Call for Participation

The 8th NTCIR Workshop Meeting

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

and

Call for Papers and Participation
(Paper Submission Due: March 31, 2010)

The 3rd International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2010)

June 15-18, 2010

National Center of Science, Tokyo, Japan

Organized by: NTCIR Organizing Committee   Sponsored by National Institute of Informatics (NII)

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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-8 hosts the following tasks :
- **Advanced Cross-Lingual Information Access (ACLIA),** which conducted module-base evaluation of "Complex Cross-Lingual QA" and "IR for QA"
- **Geotemporal Information Retrieval (GeoTime)** on Japanese and English
- **Multilingual Opinion Analysis (MOAT)** on Chinese, Japanese and English
- **Patent Machine Translation** (and Cross-Lingual IR) and **Patent Mining**
- **Community QA**

NTCIR-8 Meeting and **EVIA 2010** are open events and anybody who are interested in the research in information access technologies are welcome. For the NTCIR-7 Meeting, more than 200 attendees from 17 different countries contributed to discussion. Please come and join the discussion!

Invited Talks
-NTCIR-8 Meeting: "Building Watson: A Grand Challenge in Automatic NL Question Answering"
                David A. Ferrucci (IBM Research) and Koichi Takeda (IBM Research)
-EVIA 2010: "(Title) [to be announced]"
                John Nave (Principal Development Manager, Search Technology Center, Microsoft)

Schedule
DAY-1 (15th June 2010) The 3rd International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA2010) and "Introduction to NTCIR"
DAY2-4 (16-18th June 2010) NTCIR-8 Meeting

-Sponsors for the meeting and **NTCIR-9 Task Proposals** are most welcome!

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