



Call for Participation

The 9th NTCIR Workshop Meeting

Evaluation of Information Access Technologies: Information Retrieval, Question Answering and Cross-Lingual Information Access

and

The 4th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access

December 6-9, 2011

National Center of Sciences, Tokyo, Japan

NTCIR Organizing Committee

National Institute of Informatics (NII)

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

NTCIR is a series of **evaluation workshops** for **Information Access Technologies** like **Information Retrieval (IR)**, **Question Answering (QA)**, **Summarization**, **Text Mining**, **Machine Translation**, etc. and providing **research infrastructure for evaluation and testing**, and **forum** of researchers. It has placed emphasis on processing of **East Asian languages**, but attracted **international participation**.

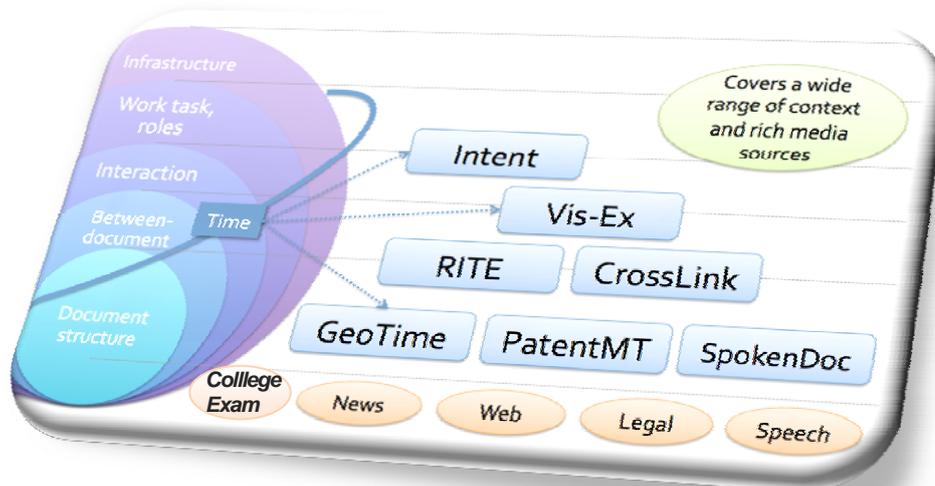
NTCIR-9 has hosted the following four core tasks and three pilot tasks under a new organization structure. Most tasks are new in NTCIR-9 and we had one of the largest number of participated teams in the history of NTCIR!

[Core Tasks]

- **GeoTime**: Geo Temporal Retrieval
- **INTENT**: mining and satisfying different user intents for a query, + 1CLICK subtask: satisfying a user's need by the first output
- **RITE**: Recognizing Inference in Text
- **SpokenDoc**: Retrieval for Spoken Documents

[Pilot Tasks]

- **CrossLink**: Cross-Lingual Link Discovery
- **VisEx**: Interactive Visual Exploratory
- **PatentMT**: Translation of Patent Document



NTCIR-9 Meeting and EVIA 2011 are open events and anyone who is interested in the research in information access technologies are welcome. For the previous Meeting, approximately 200 attendees from 18 different countries contributed to discussion. Please come and join the discussion!

Schedule:

DAY-1 (6th December 2011) The 4th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (**EVIA2011**)

DAY2-4 (7-9th December 2011) NTCIR- 9 Meeting

Keynote: Natural Language understanding, Semantic-based Information Retrieval and Knowledge Management
by Dr. Junichi Tsujii, Tsujii, Microsoft Research Asia

Invited Talk: Principles for Robust Evaluation Infrastructure
by Mark Sanderson, RMIT and William Webber, University of Maryland

Reports from other evaluation campaigns

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Past NTCIR Workshops



Keynote on "Building Watson" by David A. Ferrucci and Koichi Takeda (IBM Research) at NTCIR-8 (June 2010)



Registration

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

Anyone who is interested in the researches and development in information access technologies and their evaluation are welcome to join NTCIR-9 Meeting and EVIA regardless of participation of the evaluation task(s) set by the NTCIR-9 organizers.

Fee	Early Registration (Until October 31)	Online Registration (From November 1 to November 25)	On-site
Full registration (non-students)	JPY 30,000	JPY 32,000	JPY 35,000
Student (with proceedings)	JPY 8,000	JPY 10,000	JPY 10,000
Student (without proceedings)	0	0	0

- Payment for Early and Online Registration is by Credit Card or in Cash.
- On-site registration is available. But please notice that the payment shall be in cash only.
- All the registration categories include access to all the sessions in the meeting (both EVIA and NTCIR-9 Meeting), access to online proceedings and coffee (December 6-9).
- Full registration includes one CD-ROM of the proceedings (both EVIA 2011 and NTCIR-9 Meeting) and the evaluation results, a banquet and three lunches (December 7-9).
- Student (with proceedings) registration includes one CD-ROM of the proceedings (both EVIA 2010 and NTCIR-9 Meeting) and the evaluation results, a banquet and three lunches (December 7-9).
- "Student Banquet" and "Student lunch" ticket are available for students (without proceedings).
- Pre-registration is required for these tickets.
- Online proceedings will be available for free from December 6, 2011

Category	Fee
Student Banquet	JPY 4,000
Accompanying person Banquet	JPY 5,000
Student Lunch (per day)	JPY1,000
Accompanying person Lunch (per day)	JPY1,500

Cancellation Policy Student ID

In case of cancellation, written notification should be sent to the Registration Office (ntcir9_reg@ics-inc.co.jp) by November 4. Refunds will be made according to the following guidelines.

- Until November 4, 2011: 100% refund of registration fees
- From November 5, 2011: No refund

Student ID

Student registration (either with or without proceedings) requires a valid student ID. Please bring your student ID with you to the conference venue. Without student ID, you may be requested to re-register as "full registration".