BIR and BIRNDL:
A marathon towards a congregation of scientific document processing community[*]

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I congratulate Philipp, Ingo and Guillaume on the 10th anniversary Bibliometric-enhanced Information Retrieval (BIR). BIR has been a long standing workshop at ECIR engaging the active digital library and academic search community in Europe and beyond on IR problems. Perhaps it is not a stretch to say that BIR has become a preferred venue to publish and engage in active discussions on emerging topics in and around academic search. I am happy to have served as a program committee for BIR over the past few editions.

We have been organising the joint conference on Bibliometric enhanced IR and NLP for DL (BIRNDL) at SIGIR and other venues since 2016 with Philipp Mayr. The inaugural edition of this joint conference was co-located with JCDL 2016, Newark, USA, which saw BIR 2016 organise jointly with us as BIRNDL 2016.[1] Uniquely, BIRNDL also features the CL-SciSumm summarization shared task, sponsored by Microsoft Research Asia from 2016 through 2018. Since then BIRNDL has become an annual event at SIGIR, with a research track and the CL-SciSumm shared task track. While BIR has a search and IR focus, BIRNDL addresses problems and communities in both IR and NLP.

In continuance of the grand vision to unify the community working on scholarly documents under one umbrella, in 2020, we have expanded even further. We are organising the first workshop on Scholarly Document Processing,[2] (SDP), on November 12, co-located with EMNLP 2020, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. SDP has a research track and three summarization shared tasks on scientific documents: CL-SciSumm, Lay Summarization (LaySumm) sponsored by Elsevier Labs and Long Summarization (LongSumm) run by IBM Research Lab, Haifa. We have published our call for papers and opened registrations for the shared task.[3]

We wish the 10th BIR a grand success, be it online or offline!

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[*] A companion video is hosted at https://youtu.be/V1zxs_3b_CI.

[1] http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-1610/

[2] https://ornlcda.github.io/SDProc/

[3] https://ornlcda.github.io/SDProc/cfp.html