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**TrebleCLEF Summer School on
Multilingual Information Access
Pisa, Italy
15-19 June 2009**

Objectives

The aim of the Summer School is to give participants a grounding in the core topics that constitute the multidisciplinary area of Multilingual Information Access (MLIA). Both theoretical and practical issues will be addressed.

The focus of the School will be on: "How to build effective multilingual information retrieval systems and how to evaluate them".

Target Audience

The School is intended for advanced undergraduate and post-graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, academic and industrial researchers, and system developers with backgrounds in Computer Science, Information Science, Language Technologies and related areas.

Programme

The school will be structured in a series of lectures and hands-on training sessions. The full programme will be defined in January 2009 and will cover the following main areas of interest:

- Multilingual Text Processing - including language-specific tokenization, indexing, stemming
- Cross-Language Information Retrieval - approaches and technologies used for CLIR
- Multilingual Information Retrieval and MultiModality - querying, retrieving and presenting results from a multilingual/multimedia collection
- System Architectures and Multilinguality - theory and practice
- Resources for MLIA - language processing tools and linguistic resources
- Best Practices in User-oriented MLIA - what the user wants and how to provide it
- Evaluation for Multilingual Systems and Components - why and how to evaluate

Location and Dates

The Summer School will be held 15 - 19 June 2009 in the beautiful ex-convent Santa Croce in Fossabanda, Pisa. Santa Croce provides the perfect setting for study and discussions in a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere and is just a short walk from the town centre and the famous *Piazza dei Miracoli* with its Leaning Tower.

Financial Support for Students

A number of grants will be made available by TrebleCLEF and by the DELOS Association covering the registration fees and/or partial costs of the accommodation.

More Information

Further details on the Summer School can be found on the TrebleCLEF website.

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TrebleCLEF: Evaluation, Best Practice and Collaboration for Multilingual Information Access

- promoting the development of advanced multilingual multimedia information access systems
- disseminating knowhow, tools, and resources to enable DL creators to make content and knowledge accessible, usable and exploitable over time, over media and over language boundaries

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