

Preface

The workshop on semantic matching in information retrieval (SMIR 2014) was held in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia in July 11th 2014, co-located with the 37th international ACM SIGIR conference on research and development in information retrieval (SIGIR 2014). The main purpose of the workshop was to bring together IR and NLP researchers working on or interested in semantic matching, to share latest research results, express opinions on the related issues, and discuss future directions.

The technical program of SMIR 2014 included three keynote speeches, two short talks, one panel session, and one poster session with presentations of six reviewed papers and six invited papers. The complete program with links to the reviewed papers and the abstracts of keynotes and short talks is available at the workshop website <http://smir2014.noahlab.com.hk/>.

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