Wednesday, 17 September
12.30 – 14.00 Registration

14.00 – 18.40 Plenary Session: Aula

14.00 – 14.30 Welcome – Carol Peters, ISTI-CNR, Pisa, Italy

14.30 – 15.20 Ad Hoc Track Overview
  • The TEL and Persian Tasks – Nicola Ferro, U. Padua, Italy
  • Robust-WSD Exercise – Eneko Agirre, U. Basque Country, Spain

15.20 – 15.40 Domain-Specific Track Overview
  • Cross-language Scientific Data Retrieval at CLEF 2008 – Vivien Petras, GESIS – Social Science Information Centre, Germany

15.40 – 16.00 VideoCLEF Track Overview
  • Overview of VideoCLEF 2008 – Automatic Generation of Topic-based Feeds for Dual Language Audio-Visual Content – Gareth Jones, DCU, Ireland & Martha Larson U. Amsterdam, The Netherlands

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 17.20 QA@CLEF Overview
  • Multilingual Question Answering Track – Anselmo Peñas, UNED, Spain
  • Overview of Answer Validation Exercise 2008 – Anselmo Peñas, UNED, Spain
  • Overview of QAST 2008 – Nicolas Moreau, ELDA, Paris, France

17.20 – 18.10 ImageCLEF Overview
  • ImageCLEF Photo – Thomas Arni, U. Sheffield, UK.
  • ImageCLEF Medical Retrieval – Jayashree Kalpathy-Cramer, Oregon Health and Science U., USA
  • ImageCLEF WikiMM – Theodora Tsikrika, CWI, The Netherlands
  • ImageCLEF VCDT – Thomas Deselaers, RWTH Aachen U., Germany
  • ImageCLEF MedAAT – Thomas Deselaers, RWTH Aachen U., Germany

18.10 – 18.40 iCLEF Overview
  • Without Users, no Retrieval! Overview and Future of iCLEF – Jussi Karlgren, SICS, Sweden

Workshop Dinner – 20.00 Bryggeriet – see map
Thursday, 18 September

9.00 – 11.00 Plenary Session: Aula

9.00 – 9.40 GeoCLEF Overview
- Main Track Overview – Thomas Mandl, U. Hildesheim & Diana Santos, Linguateca, SINTEF, Norway
- Results and Analysis – Giorgio Di Nunzio, U. Padua, Italy
- GikiP Task Overview – Diana Santos, Linguateca, SINTEF, Norway

9.40 – 10.10 WebCLEF Overview
- WebCLEF 2008 – Goodbye! – Maarten de Rijke, ISLA, U. Amsterdam, The netherlands

10.10 – 10.40 INFILE Overview
- Overview of the Multilingual INformation FILtering Evaluation (INFILE) Campaign – Romaric Besançon, CEA LIST, France

10.40 – 11.00 CLEF at MorphoChallenge – Mikko Kurimo, Adaptive Informatics Research Centre, Helsinki U.Technology, Finland

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel sessions: QA@CLEF - Mortensen
- Ad Hoc - Hornung

Multiple Language Question Answering (QA@CLEF) – Chair: Pamela Forner
- Information Synthesis for Answer Validation – Günter Neumann, DFKI, Germany
- The LIMSI participation in the QAST track – Olivier Galibert, LIMSI, France
- Cross Lingual Question Answering using Qristal for CLEF 2008 – Dominique Laurent, Synapse Développement, France
- IdSay: Question Answering for Portuguese – Gracinda Carvalho, U. Aberta, Portugal

Multilingual Textual Document Retrieval (Ad Hoc) – Chair: Eneko Agirre
- Alternative Methods for Tokenization in Ad Hoc Search – Paul McNamee, Johns Hopkins U., USA
- Mono- and Cross-Language Retrieval Experiments on Persian Collections at U.Tehran – Abolfazl AleAhmad, Database Research Group, U. Tehran, Iran
- XRCE's Participation in the TEL@CLEF Task – Stephane Clinchant, Xerox Research Centre Europe, France
- Exploiting Semantics with Structured Queries – Hugo Zaragoza, Yahoo! Research, Barcelona, Spain.

Lunch 13.00 – 14.30
14.30 – 16.00: Parallel sessions: ImageCLEF - Mortensen
GeoCLEF - Hornung

Cross-language Retrieval in Image Collections (ImageCLEF) – Chair: Henning Müller
- Image Fisher Vector-based Visual Concepts Detection and Image Retrieval – Stephane Clinchant, Xerox Research Centre Europe, France
- DCU at ImageCLEFPhoto 2008 – Gareth Jones, Dublin City U., Ireland
- Conceptual Image Retrieval over the Wikipedia Corpus – Adrian Popescu, CEA-LIST, France
- CLEF2008 Image Annotation Task: an SVM Confidence-Based Approach – Tatiana Tommasi, IDIAP, Switzerland
- SINAI at ImageCLEFmed – Manuel Carlos Díaz Galiano, SINAI, U. Jaen, Spain

Cross-language Geographical Information Retrieval (GeoCLEF) – Chair Thomas Mandl & Diana Santos
Search Task
- Ontology-based Query Construction for GeoCLEF – Günter Neumann, DFKI, Germany
- INAOE at GeoCLEF 2008: A Ranking Approach based on Sample Documents – Manuel Montes, Instituto Nacional, Puebla, Mexico
- Cheshire at GeoCLEF 2008: Text and Fusion Approaches for GIR – Ray R. Larson, UC Berkeley, USA

GikiP Task
- A Fully Automatic Method to aAnswer Geographic Questions: GIRSA-WP at GikiP – Johannes Leveling, U. Hagen, Germany
- Digging for Information: WikipediaQAList@wlv at GikiP – Iustin Dornescu, U. Wolverhampton, UK
- Towards Semantic-flavored Queries for GIR Systems: RENOIR at the GikiP pilot task – Nuno Cardoso, U. Lisbon, Portugal

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16.00 – 18.00 Plenary Session: Aula

16.30 – 17.00 What’s happening at NTCIR-7 – Noriko Kando, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

17.00 – 17.20 Presentation of Patent Task Proposal – John Tait, Information Retrieval Facility, Vienna, Austria

17.30 – 18.00 Poster Boasting

18.00 – 19.30 Poster Session : Vandrehal

18.00 – 19.00 Breakout meeting of people interested in patent task – Room Stak 1.1
19.00 – 21.00 Steering Committee meeting – Kaffestuhe 3
Friday, 19 September

9.00 – 9.45 Parallel sessions: WebCLEF – Mortensen

Multilingual Retrieval of Web Documents (WebCLEF) – Chair: Maarten de Rijke

- On the Evaluation of Snippet Selection for Information Retrieval Arnold Overwijk U. Twente, The Netherlands
- Web People Search task at SemEval – Julio Gonzalo, UNED, Spain
- Political Web Search – Maarten de Rijke, U. Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Cross-language Video Retrieval (VideoCLEF) – Chair: Gareth Jones

- VideoCLEF 2008: ASR Classification based on Wikipedia Categories – Jens Kursten, Chemnitz U. Technology, Germany
- DCU and U. Amsterdam at VideoCLEF: Contributions to Research within the MultiMatch Project on Access to Cultural Heritage – Martha Larson, U. Amsterdam, The Netherlands

9.45 – 10.30 Parallel sessions: iCLEF – Mortensen

Interactive Cross-language Retrieval – Chair: Julio Gonzalo

- Lessons from the 2008 iCLEF participants: Analysis of a Large Log of Multilingual Image Searches in Flickr – Julio Gonzalo, UNED, Spain
- User Confidence and Satisfaction inferred from iCLEF Logs – Jussi Karlgren, SICS, Sweden
- “Interactive” Undergraduate Students – Giorgio Maria Di Nunzio, U. Padua, Italy

Cross-language Scientific Data Retrieval (Domain-Specific) – Chair: Vivien Petras

- Parsimonious Relevance and Concept Models – Edgar Meij, ISLA, U. Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Using Wikipedia and Wiktionary in Domain-Specific Information Retrieval – Christof Müller, Technical U. Darmstadt, Germany

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 13.00 Breakout discussion sessions: continuing or new tracks. Rooms Mortensen, Hornung, Stak 1.2 & 1.3. The schedule will be communicated

Lunch 13.00 – 14.30

14.30 – 17.00 Final Session: Chair: Carol Peters

- Impressions of CLEF 2008 – Donna Harman, NIST, USA
- Evaluating the Search Functionality of Enterprise Websites – Martin Braschler, Zurich U. Applied Sciences, Switzerland
- CLEF 2008 Proceedings and Schedule for CLEF 2009 – Carol Peters, ISTI-CNR, Pisa, Italy
- DIRECT: Towards an Evaluation Infrastructure for IR Evaluation – Nicola Ferro, U. Padua, Italy
- Reports from Breakout Sessions and Proposals for CLEF 2009