

iCLEF 2003: possible tasks

Option 1: Narrow topics

- **Task:** find some relevant document for each of the queries, covering a maximum of queries in a fixed time.
- **Document collection:** permit more than one language?
- **Topics:** 16-32.
- **Search session:** 40 minutes each system, maximum of 5 minutes per query.
- **Data collected:** one document selected per query, time of selections.
- **Evaluation:** recall (how many topics were resolved successfully), precision (on the documents retrieved).

Option 2: Interactive CL QA

- **Task:** find answers to questions in a foreign-language fraction of the web (within a maximum number of interactions and maximum time).
- **Systems:** CL layers over a common web search engine (Google?).
- **Data collected:** written answers (questionnaire), number of interactions and time per query.
- **Evaluation:** number of correctly answered questions.
- **Languages and topics:** depending on participants.

Possible two-year schedules

- Conservative:

- 2003 narrow queries.
- 2004 Interactive CL Question Answering.

Pros:

- full use of CLEF framework.
- One step at a time.

- Drastic:

- 2003 Interactive CL Question Answering.
- 2004 similar, improved.

Pros:

- go directly to a realistic and universal scenario.
- attract a wider community.