

CALL FOR NTCIR-11 ADDITIONAL PILOT TASK PROPOSAL
(DEADLINE: Jan 31, 2014)

NTCIR (NII Testbeds and Community for Information access Research) is a sesquiannual series of evaluation conferences that mainly focuses on Asian language information access. The first NTCIR conference (NTCIR-1) took place in August/September 1999, and the eleventh (NTCIR-11) launched in September 2013. Research teams from all over the world participate in one or more of the NTCIR tasks to advance the state of the art and to learn from one another's experiences.

<http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-11/index.html>

For NTCIR-11, eight tasks have been already accepted and their activity started. In the eight tasks, six core tasks (IMine, Math-2, MedNLP-2, MobileClick, RITE-VAL, SpokenQuery&Doc) and two pilot tasks (QALab and Temporalia) are included. Because the cycle of NTCIR is sesquiannual, we will consider late-breaking proposals for additional pilot tasks in NTCIR-11. The additional pilot task proposals will be reviewed by the NTCIR-11 Programme Committee, following the schedule below:

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan 31, 2014 Deadline for task proposals

Feb 14, 2014 Notification of accepted tasks

Please note that financial support (i.e., seed funding) will not be provided to the accepted additional pilot task. Otherwise, the task will be treated in the same manner as the other tasks in NTCIR-11 conference held in Dec 2014, and in its proceedings. Please feel free to contact the program co-chairs for any details of the task organisation.

Please submit your task proposal as a PDF to the following EasyChair site by Jan 31, 2014 (US Hawaii Time: UTC-10).

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ntcir11tp>

TASK PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Main part (a single A4 page)

- Task name and short name
- Task type (core challenge or pilot)
- Abstract
- Motivation
- Methodology
- Expected results

Appendix

- Names and contact information of the organisers
- Prospective participants
- Data to be used and/or constructed
- Budget planning
- Schedule
- Other notes

REVIEW CRITERIA:

- Importance of the task to the information access community and to the society
- Timeliness of the task
- Organisers' commitment in ensuring a successful task
- Financial sustainability (self-sustainable tasks are encouraged)
- Soundness of the evaluation methodology
- Language scope

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Best regards,

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