

## Call for Participation

# The 12th NTCIR Conference and EVIA 2016

(The 7th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access)

June 7-10, 2016

National Center of Sciences, Tokyo, Japan

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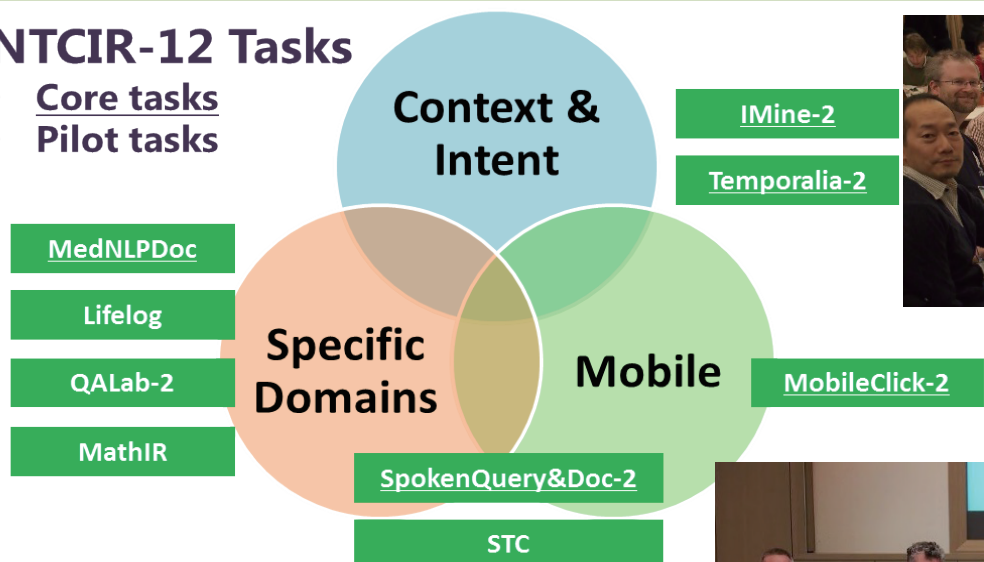
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**The twelfth NTCIR Conference (NTCIR-12) and the Seventh International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2016)** will be held **June 7-10, 2016**, at **NII in Tokyo, Japan**. **NTCIR-12 and EVIA 2016** are open to everyone. In the previous round of this event (NTCIR-11/EVIA 2014), we had about 200 attendees from about 20 countries and regions. If you are interested in information access research areas including, but not limited to, **Information Retrieval, Natural Language Processing, Question Answering, Summarisation, Speech and Multimedia**, please attend the event and join our discussions.

**NTCIR-12 keynote speakers: Professor Alistair Moffat, The University of Melbourne, Australia**

### NTCIR-12 Tasks

- Core tasks
- Pilot tasks



### Schedule

**DAY 1 (Tuesday, 7th June, 2016):**


**EVIA 2016**

**DAY 2-4 (8-10th June, 2016):**

**NTCIR-12 Conference**

EVIA 2016 Program Co-Chairs: Charles Clarke, Emine Yilmaz  
 NTCIR-12 Program Co-Chairs: Kazuaki Kishida, Makoto P. Kato  
 NTCIR-12 General Co-Chairs: Noriko Kando, Tetsuya Sakai, Mark Sanderson

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**EVIA 2016**  
**The 7th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access**  
a Satellite Workshop of the NTCIR-12 Conference

June 7, 2016, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan.  
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**Submission due: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

We invite submissions for the Seventh International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2016) which will be held in conjunction with NTCIR 12 in Tokyo, Japan, on June 7, 2016. Information Access technologies provide the interface between human information needs and digital information resources. The reliable evaluation of these technologies has been recognized for decades as central to the advancement of the field. As information retrieval technologies become more pervasive, the forms of retrieval more diverse, and retrieval tools richer, the importance of effective, efficient, and innovative evaluation grows as well.

We invite both short papers (2-4 pages) and long papers (8-10 pages) addressing one or more of the following topics, as well as any other topic related to the evaluation of information access:

- Test collection formation, evaluation metrics, and evaluation environments
- Statistical issues in retrieval evaluation
- User studies and the evaluation of human-computer interaction in information retrieval (HCIR)
- Evaluation methods for multilingual, multimedia, or mobile information access
- Novel information access tasks and their evaluation
- Evaluation and assessment using implicit user feedback, crowdsourcing, living labs, or inferential methods
- Evaluation issues in industrial and enterprise retrieval systems

Submissions must be in English, in PDF format, and must use standard ACM SIGIR templates (<http://www.acm.org/publications/proceedings-template>) which are available for both LaTeX and Word from the ACM website. Papers must report work that is not previously published, not accepted for publication elsewhere, and not currently under review elsewhere. Submissions should not contain any author identification and should be submitted electronically via the conference submission system (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=evia2016>).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 4, 2016 submissions deadline

April 18, 2016 Notifications to authors

May 1, 2016 Camera ready due

June 7, 2016 EVIA 2016@NII, Tokyo, Japan

June 8-10, 2016 TCIR-12@NII, Tokyo, Japan