

# The 18th NTCIR Conference (NTCIR-18)

And

## The 11th International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2025)

June 10 (Tue) – 13 (Fri), 2025

Hitotsubashi Hall, Tokyo, Japan

Organizers: National Institute of Informatics (NII), NTCIR-18 Conference Organizing Committee

Website: <https://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-18/conference.html>

**NTCIR** (NII Testbeds and Community for Information Access Research) is a project aimed at creating a large-scale evaluation framework for technologies that facilitate access to desired information, understanding, and utilization from vast amounts of data. These technologies include information retrieval, question answering, summarization, text mining, and machine translation. It provides a shared common foundation for numerous researchers both domestically and internationally, enabling them to advance their respective research, conduct validation and comparative evaluations, and learn from one another within a collaborative forum. Since it started in 1998, NTCIR has been striving to realize richer information access technologies and create future value. The project operates on a cycle of 1.5 years, during which several tasks (research areas) are selected for focused activities. The conference consists of keynote speeches, invited talks, panel discussions, and oral/poster presentations on insights gained from research outcomes and comparative evaluations.

**EVIA 2025** serves as a platform for research presentations on evaluation methodologies for information access technologies. As a satellite workshop of NTCIR, EVIA invites papers from the general public. Researchers are encouraged to submit papers addressing various challenges in information access, such as generative AI, large language models (LLMs), and fairness (Submission deadline: May 2, 2025).

## NTCIR-18 Tasks

10 tasks were selected in NTCIR-18. 113 teams from 23 countries / regions participate in one or more tasks.

### Modern IR tasks with multiple sources

Web: **FairWeb-2** (Fairness-aware search and conversational systems)

Document: **SUSHI** (Search for archival materials),

**U4** (Table retrieval and QA from tables in financial reports)

Multimodal: **Lifelog-6** (Search and QA for lifelog image data),

**Transfer-2** (Cross-lingual and multimodal information retrieval)

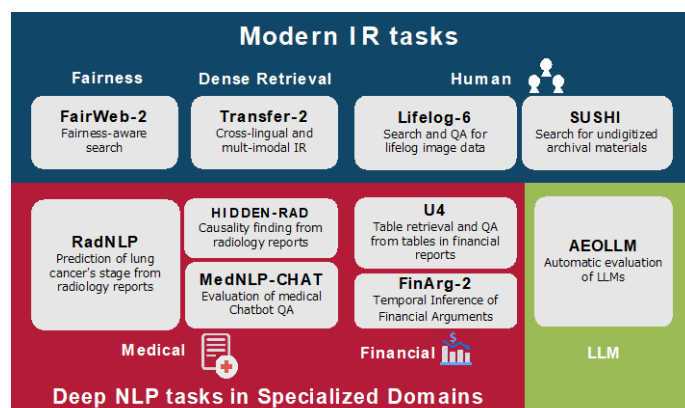
### Deep NLP tasks in open and specialized domains

Open domain: **AEOLLM** (Automatic evaluation of LLMs)

Medical: **HIDDEN-RAD** (Hidden causality finding from radiology reports),

**MedNLP-CHAT** (Evaluation of Chatbot's answers to medical questions), **RadNLP**  
(Prediction of lung cancer's stage from radiology reports)

Finance : **FinArg-2** (Temporal Inference of Financial Arguments)



## The 18th NTCIR Conference and EVIA 2025

The 18th NTCIR conference and the satellite workshop, EVIA 2025, are open events that anyone can participate in.

**June 10, 2025:** The 11<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2025)

**June 11-13, 2025:** The 18<sup>th</sup> NTCIR Conference (NTCIR-18), which will feature oral/poster presentations of research outcomes from the NTCIR-18 tasks, panel discussion, and keynote speeches.

**Keynote 1** (June 11): (TBA)

Maarten de Rijke (University of Amsterdam)

**Keynote 2** (June 13): *Things We Know That Aren't (Always) True*

Douglas W. Oard (University of Maryland)

**Panel Discussion** (June 11): **LLM-based Evaluation** (provisional)

Moderator - Mark Sanderson (RMIT University)

**Invited Talks** (June 13): Recent news from NTCIR friends: TREC (Ian Soboroff, NIST), etc.



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