
CALL FOR NTCIR-12 ADDITIONAL PILOT TASK PROPOSAL
(DEADLINE: May 22, 2015)

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 twelfth (NTCIR-12) launched in March 2015. Research teams from all over the world participate in NTCIR tasks to advance the state of the art and to learn from one another's experiences.

<http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-12/index.html>

For NTCIR-12, eight tasks have been already accepted and their activity started. The eight tasks include five core tasks (IMine-2, MedNLPDoc, MobileClick-2, SpokenQuery&Doc-2, Temporalia-2) and three pilot tasks (Lifelog, QALab-2, STC). Since there are still many emerging problems in information access research, we now call for additional pilot tasks in NTCIR-12. The additional pilot task proposals will be reviewed by the NTCIR-12 Programme Committee, following the schedule below:

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 22, 2015: Deadline for task proposals

Jun 19, 2015: 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-12 conference held in June 2016, and in its proceedings. Please feel free to contact the program co-chairs for any details of the task organization.

Please submit your task proposal as a PDF to the following EasyChair site by May 22, 2015 (US Hawaii Time: UTC-10).

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ntcir12tp>

TASK PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Main part (a single A4 page)

- Task name and short name

- Abstract
- Motivation
- Methodology
- Expected results

Appendix

- Names and contact information of the organizers
- 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
- Organizers' commitment in ensuring a successful task
- Financial sustainability
- Soundness of the evaluation methodology
- Language scope

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Best regards,

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