**Invitation to host the Fifth North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad**

Dear Prospective NACLO High School and University Hosts,

The North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad Committee invites high schools and universities to hosting the Fifth North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad, a.k.a. NACLO in the year 2011.

NACLO is a contest for U.S. and Canadian high-school students in which contestants compete by solving compelling and creative puzzles in linguistics and computational linguistics. Winners of NACLO are eligible to compete in the International Linguistics Olympiad, one of twelve international high school science Olympiads. In the past year, close to 30 Universities and 80 high schools held NACLO contest by providing exam rooms and facilitate the competition. For universities, NACLO is a good opportunity to reach out to local students who are interested in studying linguistics and computer science. For high schools, it is a good chance to help students find their interest and strength in this growing area.

The Fifth Annual North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO) will take place on February 2 and March 10 of 2011. Interested parties should send, preferably by e-mail, a brief notice of intent to host to the organizing committee at naclo11org@umich.edu. Upon receipt of the notice, details will be provided relative to organizers responsibilities and guidelines. Hosting a site involves inviting high school students from your area to your site on February 2, 2011 for an open round competition. You will proctor the contest for three or four hours, and send the contestants' solutions to the judges. Each site facilitator will contact registered students with directions and other important information about the day of the contest.

Some useful resources can be found at NACLO 2011 website at: <http://www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu/naclo11.php>.

Questions should be directed to naclo11org@umich.edu.

We look forward to your participation in NACLO 2011!

Best regards,

NACLO Organizing Committee

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