

Information retrieval is about facilitating access to information. SIGIR currently co-sponsors conferences on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), and Digital Libraries (JCDL), as well as the main SIGIR conference.

Major achievements and changes to SIGIR since 2012:

- Created two new sole-sponsored conferences:
  - *ACM SIGIR International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval*  
To be first held September, 2015 in Northhampton Massachusetts
  - *ACM SIGIR Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval*  
To be first held March 2016 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina
  - These are only our second and third sole-sponsored conferences.
- Introduced a new Test of Time Award (approved in 2014) for papers published at a SIGIR sponsored conference between ten and twelve years in the past. To be awarded annually at SIGIR's main conference.
- Hosted the 2014-15 ACM-W Athena Lecture given by Dr. Susan Dumais at SIGIR 2014 (also to be given at CHI 2015). This is the second time SIGIR has hosted an Athena Lecture, with Dr. Karen Spärck Jones giving her lecture at SIGIR 2007.

We've had some bad luck coordinating conference locations across our sponsored and co-sponsored conferences:

- SIGIR, Gold Coast, Australia, August 2014
- CIKM, Shanghai, China, November 2014
- WSDM, Shanghai, China, February 2015
- CIKM, Melbourne, Australia, November 2015

In addition, SIGIR's main conference will be outside the United States from 2013 to 2017 inclusive, generating complaints from US attendees, who still represent the plurality of attendees at our conferences.

We are working to be more aware of conference locations, as well as holding the first iterations of our two new conferences within the US.

(also the usual flat membership appearing on many OW slides.)