

Preliminary Call for Papers:
The Fifth Asia Information Retrieval Symposium (AIRS 2009)
<http://www-kb.ist.hokudai.ac.jp/AIRS2009/>
October 21-23, 2009 at Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan.



The Asia Information Retrieval Symposium (AIRS) aims to bring together researchers and developers to exchange new ideas and latest achievements in the field of information retrieval (IR). The scope of the symposium covers applications, systems, technologies and theory aspects of information retrieval in text, audio, image, video and multimedia data. The Fifth AIRS (AIRS 2009) welcomes submissions of original papers in the broad field of information retrieval. Technical issues covered include, but are not limited to:

- IR theories, models and techniques
- Evaluation methodologies, test collections, evaluation metrics, etc.
- IR interface and user studies: exploratory search, collaborative search, etc.
- Multilingual information access: cross-language IR, cross-language question answering, etc.
- Multimedia information access: image, video, audio, metadata
- Natural language processing and IR: opinion extraction, summarization, text mining, categorization, etc.
- Web related issues: Web search, Web mining, Semantic Web, etc.
- Systems and implementation issues: indexing, compression, efficiency, integration, etc.
- IR applications: e-commerce, e-learning, digital libraries, ubiquitous computing, bioinformatics, medical informatics, telematics, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 19, 2009	Submissions due
June 1, 2009	Notification of acceptance
June 16, 2009	Camera-ready due
September 1, 2009	Registration deadline
October 21-23 2009	AIRS 2009

ORGANIZATION

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