

Women in IR

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Abstract

We announce the forming of the network Women in IR which is soliciting members and supporters. Please join our mailing list or contact the authors directly.

Past Meetings

The network Women in IR formed at SIGIR 2015 in Santiago de Chile. A first impromptu meeting with 29 women was held in the lobby during the coffee break in the morning of Wednesday 12th August. A second meeting with ten women followed at the International Conference on Theory in Information Retrieval (ICTIR-2015) on Tuesday the 29th of September in Northampton, Massachusetts.



Figure 1: Women in IR meeting at SIGIR 2015.

Goals

The IR community can proudly point to a long history of several successful women in the field. Our goal is to ensure women stay in our community and won't fall off the bandwagon. The Women in IR group is intended as a forum for young as well as established women to meet, greet, and network. Our clear intention is to further career chances and to promote visibility of women in information retrieval. To the outside, our aim is to provide a strong voice and represent the many faces of female IR researchers.

How to Support us

While the group is limited to IR researchers who self-identify as female, we need the support of both genders. In particular, we identified a demand for experienced mentors—both men and women. We would appreciate contacts from established researchers who are willing to mentor women across all career levels.

We are also planning to collect lists of female experts in different sub-fields of IR. These female experts are available for talks, consulting, and editorial work. The intention is to further the percentage of women among recognized IR experts. Please make active use of this list.

To continue meeting during conferences, we are looking for women interested in organizing meetings at future conferences in information retrieval. We are also looking for sponsors of such meetings. As the group is still being ramping up, please spread the word to all female IR researchers.

Contact

Please join our mailing list available on:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/women-in-ir>.

If you want to support us, please contact the authors directly.