

MediaEval 2019 Multimedia Benchmarking Initiative

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Abstract. MediaEval is a multimedia benchmarking initiative which seeks to evaluate new algorithms for multimedia access and retrieval. MediaEval emphasizes the "multi" in multimedia, including tasks combining various facet combinations of speech, audio, visual content, tags, users, and context. MediaEval innovates new tasks and techniques focusing on the human and social aspects of multimedia content in a community driven setting. The initiative provides a platform for researchers to organize benchmark tasks within a planned annual timeline and to report results at an end of campaign workshop. MediaEval 2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the foundation of MediaEval. This presentation will briefly overview 10 years of MediaEval campaigns and summarize current activities within the MediaEval 2019 campaign.

Biography. Gareth Jones conducts research on multiple topics in information retrieval, including multimedia, multilingual and personal content across a wide range of application areas. Over the last 20 years he has published hundreds of papers describing this work at multiple venues. Much of his research encompasses the design of tasks for the evaluation of this research, including test collections and evaluation metrics. Since 2002 he has been responsible for the organisation of international benchmarking tasks at venues including CLEF, FIRE, NTCIR and TRECVID. In 2010, together with Martha Larson, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, he co-founded the MediaEval Multimedia Benchmarking initiative to provide a platform for the development and evaluation of novel tasks in multimedia indexing and search. Gareth has served as co-Programme Chair for ECIR 2011, Information Retrieval Chair for ACM CIKM 2010, and co-Chair of ACM SIGIR 2013 and CLEF 2017 (with MediaEval 2017) both hosted in Dublin.

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