NTCIR-14 Kick-off Event

March 20, 2018

English session: 13:00 ~ 14:30

Japanese session: 14:45 ~ 16:15
Program

• Overview of NTCIR
• Overview of NTCIR-14
• Task Introduction (7 min x 6 tasks)
• Why participate?
• How to participate
• Important Dates
• Q & A
Overview of NTCIR
Overview of NTCIR-14
Organization at NTCIR-14

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Task Organizers

Program Committee

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- Douglas Oard, University of Maryland
- Tetsuya Sakai, Waseda University
- Mark Sanderson, RMIT University
- Ian Soboroff, NIST
- Emine Yilmaz, University College London
## NTCIR-14 General Schedule

Note that each task can have its own schedule

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<td>Participant paper (draft) submission due</td>
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New Trial at NTCIR-14: LNCS Publication

• Post-conference proceedings published by LNCS
  – Only selected papers will be invited
• Submit a good paper to NTCIR, and get the paper published by LNCS

Tentative Schedule (the details will be announced later)

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1. Heterogeneous information access

2. Dialogue generation and analysis

3. Meta research on information access communities
NTCIR-14 Tasks

• **CORE**
  – Personal Lifelog Organisation & Retrieval (Lifelog-3)
  – Open Live Test for Question Retrieval (OpenLiveQ-2)
  – QA Lab for Politics Minutes (QALab-PoliInfo)
  – Short Text Conversation (STC-3)
  – We Want Web (WWW-2)

• **PILOT**
  – CLEF/NTCIR/TREC REproducibility (CENTRE)
How to participate
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1. Read the task description and CFP carefully

2. Contact a TO if you have questions

3. Decide a task to participate

4. Register as a participant at NTCIR website

5. Fill in User Agreement Forms

6. Keep an eye on a task’s ML, website, etc. to follow the activity

Don’t hesitate to send a feedback to TO.
What Participants Must Do

1. Submit your runs

2. Submit a paper to NTCIR-14 Conference
   – Demonstrate your systems and methods

3. Attend the NTCIR-14 conference and give a presentation
   – Every group will give a poster presentation
   – Some will give an oral presentation, too
Why participate? (Students)

• Easy start-up
  – Much of experimental setup is provided
  – Performance measures are (often) defined

• Increase your visibility
  – Demonstration of your idea and achievement for academics and industries

• Publications
  – Comparison with other participants can produce stronger arguments
  – Inspired by the international community for future work

• Diverse tasks
  – A variety of Information access tasks to tackle
Why participate? (Industry)

• Establish your brand
  – To your end-users and competitors
  – Recruit smart people

• Fair benchmarking
  – Comparison with your own products can be less reproducible
  – Critical self-assessments

• Faster development
  – Brushing up your product or eliminating bugs in a limited period of time

• Early access to resultant resources
  – Secondary resources developed by the task are yours, too
• The fourteenth cycle of NTCIR has started
  – Will conclude in June 2019
• Six exciting tasks are running
  – Organized by leading researchers worldwide
• Lots of opportunities for innovative work
  – Exchange great ideas with the community

What we need is your participation!
http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-14/

Thank you for your attention!

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Q & A?