

Preface

The chapters in this book are revised, updated, and edited versions of 13 selected papers from the Second International Conference on Cooperative Multimodal Communication (CMC'98), held in Tilburg, The Netherlands, in 1998. This was the second conference in a series, of which the first one was held in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in 1995. Three of these papers were presented by invited speakers; those by Donia Scott (co-authored with Richard Power), Steven Feiner (co-authored with Michele Zhou), and Oliviero Stock (co-authored with Carlo Strapparava and Massimo Zancanaro). The other ten were among the submitted papers that were accepted by the CMC'98 program committee. The editors contributed an introductory chapter to set the stage for the rest of the book.

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