

NTCIR-16 Kick-off Event

March 29, 2021

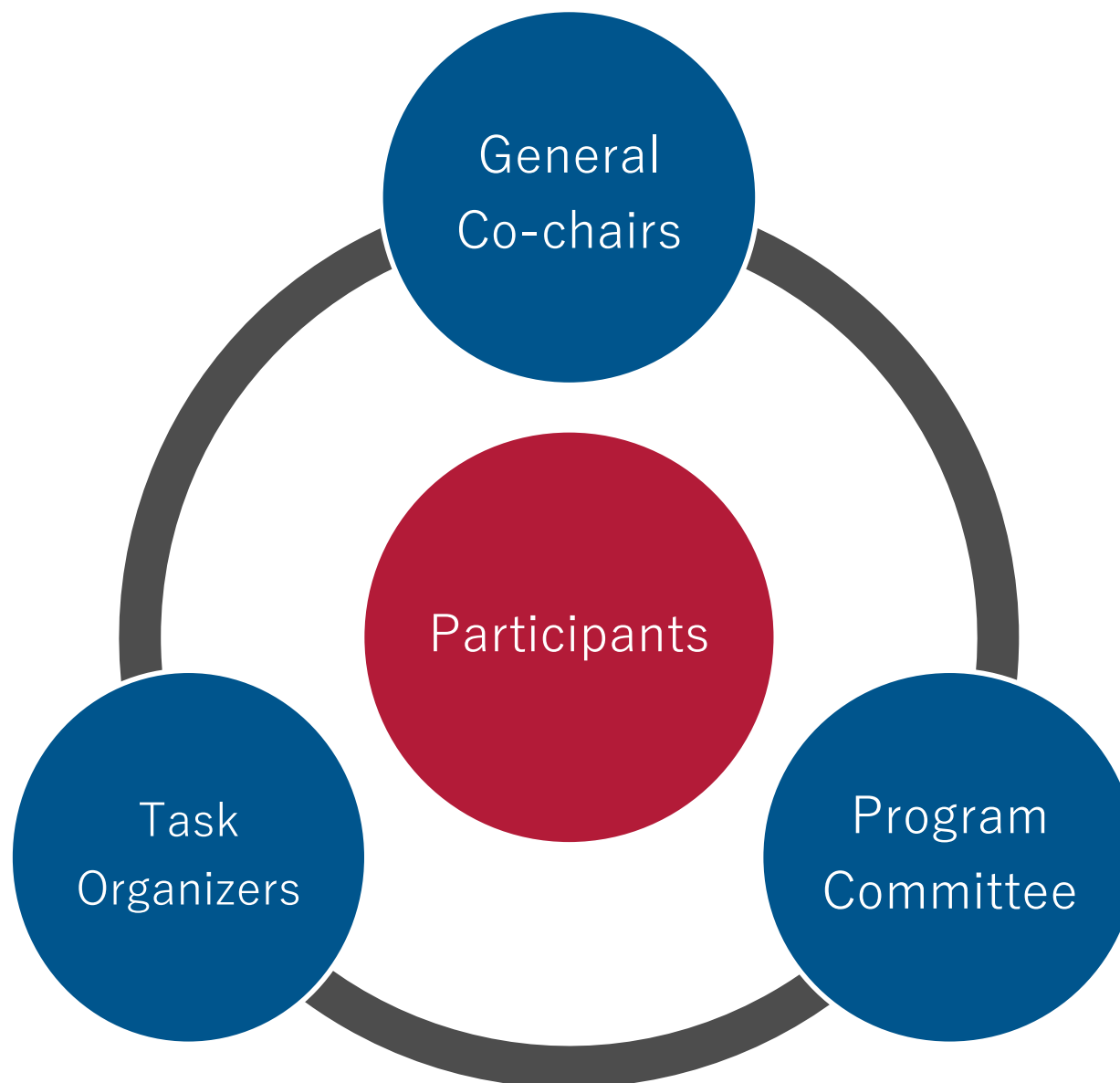
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<http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-16/>

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- **Overview of NTCIR-16**
- **Task Introduction (10 tasks)**
- **Why participate?**
- **How to participate**
- **Important Dates**
- **Q & A**

Overview of NTCIR

Overview of NTCIR-16





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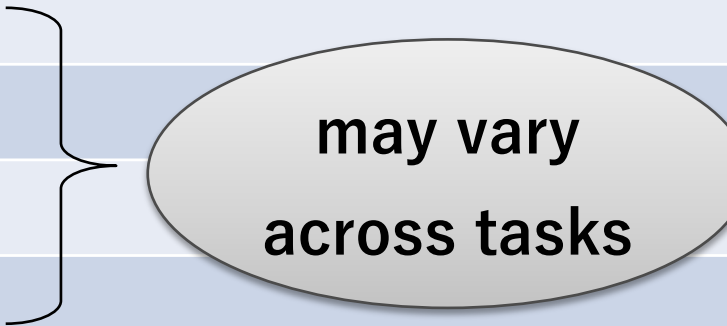
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Note that each task can have its **own schedule**

Date	Event
Mar 29, 2021	NTCIR-16 Kickoff
Apr-Jul, 2021	Task Registration Due
Jul, 2021	Dataset Release
Jul-Sep, 2021	Dry Run
Sep-Dec, 2021	Formal Run
Feb 1, 2022	Evaluation Result Release to the participants
Feb 1, 2022	Task overview paper release (draft)
Mar 1, 2022	Submission due of participant papers
May 1, 2022	Camera-ready participant paper due
Jun, 2022	NTCIR-16 Conference



We have **10** exciting tasks at this round

– Probably the largest NTCIR
in terms of the number of running tasks?

1. Modern **IR** tasks from data to human
2. Deep **NLP** tasks in specialized domains

CORE TASKS

1. **WWW-4:** We Want Web 4 with CENTRE
2. **DialEval-2:** Dialogue Evaluation 2
3. **FinNum-3:** Investor's and Manager's Fine-grained Claim Detection
4. **Lifelog-4:** Lifelog Access and Retrieval
5. **QA Lab-PoliInfo-3:** Question Answering Lab for Political Information
6. **Data Search 2:** Data Search 2

PILOT TASKS

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8. **Real-MedNLP:** Real document-based Medical Natural Language Processing
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Modern IR tasks from data to human

Data



Data Search-2

Document



WWW-4

SS

ULTRE

Human



Lifelog-4

RCIR

DialEval-2

Real-MedNLP

Medical



FinNum-3

Finance



QA Lab-
PolInfo-3

Politics



Deep NLP tasks in Specialized Domains

Task Introduction from Task Organizers

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How to participate

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

- 1. Submit your runs**
- 2. Submit a paper to NTCIR-16 Conference**
 - Demonstrate your systems and methods
- 3. Attend the NTCIR-16 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
- **Faster development**
 - Brushing up your product or eliminating bugs in a limited period of time
- **Fair benchmarking**
 - Comparison with your own products can be less reproducible
 - Critical self-assessments
- **Early access to resultant resources**
 - Secondary resources developed by the task are yours, too

- **The 16th cycle of NTCIR has started**
 - Will conclude in June 2022
- **10 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!



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Thank you for your attention!

For further enquiries, contact the NTCIR office
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Q & A?