Preface

This volume contains the 12 contributed papers that were accepted for presentation at the 12th Meeting on Mathematics of Language (MOL 12), as well as a paper by one of the invited speakers of the conference, Andreas Maletti.

MOL 12 was held in the ancient capital city of Nara, Japan, from September 6 through 8, 2011, as an official meeting of the Association for Mathematics of Language, the ACL special interest group dedicated to the study of Mathematical Linguistics. After its first meeting in 1984, the association has been organizing meetings on a biennial basis since 1991, with locations usually alternating between Europe and the USA. MOL 12 was the first meeting to have been held outside of Europe and North America.

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