Multilinguality at NTCIR, and moving on...

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1 Abstract

NTCIR, often referred to as the Asian TREC, is eleven years old now. From NTCIR-1 (1999) to NTCIR-6 (2007), I was a task participant. From NTCIR-7 (2008), I started to serve as an organiser. From NTCIR-9 (2011), I will be serving as an NTCIR evaluation co-chair. In this talk, I will first look back on the past NTCIR rounds with a focus on crosslingual and multilingual tasks, e.g. Advanced Crosslingual Information Access (ACLIA). Then I will briefly discuss future plans for NTCIR which is currently going through drastic structural changes.

2 About the Speaker

Tetsuya Sakai received a Master's degree from Waseda University in 1993 and joined the Toshiba Corporate R&D Center in the same year. He received a Ph.D from Waseda University in 2000 for his work on information retrieval and filtering systems. From 2000 to 2001, he was a visiting researcher at the University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory. In 2007, he became Director of the Natural Language Processing Laboratory at NewsWatch, Inc. In 2009, he joined Microsoft Research Asia. He is Chair of IPSJ SIG-IFAT, Evaluation Co-chair of NTCIR, and Regional Representative to the ACM SIGIR Executive Committee (Asia/Pacific). He has served as a Senior PC member for ACM SIGIR, CIKM and AIRS. He is on the editorial board of Information Processing and Management and that of Information Retrieval the Journal. He has received several awards in Japan, mostly from IPSJ.