

# Reports from Other Evaluation Campaigns and Panel Discussion: TREC is 20 Years Old, Where Now for Evaluation Campaigns?

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## Abstract

Although shared test collections have been around for since the 1960s, the arrival of TREC in 1992 was a major boost to information retrieval research. It spawned a wide range of evaluation campaigns around the world including NTCIR, CLEF, FIRE, INEX, etc. However, in recent years, the number of papers at major conferences, such as SIGIR or CIKM, that report research using the collections produced by these campaigns appear to be reducing. More papers are describing research using so-called private data sets. So, what will the evaluation campaigns look like in 20 years from now? Is the rise of private data a threat to the scientific integrity of IR research, or a valuable diversification of research focus?

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