

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

WEPIR 2021: Third Workshop on the Evaluation of Personalisation in Information Retrieval at ACM CHIIR 2021

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

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The Workshop on the Evaluation of Personalisation in Information Retrieval (WEPIR 2021) is the third in a series of workshops focusing on the examination of evaluation strategies and methods for the exploitation of personalisation in information retrieval systems. series held previously at CHIIR 2018 and CHIIR 2019. WEPIR 2021 will build on the activities and outcomes of the previous editions of WEPIR held at CHIIR 2018 and CHIIR 2019. The goal of WEPIR 2021 is to move beyond identification and discussion of general topics relating to personalization in information retrieval and its evaluation, to the development of practical methods to tackle evaluation of personalization for several use cases. The specific use cases will be determined by the Workshop participants, but potential cases could be: Medical Search; Museum Visitors; General Web Search.

Workshop format

WEPIR 2021 will feature two Keynote talks, presentations of contributed papers, development by participants of the use cases for investigation and then exploration of practical evaluation strategies. Development of evaluation methods for individual use cases will take place in breakout groups of participants. The breakout groups will meet (virtually) throughout the day, according to their needs and constraints. Each group will seek to identify specific relevant factors relating to their use case in terms of user activities, data to be collected, ethical issues, evaluation metrics. Groups will share their findings in a final plenary session. The overall goal of the workshop is to work towards developing a general set of principles and guidelines for addressing the evaluation of specific instances of the use of personalization in information retrieval tasks.

Paper submissions

While the focus of WEPIR 2021 is primarily on the examination of practical use cases, we also seek short paper contributions. Papers should be 2 to 4 pages in length in the standard ACM conference format. Contributions can be in the form of reports which describe evaluation plans, issues or problems of personalized systems, or position papers on designing or conducting evaluation of personalization of information retrieval in specific contexts.

Submissions should be in ACM Standard SIGCONF format. LaTeX and Word templates are available at <https://www.acm.org/publications/proceedings-template>.

Papers should be submitted in pdf format through the EasyChair system (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=wepir2021>) no later than midnight Sunday 28 February, 2021 (AoE). Submissions will be reviewed by members of the workshop program committee. Accepted papers will be included in the extended CHIIR 2021 Proceedings and will be available via the ACM Digital Library.

Important dates and times

- Midnight Sunday 28th of February (AoE): Deadline for paper submission
- Midnight Sunday 7th of March (AoE): Notification to authors
- Midnight Tuesday 16th of March (AoE): Final version of papers due
- 08:00 - 23:00 UTC, 19th of March: WEPIR 2021 at CHIIR 2021

Participation and registration

Participation in WEPIR 2021 requires only a sincere interest in personalization of information retrieval, methods for the evaluation of information retrieval, and willingness to work with colleagues with similar concerns, to develop ideas to enhance the state-of-the-art in evaluation of personalization of information retrieval.

If this describes you, please register for WEPIR 2021 through the CHIIR 2021 website: <https://acm-chiir.github.io/chiir2021/>.

You will find further information about WEPIR 2021 at its website:

<https://wepir2021.disco.unimib.it/>

In addition to registering at the CHIIR 2021, we would appreciate those who intend to participate in WEPIR 2021 indicating your intention to join us on the WEPIR 2021 website.

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