Models (Casey Kennington, Pierre Lison and David Schlangen)

D&D welcomes SIGdial best paper award nominees and winners to submit extended version for expedited review

- Recent Stats:
 - 2 issues per year: 9 papers published in 2020, 10 in 2021, 7 in 2022, 7 in 2023, 6 in 2024, 13 in 2025 (Including a special issue on *Embodied Conversational Systems for Human-Robot Interaction*, intro+ 4 articles), 6 so far in 2026
 - 27 papers in progress (some waiting for resubmission)
- **Please submit your high-quality articles! (Current issue call open with October 1 deadline)**
- **Opinion pieces sought for!**
- **Special issue proposals welcome!**

Call to Action

- Register at the website
- Sign up for the mailing list / membership, follow social media accounts
- Submit papers to SIGdial endorsed events or seek endorsement of your event
- Consider a special session or workshop proposal for SIGDIAL 2027
- Consider organizing SIGDIAL 2028
- Let your colleagues at under-resourced institutions know about SIGdial student bursaries
- Volunteer to coordinate the webpage, resources, social media announcements, etc.
- Share your suggestions about directions we should take

THANKS!

Open Floor

- Questions?
- Suggestions?

Reach out to: exec@sigdial.org