Search Solutions 2025

Innovations in Search & Information Retrieval

Search Solutions is the premier UK forum for the presentation of the latest innovations in search and information retrieval. We bring together practitioners, researchers, analysts and end users to discuss the latest developments in the information retrieval (IR) community and to share insights between research and practice. SS 2025 will be held at the BCS London office on Wednesday 26th November with tutorials on Tuesday 25th.

Submission Guidelines

We solicit speaker proposals for talks around the following categories:

- Innovative approaches used in IR production systems and products
- Topical issues in IR practice, e.g. trust, bias, and fairness
- Implications of generative AI and large language models
- Interdisciplinary collaborations, bridging areas such as information science, data science, user experience, and artificial intelligence
- IR practice within different professional communities, spanning eCommerce, media, recruitment, library and information science, healthcare information, and beyond
- Case studies showcasing best practices, design principles, evaluation techniques, and practical implementations in the field of information retrieval

We encourage presentations from startups and open-source projects. The presentation format of the event will be a combination of presentations, panels and discussions. Proposals should be no more than 1 page and include:

- Title
- Abstract
- Main contribution & take-aways for attendees
- A short bio of the presenter and/or a brief organisation outline

Proposals should be emailed to udo.kruschwitz@ur.de cc'ing tgr2uk@gmail.com. There will be a separate call for tutorial presentations.

Important Dates

- Time zone: Anywhere on Earth (AoE)
- Talk proposal due: 11 July
- Notifications: 25 July

Organisers

- Ingo Frommholz
- Udo Kruschwitz
- Tony Russell-Rose
- Haiming Liu (tutorials chair)

Past Events

For a summary of last year's event, see:
https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2024/november/search-solutions-2024-information-retrieval-sg/
For further details of previous events with links to slides and videos please see:
https://www.bcs.org/membership-and-registrations/member-communities/information-retrieval-specialist-group/conferences-and-events/search-solutions/

The IRSG is a Specialist Group of BCS. Its mission is to provide a focus for the European IR community, facilitate communication between researchers and practitioners and promote the adoption of IR research within industry. We host a major European conference (ECIR) and provide an associated programme of workshops, seminars and events. The IRSG is free to join via the BCS website, which provides access to further IR articles, events and resources. For further details please see http://irsg.bcs.org.

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