Preface

Welcome to the Seventh International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2016) held in conjunction with NTCIR 12 in Tokyo, Japan.

Information access technologies provide the interface between human information needs and digital information resources. The reliable evaluation of these technologies has been recognized for decades as central to the advancement of the field. As information retrieval technologies become more pervasive, the forms of retrieval more diverse, and retrieval tools richer, the importance of effective, efficient, and innovative evaluation grows as well.

EVIA provides a refereed forum for the publication of novel research across the field of information retrieval evaluation, including test collections, metrics, statistics, user studies, implicit user feedback, and crowdsourcing. The quality of submissions this year was extremely high. All papers were reviewed by three members of our program committee, and we were pleased to select seven papers for presentation in Tokyo. The program also includes an invited talk from Yiqun Liu of Tsinghua University, and will conclude with a panel on the future of evaluation.

We thank the members of our program committee for their hard work in completing their very thorough reviews in an extremely short time window. We also thank the NTCIR organizing committee for keeping things running smoothly, and for their untiring support throughout the process.

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