

SIGIR-AP 2025

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China

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- **Annual ACM-sponsored conference** that promotes and disseminates IR research and development within the Asia-Pacific region defined as
 - All of Asia
 - Australasia,
 - The islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans



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- **Introduction**

- **Late November or early December** each year
- A 2~3-day event, with tutorial and workshop days as required
- Mainland China (odd-numbered years); elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region (even-numbered years)
- Could be co-located with CCIR, NTCIR, and FIRE

- **Responsibility**

- Make every effort to be **carbon neutral**
- Attendance options will be **permanently available for remote participation**



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- **Conference Information**

- Main Conference in **Xi'an**, China
 - Hosted by *Xidian University*
- Satellite Venue in **Brisbane**, Australia
 - Hosted by *The University of Queensland*

- **Conference Sponsors:**

- **Diamond Sponsor: Xiaohongshu Inc.** 
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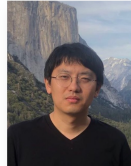
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* All time are in Beijing (UTC+8)

Day 1, December 7		Day 2, December 8	Day 3, December 9	Day 4, December 10	
Function Room 2	Function Room 7	Grand Ballroom	Grand Ballroom	Grand Ballroom	
9:00–10:30		9:00–9:20	9:00–10:00	9:00–10:15	
Tutorial 1	Tutorial 2	Opening	Keynote 2	Session 7	
10:30–11:00		9:20–10:20	10:00–10:20	10:15–10:35	
Coffee Break		Keynote 1	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
11:00–12:30		10:20–10:40	10:20–12:10	10:35–12:05	
Tutorial 1 (Cont.)	Tutorial 2 (Cont.)	Coffee Break	Session 4	Session 8	
12:30–14:00		10:40–12:15	12:10–13:30	12:05–12:20	
Lunch Break		Session 1: RAG	Lunch	Closing	
14:00–15:30		12:15–13:30	13:30–13:45	12:20–14:00	
Tutorial 3	Tutorial 4	Lunch	Industry Talk 2	Lunch	
15:30–16:00		13:30–14:00	13:45–15:15	14:00–15:30	
Coffee Break		Industry Talk 1	Session 5	Workshops 1	Workshops 2
16:00–17:30		14:00–15:35	15:15–16:15	15:30–16:00	
Tutorial 3 (Cont.)	Tutorial 4 (Cont.)	Session 2	Poster + Coffee	Coffee Break	
18:00–20:00		15:35–16:30	16:15–17:45	16:00–17:30	
Reception		Poster + Coffee	Session 6	Workshops 1 (Cont.)	Workshops 2 (Cont.)
		16:30–18:10	18:30–20:30		
		Session 3	Banquet		
		Dinner (on your own)			



Full Program Schedule: <https://www.sigir-ap.org/sigir-ap-2025/Timetable/index.html>

Proceedings: <https://www.sigir-ap.org/sigir-ap-2025/accepted-papers/index.html>

Featured Talks



- Keynote 1: **Preference-Based Evaluation** (December 8th 9:20-10:20)
 - By Fernando Diaz Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- Keynote 2: **LLMs vs. Humans in Information Access Tasks: Performances, Behaviors, and Learning Abilities** (December 9th 9:00-10:00)
 - By Min Zhang, Tsinghua University, China
- Industry Talk 1: **Application of Multimodal LLM in Xiaohongshu Search** (December 9th 13:30-14:00)
 - By Daoxin Zhang
- Industry Talk 2: **Recent Technical Advances in Recommender System of Kuaishou** (December 9th 13:30-14:45)
 - By Ruiming Tang

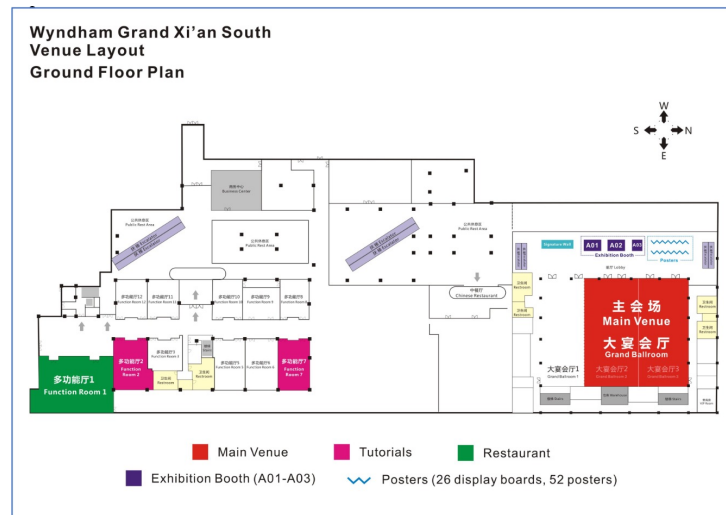
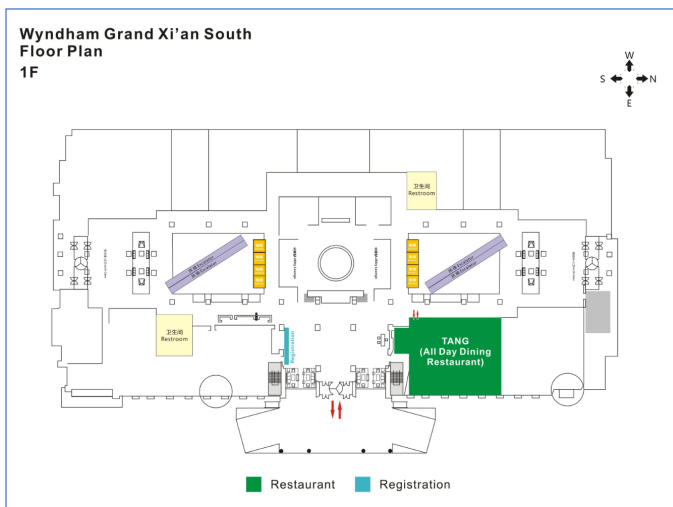
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- **Main Conference (Ground floor)**



- **Banquet:** Grand Ballroom

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- **In-person (Xi'an) Registration: 111**
 - Full passport: 108
 - Volunteers: 24
 - Student Travel Awardee: 9
 - Workshop-only passport: 3
- **All Virtual Registrations: 46**
 - Satellite (Brisbane) Registration: 27
 - Other Virtual Registration: 19



Materials

Badge Back



Magnets from Shaanxi History Museum and Xi'an Museum



Banquet - Interactive Activities

Fan Lacquering



Touhu Game



Calligraphy



Banquet - Performances

Tang Dynasty Drums



Face-Changing (Bian Lian)



Silk-String Melodies



Dance Performance



We also have a luck draw!



First Prize
Shadow Puppet Art Piece



Second Prize
Grape-and-Bird Pattern Sachet



Third Prize
Tang Dynasty Mural Photo Frame

Program Overview

Call for papers: <https://www.sigir-ap.org/sigir-ap-2025/call-for-papers>

Submission types:

- **Regular Submissions:** new, original contributions that have not been accepted elsewhere or simultaneously submitted to another journal or conference
- **Revise-and-Resubmit (RR) Submissions:** revised manuscripts that were submitted to but not accepted by the SIGIR'25 or **ICTIR'25 conference**

Paper types: Original research, resource, reproducibility, **industry, and perspective papers**

Paper lengths: Between 2 to 9 pages (paper length commensurate with its contribution)

Review guidelines for SIGIR-AP'25: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n2YqLV3D-EKsUjsPk2mv3O_-0pcasrbev50o6_L43l8 (**Use of AI tools for reviewing: strongly discouraged**)

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* New initiatives this year

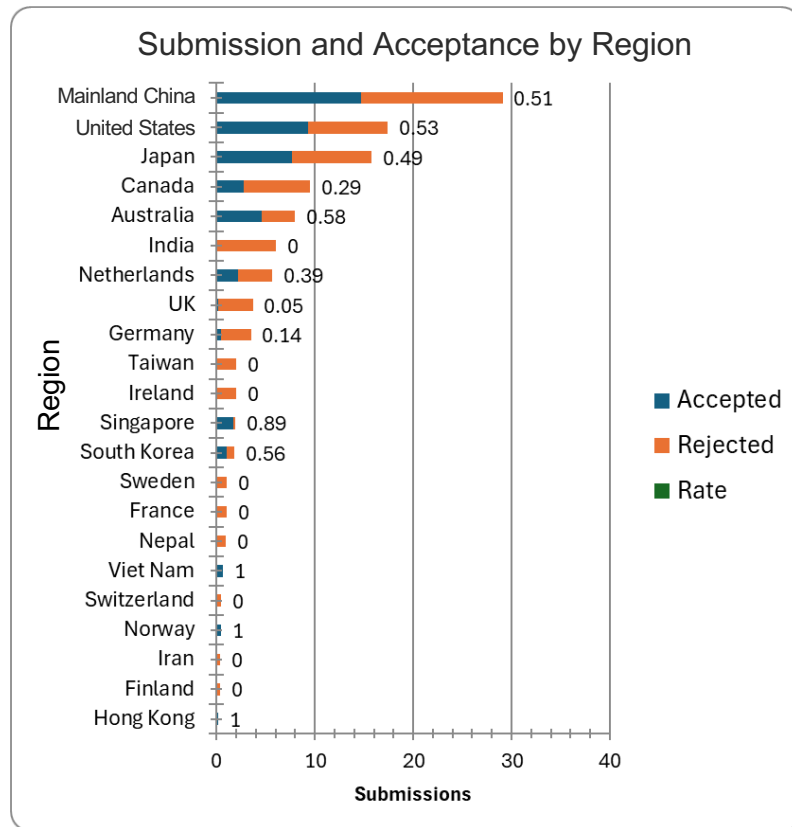
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Abstracts submitted: 112; Desk rejected: 14

Venue or Track	#Reviewed	#Accepted	Acceptance Rate
Regular submissions	83	35	42.2%
Revise-and-Resubmit submissions	15	11	73.3%
Total	98	46	46.9%

Also: 2 workshops, 4 tutorials, & 2 keynotes

- Number of submissions (after desk-rejection) is up by 36%
- Overall acceptance rate (46.9%) is slightly higher than last year (43.1%)
- Number of accepted papers is up by 48%



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Best Paper Shortlisted Nominees

Selection Committee Members:

- **Fabrizio Silvestri, Dawn Lawrie, Hideo Joho, Martin Potthast**
- (Session 1) **CogPlanner: Unveiling the Potential of Multimodal Retrieval Augmented Generation with Planning.** Xiaohan Yu, Zhihan Yang and Chong Chen
- (Session 3) **FalseCoTQA: Adversarial Multi-Hop QA via Knowledge-Grounded False Chains of Thought.** Julien Serbanescu, Mahdiyar Ali Akbar Alavi, Faezeh Ensan and Fattane Zarrinkalam
- (Session 4) **Adversarial Attacks against Neural Ranking Models via In-Context Learning.** Amin Bigdeli, Negar Arabzadeh, Ebrahim Bagheri and Charles L. A. Clarke
- (Session 5) **ScaleFormer: Span Representation Cumulation for Long-Context Transformer.** Jiangshu Du, Wenpeng Yin and Philip Yu
- (Session 7) **Investigating LLM Variability in Personalized Conversational Information Retrieval.** Simon Lupart, Daniël van Dijk, Eric Langezaal, Ian van Dort and Mohammad Aliannejadi



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What's Happening in Brisbane Satellite?



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Keynote:



Preference-Based Evaluation

Fernando Diaz

Associate Professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Language Technologies Institute and a Research Scientist at Google. His work focuses on evaluating AI systems, retrieval-enhanced AI, and exploring AI's cultural impact in areas like music and literature. With prior leadership roles at Microsoft Research Montréal and Spotify, he is recognized for contributions to search and recommender systems, earning awards at SIGIR, CIKM, and CSCW, as well as the 2017 BCS Karen Spärck Jones Award and holds a CIFAR AI Chair. He also co-organizes events such as NIST TREC tracks, WSDM, FAccT, SIGIR, and the CIFAR Workshop on AI and Cultural Curation.