

## Preface

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 becomes more pervasive, the forms of retrieval more diverse, and retrieval tools richer, the importance of effective, efficient, and innovative evaluation grows as well. Following the success of the First (May 2007), Second (December 2008), Third (June 2010), Fourth (December 2011), and Fifth (June 2013) International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access, the Sixth International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2014) was held on December 9th, 2014 (coinciding with Day 1 of the NTCIR-11 Conference), at the National Institute of Informatics (NII), Tokyo, Japan.

Workshop papers were reviewed in a double-blind process by at least three members of the EVIA 2014 program committee. Five papers were accepted, three of them long papers (up to eight pages), and the remaining two short papers (up to four pages). All papers were presented orally at the workshop. In addition, we had a community session of reports from organizers of NTCIR's sister evaluation campaigns: TREC, Medieval, CLEF, and FIRE, and an NTCIR-12 proposal session. These sessions were followed by a panel discussion on the topic, "mobile information retrieval and evaluation".

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