

The Cross Language Image Retrieval Track: ImageCLEF 2008

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ImageCLEF 2008

- General overview
 - \circ Participation
 - \circ Problems
- Photo retrieval task
- Medical image retrieval task
- WikipediaMM Task
- Visual Concept Detection Task
- Medical image annotation
- Conclusions



- Total: 63 groups registered
- Photo Retrieval: 24 groups, 1042 runs
- Medical Retrieval: 15 groups, 111 runs
- WikipediaMM Retrieval: 12 groups, 77 runs
- Visual Concept Detection: 11 groups, 53 runs
- Medical Image Annotation: 6 groups, 24 runs

News:

- WikipediaMM task
- visual concept detection task
- diversity-based ranking for photo retrieval



Photo : Goals / Task

Goals :

- Address the growing need for diversity
- Allows to measure diversity
- Make participation straightforward
- Attract both conceptual and visual teams

Task :

- Promote Diversity
- Top 20 results should contain:
 - Maximum number of relevant images
 - Relevant images from as many different clusters as possible



Participation

2008

- 24 groups
- 1042 runs

2007

- 20 groups
- 616 runs

2006

- 12 groups
- 157 runs

2005

- 11 groups
- 349 runs

- AVEIR Joint project of the four French labs : LIG,LIP6, LSIS, PTECH- 4 runs
- **Budapest-ACAD** Computer and Automation Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary 8 *runs*
- CLAC -Computational Linguistics at Concordia (ClaC) Lab, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada 6 runs
- CUT- Chemnitz University of Technology, Chemnitz, Germany 4 runs
- DCU School of Computing, Dublin City University, Dublin Ireland 733 runs
- GITS KAMEYAMA Lab, GITS, Waseda University, Japan 4 runs
- **INAOE** National Institute of Astrophysics, Optics and Electronics, Computer Science Department, Puebla, Mexico *16 runs*
- **IPAL** Image Perception, Access & Language (IPAL), Singapore & National Center for Scientific Research, France & Institute for Infocomm Research, Singapore & University of Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France – *10 runs*
- LIG Laboratory of Informatics of Grenoble (LIG), Grenoble, France 4 runs
- LSIS System and Information Sciences Lab, France 15 runs
- Meiji Department of Computer Science, Meiji University, Japan 8 runs
- MirFI Computer Science Faculty, Daedalus, Madrid, Spain 41 runs
- MirGSI Intelligent System Group, Daedalus, Madrid, Spain 14 runs
- MMIS Imperial College London & Open University, UK 9 runs
- NII National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan 10 runs
- NTU National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan 7 runs
- Ottawa School of Information Technology and Engineering, University of Ottawa, Canada 13 runs
- PTECH Institut TELECOM, TELECOM ParisTech, Paris, France 15 runs
- Shef Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK 37 runs
- SINAI Sinai group of the University of Jaén, Jaén, Spain 6 runs
- TEXMESS Department of Software and Computing Systems, University of Alicante, Spain &
- University of Jaén, Jaén, Spain 17 runs
- UA-GPLSI Department of Software and Computing Systems, University of Alicante, Spain 18 runs
- UPMC Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris, France -
- XRCE Xerox Research Centre Europe 28 runs



Collection : IAPR TC-12 Benchmark

- 20,000 colour photographs
- Accompanied by semi-structured captions
 - $\circ\,$ English and Random
- Many images have similar visual content but varying
 - \circ illumination
 - $\circ\,$ viewing angle
 - o background
- Used in ImageCLEF in 2006, 2007



















Images and Captions

<DOC>

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<DOCNO>annotations/17/17405.eng **<TITLE>**Group photo with Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu in the background</TITLE> <DESCRIPTION>tourists are sitting on a grey gravel road in the foreground; a ruin with grey walls and many green terraces and a distinctive, rocky, steep mountain behind it; a wooden mountain range and white clouds in the background; </DESCRIPTION> <NOTES></NOTES> <LOCATION>Machu Picchu, Peru</LOCATION> <DATE>26 October 2004 <IMAGE>images/17/17405.jpg</IMAGE> <THUMBNAIL>thumbnails/17/17405. jpq</THUMBNAIL> </DOC>





Topics

- 39 topics with full information
 - Based on realistic topics (log-file analysis and interviews)
- Available in English only
- Augmented by a cluster tag
 - defines how the rel. images should be clustered

<top>

<num> Number: 5 </num> <title> animal swimming </title> <cluster> animal </cluster>

<narr> Relevant images will show one or more
animals (fish, birds, reptiles, etc.)
swimming in a body of water. Images of
people swimming in water are not relevant.
Images of animals that are not swimming are
not not relevant.
<image> SampleImages/05/3739.jpg </image>
<image> SampleImages/05/4986.jpg </image>
<image> SampleImages/05/30823.jpg </image>
</top>

Sample topic images:





Participation

Dimensions	Tuno	20	08	2	007	2006	
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Annotation	EN	514	24	271	17	137	2
language	RND	495	2	32	2		
	Text Only	404	22	167	15	121	2
Modality	Mixed (text and image)	605	19	255	13	21	1
	Image Only	33	11	52	12		
Run type	Manual	3	1	19	3		
	Automatic	1039	25	455	19	142	2











Results : Modality Overview





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Results : Annotation Language

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- Choice of annotation language is almost negligible
- Combining concept and content-based retrieval methods can improve retrieval performance
- Purely visual runs performed poorly
- More participants than ever used visual retrieval techniques
- Record number of participants



- New data set with almost 66,000 images
- Thirty topics were made available, ten in each of three categories: visual, mixed, and semantic
- 15 groups submitted 111 official runs
- Relevance judgments paid by NSF grant



- Subset of Goldminer collection (Radiology and Radiographics)
 images
 figure captions
 - o access to the full text articles in HTML
 - O Medline PMID (PubMed Identifier).
- Well annotated collection, entirely in English
- Topics were supplied in German, French, and English



Example topics

The topics used in 2008 were a subset of the 85 topics used in 2005-2007.

Pulmonary embolism all modalities. Lungenembolie alle Modalitäten. Embolie pulmonaire, toutes les formes.





Show me Doppler ultrasound images (colored).





- Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary
- National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
- Bania Luka University, Bosnia-Hercegovina;
- MedGIFT group, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- Natural Language Processing group, University Hospitals of Geneva, CH
- GPLSI group, University of Alicante, Spain
- Multimedia Modelling Group, LIG, Grenoble, France
- Natural Language Processing at UNED. Madrid, Spain
- Miracle group, Spain
- Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), Portland, OR, USA
- IRIT Toulouse, France
- University of Jaen, Spain
- Tel Aviv University, Israel
- National University of Bogota, Colombia
- TextMess group, University of Alicante, Spain



Runs submitted by category

	Visual	Textual	Mixed
Automatic	8	65	31
Interactive	0	0	3
Manual	0	2	2



MAP Histogram

Histogram of MAP for mixed and textual runs





Topic Analysis





Topic Analysis





Four topics were each judged by two judges
Kappa measurements

Topic	Judge 1	Judge 2	Strict kappa	Lenient Kappa
3	User 3	User 4	0.91	0.95
5	User 5	User 7	0.7	0.79
6	User 3	User 5	0.48	0.48
25	User 7	User 10	0.69	0.7



Conclusions

- Focus for this year was text-based retrieval
 - Almost twice as many text-based runs compared to multi-media runs
 - Most groups performed better on the semantic topics than visual or mixed topics
 - \circ As in 2007, purely textual retrieval had the best overall run
 - Mixed runs performed worse than corresponding textual run
 - Purely visual runs performed poorly
 - Combining text with visual retrieval can improve early precision
 - Combinations can be fragile
 - Semantic topics combined with a database containing high quality annotations in 2008
 - less impact of using visual techniques as compared to previous years.



 Our goal in the upcoming ImageCLEF medical retrieval task is to increase the number of visual runs or mixed submitted.

 \circ Modify the task to favor more integrated approaches.

 Interactive retrieval has always had poor participation

Relevance feedback and query modification have a potential to significantly improve results

- Transition to more "find similar case"
 - o Same database?

 \circ Database with annotations for regions of interest?



wikipediaMM: Task

• History:

- 2008 wikipediaMM task @ ImageCLEF
- 2007 MM track @ INEX
- 2006 MM track @ INEX

Description:

- o ad-hoc image retrieval
- o collection of Wikipedia images
 - Iarge-scale
 - heterogeneous
 - user-generated annotations
 - availability of multi-lingual data
- diverse multimedia information needs

• Aim:

o investigate mono-media and cross-media retrieval approaches

focus on fusion/combination of evidence from different modalities

o attract researchers from both text and visual retrieval communities

support participation through provision of appropriate resources



wikipediaMM: Yearly cycle





wikipediaMM: Collection

- 151,590 images
 - \circ wide variety
 - \circ global scope
 - JPEG, PNG formats
- Annotations
 - user-generated
 - highly heterogeneous
 - varying length
 - noisy
 - o semi-structured
 - monolingual (English)
- Used in INEX MM 2006 2007



wikipediaMM: Additional resources



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- provided by University of Amsterdam
- 101 MediaMill concepts
- classifiers trained on TRECVID 2005 data

- Natural Image statistics:
- Features

Concepts

0.486683, 0.453243, 0.421476, 0.371388, 0.279351, 0.410819, 0.321526, 0.461151, 0.391605, 0.360453, 0.086648, 0.271732, 0.231170, 0.334546, 0.270454, 0.577713, 0.529623, 0.501511, 0.482971, 0.355653, 0.544112, 0.392626, 0.562681, 0.463030, 0.438386, 0.101318, 0.335869, 0.275694, 0.456026, 0.335002, 0.354639, 0.308430, 0.279414, 0.278727, 0.268225, 0.325531, 0.237821, 0.308108, 0.317694, 0.294898, 0.106288, 0.266600, 0.231708, 0.296142, 0.263102, 0.642913, 0.622363, 0.624570, 0.536831, 0.629639, 0.624990, 0.456589, 0.646821, ...

• Boat:	0.12
 Building: 	0.84
Bus:	0.08

- Bush: 0.01
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wikipediaMM: Topics

<topic>

<number> 62 </number>

<title> cities by night </title> <concept> building </concept> <image> http://www.bushland.de/hksky2.jpg </image>



<narrative> I am decorating my flat and as I like photos of cities at night, I would like to find some that I could possibly print into posters. Photos of cities (or the earth) from space are not relevant. I would like to find photos of skylines or photos that contain parts of a city at night (including streets and buildings).

</topic>

Number of topics	75
Average number of terms in title	2.64
Number of topics with $image(s)$	43
Number of topics with $concept(s)$	45
Number of topics with both image and concept	28
Number of topics with text only	15



wikipediaMM: Participation

(topic development, submissions, assessments)



2007 (INEX MM)

- 4 groups
- 12 runs

2006 (INEX MM)

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- 4 groups
- 16 runs

CEA - CEA LIST, France CHEMNITZ - Computer Science and Media, Chemnitz University of Technology CURIEN - Laboratoire Hubert Curien, Universite Jean Monnet, Saint-Etienne, France CWI - Database Architectures and Information Access, CWI, Netherlands IMPERIAL - Multimedia and Information Systems, Imperial College, UK IRIT - SIG-IRIT, Toulouse, France STZAKI - Data Mining and Web Search, Hungarian Academy of Sciences UALICANTE - NLP and Information Systems, University of Alicante, Spain UNIGE - Computer Vision and Multimedia, Universite de Geneve, Switzerland UPEKING - Digital Media Institute, Peking University, China UPMC-LUP6 - UPMC/LIP6 - Computer Science Lab, Paris, France UTOULON - LSIS, UMR CNRS & Universite Sud Toulon-Var, France

CLAC - Computational Linguistics, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada **DEU** - Dept. Comp. Engineering, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey **XRCE** - Xerox Research Centre Europe



wikipediaMM: Assessment system





wikipediaMM: Results

				be	est run	average runs					
Group	# runs	rank	Modality	FB/QE	MAP	P@20	R-prec.	rank	MAP	P@20	R-prec.
upeking	7	1	TXT	QE	0.3444	0.3993	0.3794	37.5	0.1749	0.2020	0.1922
cea	2	2	TXTCON	QE	0.2735	0.3840	0.3225	3.0	0.2684	0.3757	0.3153
ualicante	24	3	TXT	NOFB	0.2700	0.3040	0.3075	22.5	0.2349	0.2797	0.2271
sztaki	8	10	TXT	NOFB	0.2551	0.2773	0.3020	15.5	0.2508	0.2777	0.2954
cwi	2	13	TXT	NOFB	0.2528	0.2833	0.3080	16.0	0.2511	0.2810	0.3023
curien	6	22	TXT	NOFB	0.2453	0.2860	0.2905	45.5	0.1515	0.1940	0.1822
chemnitz	4	27	TXTIMGCON	QE	0.2195	0.2747	0.2734	32.5	0.2122	0.2770	0.2643
imperial	6	44	TXT	NOFB	0.1918	0.2647	0.2362	59.5	0.0978	0.1384	0.1235
irit	4	48	TXT	NOFB	0.1652	0.2353	0.2148	57.5	0.1198	0.1783	0.1647
ugeneva	2	52	TXT	NOFB	0.1440	0.1793	0.1806	58.0	0.1179	0.1660	0.1574
upmc-lip6	7	56	TXT	NOFB	0.1193	0.1820	0.1581	66.5	0.0602	0.0947	0.0817
utoulon	5	70	TXT	NOFB	0.0399	0.0673	0.0583	70.0	0.0399	0.0353	0.0583

wikipediaMM: Results (cross-media)



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wikipediaMM: Conclusions

• Findings:

 $\circ\,$ text-only approaches perform quite well

- query expansion (knowledge bases)
- relevance feedback
- weighting schemes (BM25, DFR, LM)
- o BUT fusion with concepts can be beneficial
- $\circ\,$ different types of topics benefit from different approaches

• Open issues:

- o effective combination of text and visual evidence?
- \circ cross-media relevance feedback?

• Next year??

- multilinguality (topics? annotations?)
- $\circ\,$ which concepts? ground truth?
- $\circ\,$ what resources to provide to participants?
- o user participation in topic development/relevance assessments?



Visual Concept Detection Task

2006: object annotation 2007: object retrieval 2008: visual concept detection



indoor



outdoor



person







night



water



road or pathway



vegetation



buildings



tree



mountains



beach



Visual Concept Detection Task





VCDT: Participants

- CEA-LIST, France
- MSR China, Multimedia Computing and Communications, China
- IPAL-I2R, Infocomm Research Lab, Singapore
- LSIS, Information Sciences and Systems, France
- MMIS, Open University, UK
- Makere, Faculty of Computing and Information Technoloy, Makere University, Uganda
- **RWTH**, Human Language Technology and Pattern Recognition Group, Aachen, Germany
- **TIA**, Group for Machine Learning for Image Processing and Information Retrieval, Mexico
- UPMC, University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris
- **XRCE**, Xerox Research Centre Europe, Grenoble, France
- SZTAKI, Hungaran Academy of Science, Budapest, Hungary



VCDT: Results

		best run			AVG			
	# runs	rank	EER	AUC	rank	EER	AUC	
XRCE	2	1	16.65	90.66	1.5	17.97	89.7	
RWTH	1	3	20.45	86.19	3	20.45	86.19	
UPMC	6	4	24.55	82.74	11	27.2	65.23	
LSIS	7	5	25.88	80.51	20.29	32.8	71.79	
MMIS	4	13	28.44	77.94	23.25	32.55	72.95	
CEA_LIST	3	17	29.04	73.4	26.33	33.39	59.7	
IPAL_I2R	8	19	29.71	76.44	32.13	35.96	68.29	
budapest	13	20	31.14	74.9	31.77	35.17	68.59	
ΤΙΑ	7	24	32.09	55.64	39.57	39.87	36.26	
HJ_FA	1	47	45.07	19.96	47	45.07	19.96	
Makere	1	51	49.25	30.83	51	49.25	30.83	



VCDT: Results

		best		aver	age	worst		
#	concept	EER	AUC	group	EER	AUC	EER	AUC
0	indoor	8.9	97.4	XRCE	28	67.6	46.8	2
1	outdoor	9.2	96.6	XRCE	30.6	70.5	54.6	13.3
2	person	17.8	89.7	XRCE	35.9	62.2	53	0.4
3	day	21	85.7	XRCE	35.4	64.9	52.5	9.7
4	night	8.7	97.4	XRCE/budapest	27.6	72.5	73.3	0
5	water	23.8	84.6	XRCE	38.1	57.8	53	3.2
6	road/pathway	28.8	80	XRCE	42.6	50.7	56.8	0
7	vegetation	17.6	8 9 .9	XRCE	33.9	67.4	49.7	30.7
8	tree	18. 9	88.3	XRCE	36.1	62.8	59.5	1
9	mountains	15.3	93.8	XRCE	33.1	61.2	55.8	0
10	beach	21.7	86.8	XRCE	35.8	57.6	51.4	0
11	buildings	17	89.7	XRCE	37.4	60.8	64	0.5
12	sky	10.4	95.7	XRCE	24	78.6	50.8	37.3
13	sunny	9.2	96.4	XRCE	30.3	66.5	55.4	0
14	partly cloudy	15.4	92.1	XRCE/budapest	37.5	58.9	55.5	0
15	overcast	14.1	93.7	XRCE	32.1	67.6	61.5	0
16	animal	20.7	85.7	XRCE	38.2	54.2	58.4	0



VCDT: Conclusions

- visual concept detection works quite well
- some concepts are far easier than others
 - water & road are very hard
 - sunny, night, indoor/outdoor is easy
- local features and discriminative classifiers outperform other methods
- only one group used VCDT outcome for photo retrieval
 o improvements are consistent

Open Questions:

- which concepts? which training data?
- how to combine/fuse VCDT and photo retrieval!



- Purely visual task
- Given an image, find a textual description
- 2005:
 - o 9,000 training images/1,000 test images
- Assign one out of 57 possible labels to each image
 2006:
 - 10,000 training images/1,000 test images
 - Assign one out of 116 possible labels to each image
- 2007:
 - 11,000 training images/1,000 test images
 - \circ Assign a textual label to each image (one out of 116)
- 2008:
 - 12,076 training images/1,000 test images
 - \circ more classes, use of hierarchy required (~200 classes)



Example of IRMA code

• Example:1121-127-720-500 DDDD-AAA-BBB-TTT

D Direction:

coronal, anterior-posterior, supine

A Anatomy:

abdomen, middle, unspec.

B Biosystem:

uropoetic system, unspec., unspec.

T Technique: radiography, plain, analog, overview



Aim: Predict complete codeas far as possiblecorrectly



Evaluation Criterion

- incomplete codes 11__-12_-7__-5___
- not predicting a position: better than a wrong prediction
- incorrect prediction in one position invalidates all later predictions in this axis
- axes are independent
- early errors are worse than late



Examples

(for one axis): correct 318a318a0318*0.0631870.1231**0.1432**0.5289881.00



Example Images

12,076 train images1,000 test images196 unique codes



1121-120-200-700

T: x-ray, plain radiography, analog, overview image D: coronal, anteroposterior (AP, coronal), unspecified A: cranium, unspecified, unspecified

B: musculosceletal system, unspecified, unspecified



1121-120-310-700

T: x-ray, plain radiography, analog, overview image D: coronal, anteroposterior (AP, coronal), unspecified A: spine, cervical spine, unspecified

B: musculosceletal system, unspecified, unspecified



1121-127-700-500

T: x-ray, plain radiography, analog, overview image D: coronal, anteroposterior (AP, coronal), supine A: abdomen, unspecified, unspecified

B: uropoietic system, unspecified, unspecified



1123-211-500-000

T: x-ray, plain radiography, analog, high beam energy

- D: sagittal, lateral, right-left, inspiration
- A: chest, unspecified, unspecified
- B: unspecified, unspecified, unspecified



Participants

- FEIT Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Skopje, Macedonia
- medGIFT University Hospitals of Geneva, Switzerland
- **Miracle -** Miracle Lab, Daedalus University, Madrid, Spain
- **TAU -** Medical Image Processing Lab, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- **IDIAP IDIAP research institute**, Martigny, Switzerland
- IRMA Medical Informatics, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany





			bes	st	average			
	# runs	rank	score	wild cards	rank	score	wild cards	
IDIAP	9	1	74.92	4148	8.33	132.33	4022	
TAU	4	7	105.75	1000	8.5	109.54	1967	
IRMA	1	12	182.77	0	12	182.77	0	
MIRACLE	4	13	187.9	4426	14.5	190.73	3671.25	
medGIFT	4	17	210.93	2146	19	230.34	1653	
FEIT	2	22	286.48	1117	22.5	288.49	1070.5	

Conclusion/Findings:

- machine learning techniques from IDIAP work best
- local features outperform global ones
- use of wildcards necessary for good results
- results of last year published in PRL SI



- large number of participants in ImageCLEF
- good registration/participation ratio in photo retrieval
- new Wikipedia MM task
- Quaero sponsored pre workshop



ImageCLEF 2008 Parallel Session

Thursday 14:30

Visual Concept Detection Task

Gabriella Csurka, Xerox Research Center Europe, France

Image Fisher Vector based visual concepts detection and image retrieval **Photo Retrieval**

Photo Retrieval

Gareth Jones, Dublin City University, Ireland DCU at ImageCLEFPhoto 2008

WikipediaMM Retrieval

Adrian Popescu, CEA-LIST, France

Conceptual image retrieval over the Wikipedia corpus

Medical Image Annotation

Tatiana Tommasi, IDIAP, Switzerland CLEF2008 Image Annotation Task: an SVM Confidence-Based Approach **Medical Retrieval**

Manuel Carlos Díaz Galiano, SINAI, U Jaen, Spain SINAI at ImageCLEFmed



Breakout Session/Outlook

- Several Ideas for next year!
- What do you expect?
- What are our ideas?
- What data is available?
- Breakout Session:

 Friday 11:00h

 Fill in the survey

 www.imageclef.org/survey