

# Preface

Namaste! Welcome to FIRE 2018.

This is a special year because we celebrate the 10th meeting of the Forum for Information Retrieval Evaluation. Started in 2008 with the aim of building a South Asian counterpart for TREC, CLEF and NTCIR, FIRE has since then evolved continuously to meet the new challenges in multilingual information access. During these ten years it has expanded to include new domains like plagiarism detection, legal information access, mixed script information retrieval and spoken document retrieval to name a few.

In this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we had 6 evaluation tracks: Information Retrieval from Microblogs during Disasters (IRMiDis), Indian Native Language Identification (INLI), Information Extractor for Conversational Systems in Indian Languages (IECSIL), Multilingual Author Profiling on SMS Messages (MAPonSMS), Event Extraction from Newswires and Social Media Text in Indian Languages (EventXtract-IL), and Verb Phrase Translation in English and Indian languages (VPT-IL). In this volume every track is described in detail, where the corresponding overview paper gives figures on the participating teams and discusses the obtained results.

This edition of FIRE was held in Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT), Gujarat, India (<http://fire.irsi.res.in/fire/2018/>). The meeting has been an occasion for the participants to present their approaches and results and to share ideas through oral and poster presentations. We thank all the people and institutions involved in the organisation of the tracks, and all the participants, who contributed to the success of the event. A special thank is due to our sponsors: ACM In-Cooperation, ACM SIGIR Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval, Google, Microsoft and Rygbee Inc.

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