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Sommario/riassunto

This volume contains the papers presented at NLDB 2009, the 14th International Conference on Applications of Natural Language to Information Systems held June 24–26, 2009, at the University of the Saarland and the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence in Saarbrücken, Germany. In addition to reviewed submissions, the program also included contributions to the doctoral symposium held during NLDB 2009 as well as two invited talks. These talks covered some of the currently hot topics in the use of natural language for accessing information systems.

We received 51 submissions as regular papers for the main conference, 2 extra submissions as posters, and 3 short papers for the doctoral symposium. Each paper for the main conference was assigned four reviewers, taking into account preferences expressed by the Program Committee members as much as possible. Within the review deadline, we received at least three reviews for almost all submissions. After the review deadline, the Conference Organizing Committee members and the Program Committee Chair acted as meta-reviewers. This task included studying the reviews and the papers, especially those whose assessment made them borderline cases, and discussing conflicting opinions and their impact on

the assessment of individual papers. Finally, the meta-reviewers wrote additional reviews for the few papers which received less than three reviews, as well as for papers which received reviews with considerably conflicting assessments.
