

**Wrap up!**

# NTCIR-9 Meeting

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# NTCIR: NII Test Collection for Information Retrieval

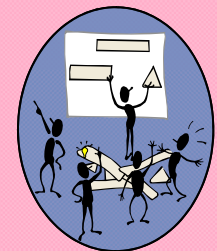


## → NII Testbeds and Community for Information Access Research

Research Infrastructure for Evaluating Information Access

A series of evaluation workshops designed to enhance research in information-access technologies by providing an infrastructure for large-scale evaluations.

Data sets, evaluation methodologies, and forum



### Project started in late 1997

- Once every 18 months

### Data sets (Test collections or TCs)

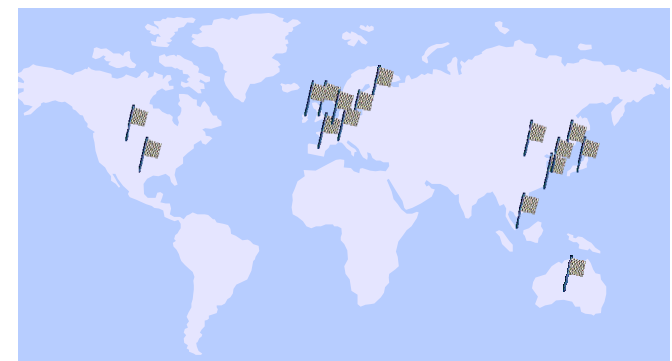
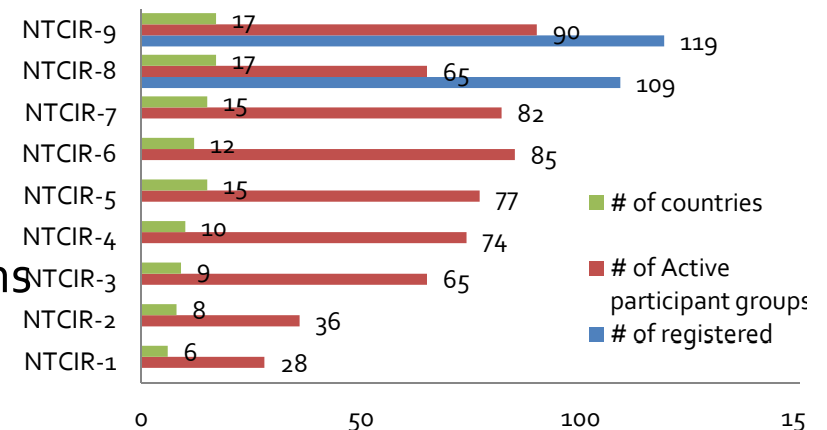
- Scientific, news, patents, web, CQA, Wiki, Exams
- Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and English

### Tasks (Research Areas)

- IR: Cross-lingual tasks, patents, web, Geo, Spoken
- QA : Monolingual tasks, cross-lingual tasks
- Summarization, trend info., patent maps, Inference,
- Opinion analysis, text mining, Intent, Link Discovery, Visual

### Community-led Research Activities

# of the TC Users : 2241




# NTCIR-9: Objectives

- Solid foundation
  - New structure
- Task diversity
  - Covers a wide context in Information Access
  - Studies rich media types
- Community-led task organisation
  - Sustainability of research
  - Seed Funding
- Promotion of research resources
  - Show case in the NTCIR-9 Meeting

# NTCIR-9: Structure

- General Co-Chairs
  - Noriko Kando (NII)
  - Tsuneaki Kato (The University of Tokyo)
  - Eiichiro Sumita (NICT)
- Task Organisers
  - 40 researchers worldwide
  - 90 Participating Groups
- Program Co-Chairs
  - Hideo Joho (Tsukuba University)
  - Tetsuya Sakai (MSRA)
- EVIA Co-Chairs
  - ark Sanderson (RMIT)
  - William Webber (Melbourne University)
  - Kazuaki Kishida (Keio University)



Highest Numbers!

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# NTCIR-9 Meeting

- 225 attendees! (+45)

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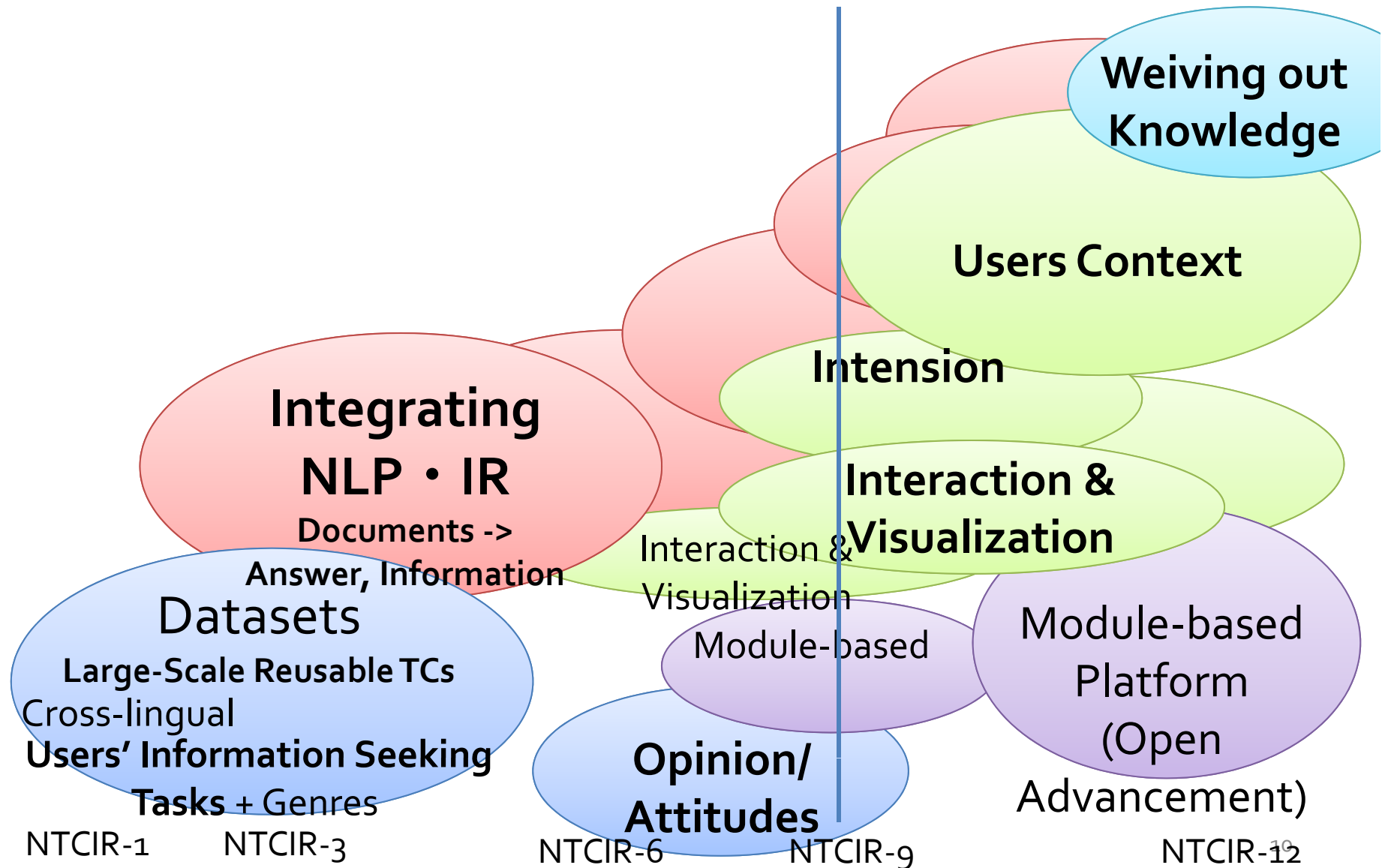


# NII Testbeds and Community for Information access Research

Why?

- Data sets / Users' Information Seeking Tasks
- Evaluation Methodology
- Reusable vs Reproducibility
- User-Centered Evaluation
- Experimental Platforms
- Open Advancement
- Advanced NLP → Knowledge- or Semantic-based
- Diversified IA Applications in the Real World
- Best Practice for a technology
  - Best Practice for Evaluation Methodology
- Big Data (Documents + Behaviour data)

# Mid-term Vision



# Please !

- Evaluation Sheets (at the Registration Desk)
- PDFs for Slides and Posters
  - → [ntc-proceedings@nii.ac.jp](mailto:ntc-proceedings@nii.ac.jp)
- Errata & update the proceedings papers
  - → ntc-proceedings@nii.ac.jp
  - we cannot replace, but add a new version or errata
- For TOs
  - Please send the final Test Collections and Submission Archived to NTCIR Office
- Comments and advices are always welcome

# NTCIR-10

- Program Chairs
  - Tetsuya Sakai
  - Hideo Joho
- General Chairs
  - Noriko Kando
  - Tuneaki Kato
  - Douglas Oard
  - Mark Sanderson

# Schedule

- Dec ?? 2012: Revised task proposals for NTCIR-10?
- Jan 2012: Notification of accepted tasks
- February 2012: Call for NTCIR-10 Task
  - Trainig/Tests
  - Feb 2013: Release of evaluation results/ task overview partial release
- 18-23 June 2013: NTCIR-10 Meeting



<http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-9/>

Thank you for your participation! Enjoy!

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