

Call for Participation: The Sixth Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar

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The Sixth Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar
April 2008 – October 2008
<http://www.romip.ru/en/>

Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar (ROMIP) is an annual retrieval system evaluation campaign that is in many respects similar to other world information retrieval forums such as TREC, CLEF, NTCIR. The distinctive features of ROMIP are:

- * focus on problems of information retrieval in Russian language
- * Unique large scale Russian language collections
- * Tasks that are not available in other related initiatives

The seminar is a perfect opportunity to check your information retrieval and natural language processing approaches and algorithms. You will be able to use Russian language collections and industry standard evaluation methodologies. The leading Russian IR researchers and companies traditionally participate in the seminar and you will be able objectively compare your results with theirs.

This year the seminar includes two new unique image retrieval tracks. These tracks are not language specific and have original collections and tasks.

The final workshop will be held in conjunction with RCDL'2008 October, 2008, in Dubna, Russia.

Official languages: Russian and English.

Tracks

- * Ad hoc search
 - o in a collection of Web pages
 - o in a collection of legal documents
 - o in a mixed collection
- * Classification
 - o of legal documents

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- o of Web sites
- o of Web pages
- * News clustering
- * Query–biased summarization
- * Search by sample document or text fragment
- * Question answering
- * Fact extraction from news
- * Image tracks
- o Content–based image retrieval
- o Near duplicates detection

ROMIP Test Collections

The following test collections are created and used for evaluation:

- * Web collection Narod.Ru
(700.000 documents)
- * Web collection KM.Ru 2007
(3.000.000 documents)
- * Web collection By.web 2007
(1.500.000 documents)
- * Web collection DMOZ
(300.000 documents)
- * collection of Legal documents 2007
(300.000 documents)
- * News collection
(31.500 documents from 25 news agencies)
- * Image collection
(approx. 20.000+ images, Flickr based)

The text collections are in Russian language. Image collection is language independent.

The test queries sets for retrieval tasks are from logs of popular search engines.

Important dates

Requests for participation: May 12, 2008

Collection and task delivery: May 26, 2008

Submission of results: up to July 15, 2008 (depends on track)

Result of evaluation: August 15, 2008

Paper submission: September 10, 2008

Workshop: October 7–11, 2008

How to participate

Please submit your application to [romip\[AT\]romip.ru](mailto:romip@romip.ru) and provide the following information:

- * List of tracks you are interested in
- * Contacts (organization, email of contact person)
- * Name of the system
- * Brief description of the system/team to be published on the

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ROMIP website

Organizing committee

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Web site: <http://romip.ru>.

Please send your questions to ROMIP forum or directly to the organizers (romip[AT]romip.ru).

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