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Sommario/riassunto

This volume contains selected and thoroughly revised papers plus contributions from invited speakers presented at the First International Workshop on Constraint Solving and Language Processing, held in Roskilde, Denmark, September 1–3, 2004. Constraint Programming and Constraint Solving, in particular Constraint Logic Programming, appear to be a very promising platform, perhaps the most promising present platform, for bringing forward the state of the art in natural language processing, this due to the naturalness in specification and the direct relation to efficient implementation. Language, in the present context, may refer to written and spoken language, formal and semiformal language, and even general input data to multimodal and pervasive systems, which can be handled in very much the same ways using constraint programming. The notion of constraints, with slightly differing meanings, apply in the characterization of linguistic and cognitive phenomena, in formalized linguistic models as well as in implementation-oriented frameworks. Programming techniques for constraint solving have been, and still are, in a period with rapid development of new efficient methods and paradigms from which language processing can profit. A common metaphor for human language processing is one big constraintsolving process in which the different (i.e. specified) linguistic and cognitive phases take place in parallel and with mutual cooperation, which fits quite well with current constraint programming paradigms.