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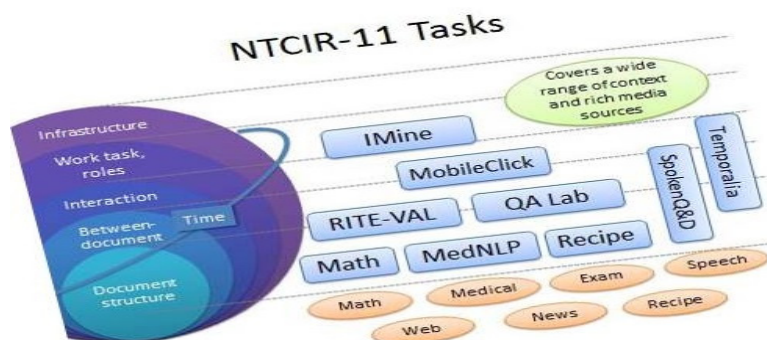
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The Eleventh NTCIR Conference (NTCIR-11) **and** the Sixth International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2014) **will be held on December 9-12, 2014, at NII in Tokyo, Japan.**
NTCIR-11 Conference and EVIA 2014 are open event and anybody is welcome. For the previous conference, we had a total of 243 attendees from 20 different countries contributed to discussion. Anyone who is interested in research areas related to NTCIR, such as Information Retrieval, Question Answering, Information Extraction, Text Mining and Data Engineering is welcome to attend and join the discussion. We are especially fortunate to have an distinguished **Keynote** speaker **Susan T. Dumais**, Microsoft Research. Please come and join the discussion!

Tasks   NTCIR-11 has hosted the following six core tasks and three pilot tasks.

IMine mining and satisfying different user intents for a query
MATH mathematical content access based on both natural language text and mathematical expression
MedNLP Medical Natural Language Processing
MobileClick satisfying a user's need by the first output
RITE-VAL Recognizing Inference in Text

SpokenQuery&Doc Retrieval for Spoken Documents
QA Lab   Question Answering for Entrance Exam
Temporalia Document access related temporal information
RecipeSearch Cooking Recipe document search

Schedule

DAY 1 (Tuesday, 9th December, 2014) The 6th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (**EVIA 2014**)
DAY 2-4 (10-12th December, 2014)   **NTCIR- 11 Conference**

Keynote

DAY 2 (AM, Wednesday, 10th December, 2014)   **Susan T. Dumais** (Microsoft Research) **"Personalized Search: Potential and Pitfalls"**

Inquiry

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Online Registration

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Online Registration is going to be available soon.

Payment for Early and Online Registration is by Credit Card.

Only in the case that the payment by a credit card is not acceptable by your organization, the bank transfer is available. Please consult the **NTCIR Conference Office (ntc11mtg-sec@nii.ac.jp)**.

On-site registration is available. But please notice that the payment shall be in cash only.

Fee

Registration Category	Online Registration		On-site (**After Dec.1**)
	Early (**Until Nov. 21**)	**Regular** (**From Nov. 22 to Nov. 30**)	
Full (non-students)	JPY 35,000	JPY 40,000	JPY 45,000
Student	JPY 5,000	JPY 6,000	JPY 6,000
EVIA Only	JPY 5,000	JPY 5,000	JPY 5,000

"Full" includes **access to all the sessions in the conference** (**both EVIA and NTCIR-11 Conference**), **access to online proceedings**, **a banquet(Dec.10)**, **three lunches(Dec. 10-12)**, coffee and three morning light refreshment.

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For the students from **the cordinate organizations**, special invitation is available. It is free of charge to join the conference and you can access to the proceedings, but lunch and banquet are **not** included. Students include the internship students who are currently working at the organizations.

Online proceedings will be available for free from Dec. 9, 2014. It is also available to access at the conference venue by wireless LAN.

*Proceedings will be available only online and no CD-ROM will be provided this year.

**Please see 'List of Cordinate Organizations' on the website: http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-11/participation.html

Additional Ticket Category	Fee
Student Banquet	JPY 6,000
Accompanying person Lunch (per day)	JPY 1,800
Accompanying person Banquet	JPY 8,000

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