Preface

Future Directions in Information Access

Last year the 1
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 BCS-IRSG Symposium on Future Directions in Information Access was established to provide a forum for early career researchers to present, share and discuss their research which is at a more formative or tentative stage.

Symposium Aims

The objectives of the Future Directions in Information Access (FDIA) are:
- To provide an accessible forum for early researchers (particularly PhD students, and researchers new to the field) to share and discuss their research.
- To create and foster formative and tentative research ideas.
- To encourage discussion and debate.

Symposium Themes

Future directions: to encourage research that focused on the possible paths and further work. Presenting the, what if scenarios, possible solutions, pilot studies, conceptual and theoretical work.

Information Access: to capture the broader ideas of information retrieval, storage and management to include interaction and usage.

FDIA 2008

These proceedings contain the papers presented at the Second BCS IRSG Symposium on Future Directions in Information Access (FDIA2008), held in London on the 22
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 of September 2008 at the BCS London Office. FDIA 2008 was held in conjunction the BCS-IRSG Search Solutions held on the 23
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 of September 2008. This year’s symposium received eleven submissions of which ten were accepted for publication and presentation. Each submission was reviewed by two senior Information Retrieval researchers who were asked to provide detailed reviews and comments to help steer and guide the research presented. In order to facilitate more reviewing each reviewer was given one or two submissions to review. So we are very grateful to the members of the programme committee for their reviews of the submitted papers and we would like to thank them for their much appreciated effort.

Also, we would like to extend our thanks to the BCS for hosting the event, and in particular, Gemma Liddard, Rachel Browning and Mandy Bauer from BCS for their help and assistance in local organization.

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