

# Call for Papers: The Second International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2008), A Satellite Workshop of NTCIR-7

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Workshop Date: December 16, 2008 (Day 1 of the NTCIR-7 Meeting)  
Workshop Venue: National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan.

Evaluation of Information Retrieval, Question Answering and Text Summarisation systems has been central to Information Access research for decades. As retrieval becomes more pervasive and diverse, the need for effective and efficient evaluation has never been more important. For example, at SIGIR 2007, three sessions on Evaluation were held, along with others that also cover evaluation-related topics. Recognising a need to provide a forum for discussing the evaluation issues intensively, The First International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2007) was held on May 15, 2007 – Day 1 of the NTCIR-6 Workshop Meeting – at the National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan. The EVIA 2007 Workshop consisted of invited paper sessions, a regular paper session and a poster session, and attracted participants from Asia, Europe and America. All the papers are available online: <http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/workshop/OnlineProceedings6/EVIA/>

Following the success of EVIA 2007, The SECOND International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2008) will be held on December 16, 2008 - Day 1 of the NTCIR-7 Workshop Meeting. We will welcome papers addressing one or more of the following topics:

- Test collections, their formation, evaluation metrics and evaluation environments
- Cross-conference comparison: NTCIR, CLEF, TREC, DUC and others
- Evaluation of specific information access tasks, e.g., for education and training
- Evaluation of query-specific approaches
- Evaluation of multilingual, multimedia and/or mobile information access
- Real-world search topics and/or evaluation in vivo
- Novel information access tasks and their evaluation

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>September 1, 2008</b>	<b>Submissions due</b>
October 10, 2008	Notification of acceptance
November 1, 2008	Final manuscripts due
December 16, 2008	EVIA 2008

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

We welcome two types of papers. Both types will go through a double-blind reviewing process.

Regular papers: 6-12 pages. Short papers: 1-4 pages. Papers must be submitted to the EVIA 2008 submission website in pdf format. For more details, please visit <http://ntcir.nii.ac.jp/index.php/EVIA-2008/>

## EVIA 2008 CO-CHAIRS

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