



RuSSIR

Russian Summer School
in Information Retrieval

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7th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2013)

Monday September 16 – Friday September 20, 2013

Kazan, Russia

<http://russir.org>

The 6th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2013) will be held on September 16-20, 2013 in Kazan, Russia. The school is co-organized by Kazan Federal University (www.kpfu.ru) and Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar (ROMIP, <http://romip.ru>). The school will have a focus on *audio search*.

The mission of the RuSSIR school series is to enable students to learn about modern problems and methods in information retrieval and related disciplines, to stimulate scientific research and collaboration in the field; and to create environment for informal contacts between scientists, students and industry professionals. RuSSIR 2013 will offer up to seven courses (in parallel sessions) and host approximately 130 participants. RuSSIR 2013 is planned to feature a track of courses focusing on voice search, search over audio archives and transcripts, as well as various problems in music information retrieval. The working language of the school is English.

The target audience of the school is advanced graduate and PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, academic and industrial researchers, and developers. Participation in the school is competitive: the candidates are selected by the program committee based on extensive applications, which results in high-level and motivated participants. Participation in RuSSIRs (including school materials and social program) is free of charge for students; a considerable part of the budget is spent on accommodation and travel grants for students.

RuSSIR 2012 School organizers invite IT companies and funds to sponsor the school. If you are working in the Russian IT market and want to demonstrate your leadership in the area of Information Retrieval, Machine Translation and NLP technology this is a good opportunity. Invest in the future of IT in Russia by supporting student travel and accommodation, student sessions, and other school activities!

Levels for sponsorship:

Gold sponsor – 350,000 Rubles (about 11,150 USD at the time of publication) and above

- ❖ Prominent display of company logo on the school website and hand-outs;
- ❖ Inclusion of leaflets in the school hand-outs;
- ❖ Opportunity to:
 - make a short company presentation during the opening event;
 - present a company at a tech talk/ to give a lecture;
 - be announced as the organizer of social events for students;
 - take part in discussions as panelists;

- have up to 12 employees as students of the school.

Silver sponsor – 250,000 Rubles (about 7,950 USD at the time of publication)

- ❖ Prominent display of company logo on the school website and hand-outs;
- ❖ Inclusion of a leaflet in the school hand-outs;
- ❖ Opportunity to:
 - make a short company presentation during the opening event;
 - take part in discussions as panelists;
 - have up to six employees as students of the school.

Bronze sponsor – 150 000 Rubles (about 4,800 USD at the time of publication)

- ❖ Prominent display of company logo on the school website and hand-outs;
- ❖ Inclusion of a leaflet in the students' kits;
- ❖ Opportunity to:
 - make a short company presentation during the opening event;
 - take part in discussions as panelists;
 - have up to three employees as students of the school.

Organizations that are members of the non-profit ROMIP partnership are eligible for discounts.

About RuSSIR: the school series started in 2007 and has developed into a renowned academic event with solid international participation. Previous schools took place in Yekaterinburg, Taganrog, Petrozavodsk, Voronezh, Saint Petersburg, and Yaroslavl. Previous RuSSIR courses were taught by Eugene Agichtein, Sihem Amer-Yahia, Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Ben Carterette, Fabio Crestani, Katja Filippova, Djoerd Hiemstra, Evangelos Kanoulas, Mounia Lalmas, Marie-Francine Moens, Jian-Yun Nie, Guillaume Obozinski, Salvatore Orlando, Raffaele Perego, Andreas Rauber, Stefan Ruger, Horacio Saggion, Chirag Shah, James Shanahan, Fabrizio Silvestri, David Talbot, Mike Thelwall, Ingmar Weber, Gerhard Weikum, Emine Yilmaz, and others.

About school venue: Kazan is the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, where the geographical and cultural aspects of both Europe and Asia come together. Kazan, about 800 km east of Moscow, lies on the confluence of the Volga and the Kazanka rivers. The population of Kazan is about 1.1 million people. In 2005, the city celebrated its millennium. The Kazan Kremlin is the central historic citadel of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its most significant buildings are the Annunciation Cathedral and the Qolsharif Mosque. Kazan will host the Summer Universiade in July 2013 (<http://kazan2013.com/>).

Founded in 1804, the Kazan University is the third oldest university in Russia. An internationally acknowledged centre of academic excellence, it is regularly listed among Russia's top 10 institutions of higher education. The University is a leading national research centre with numerous laboratories, museums, a botanical garden, research field stations, three astronomic observatories and many other facilities. The university has over 40,000 full-time students, who follow 180 major degree programs. The university prides itself on the following inventions and discoveries: the creation of the non-Euclidean geometry (Nikolai Lobachevsky), the discovery of the chemical element Ruthenium (Karl Ernst Claus), the theory of organic compounds structure (Aleksandr Butlerov), the discovery of the electron paramagnetic resonance (Yevgeny Zavoisky) and the acoustic paramagnetic resonance (Semen Altshuler), and many others.

Anyone interested in sponsoring RuSSIR 2013 please contact Pavel Braslavski (pbras@yandex.ru) and Maxim Gubin (mail@maxgubin.com).