Preface

Information access technologies provide the interface between human information needs and digital information resources. The reliable evaluation of these technologies has been recognized for decades as central to the advancement of the field. As information retrieval becomes more pervasive, the forms of retrieval more diverse, and retrieval tools richer, the importance of effective, efficient, and innovative evaluation grows as well. Following the success of the First (May 2007), Second (December 2008), Third (June 2010), and Fourth (December 2011) International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access, the Fifth International Workshop on Evaluating Information Access (EVIA 2013) was held on June 18, 2013 (coinciding with Day 1 of the NTCIR-10 Workshop Meeting), at the National Institute of Informatics (NII), Tokyo, Japan.

Workshop papers were reviewed in a double-blind process by at least three members of the EVIA 2011 program committee. Out of twelve submissions, ten papers were accepted, four of them long papers (up to eight pages), and the remaining six short papers (up to four pages). All papers were presented orally at the workshop.

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