

The 11th NTCIR Conference

Evaluation of Information Access Technologies

NII Testbeds and Community for Information access Research

Call for Participation to the NTCIR-11 Kick-Off Event

2nd September (Mon), 2013, 13:30- (English Session) 15:15- (Japanese Session)

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

Ever wondered how to advance your Information Access technologies?

For developing Information Access technologies based on techniques of Information Retrieval, Natural Language Processing or Database Management, it is indispensable to evaluate them experimentally by using test collections constructed under collaborations of many researchers. Over the 15 years, NTCIR Workshops have been formulating the infrastructure for the evaluation, and contributing to development of the Information Access technologies. A total of 52 "evaluation tasks" have been organized, attracting over 730 participant research groups worldwide so far. Furthermore, over 2,500 research groups have signed up to use the NTCIR test collections in their research. Consequently, NTCIR has been the major forum for researchers to intensively discuss the evaluation methodology of emerging information access technologies.

As some details have been finalized for NTCIR-11, we would like to hold an event to introduce the NTCIR-11 and exciting new evaluation tasks. Are you a young researcher in Information Access area, faculty members who have (many) students to supervise, researchers in industry, or simply interested in Informatics? Anyone is welcome for the event! Join us to share the advance of the state of the art Information Access research and development!

*** NTCIR-11 Kick-Off Event ***

- **Date/Time:** 2nd September (Mon), 2013 From 13:30 p.m. To 16:45 p.m.

(13:30-15:00 English Session) (15:15-16:45 Japanese Session, same as English Session)

- **Location:** Room 2001A.2001B, 20F National Center of Science, National Institute of Informatics

<http://www.nii.ac.jp/en/about/access/>

- **Opening:** 13:15

- **Fees:** Free (No registration is required)

- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ntcir>

* Program *

- Overview of NTCIR

- What's new in NTCIR-11

- Task Introduction (5min x 8tasks)

- Why participate?

- How to participate

- Important Dates

- Q&A

* NTCIR-11 Tasks *

CORE TASKS:

1. IMine: Search Intent and Task Mining

2. Math-2: Mathematical Information Access

3. MedNLP-2: Medical Natural Language Processing

4. MobileClick: Mobile Information Access

5. RITE-VAL: Recognizing Inference in TExt and Validation

6. SpokenQuery&Doc: Spoken Query and Spoken Document Retrieval

PILOT TASKS:

7. QALab: QA Lab for Entrance Exam

8. Temporalia: Temporal Information Access

NTCIR-11 Program Co-Chairs :

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June 18-21, 2013
National Center of Sciences, Tokyo, Japan
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Keynotes



EVIA2013



Breakout sessions



Poster and Demo Sessions



Oral Presentations



Banquet



Task Proposal Discussion

