# ACM SIGIR Annual Business Meeting 2026: Secretary's Notes

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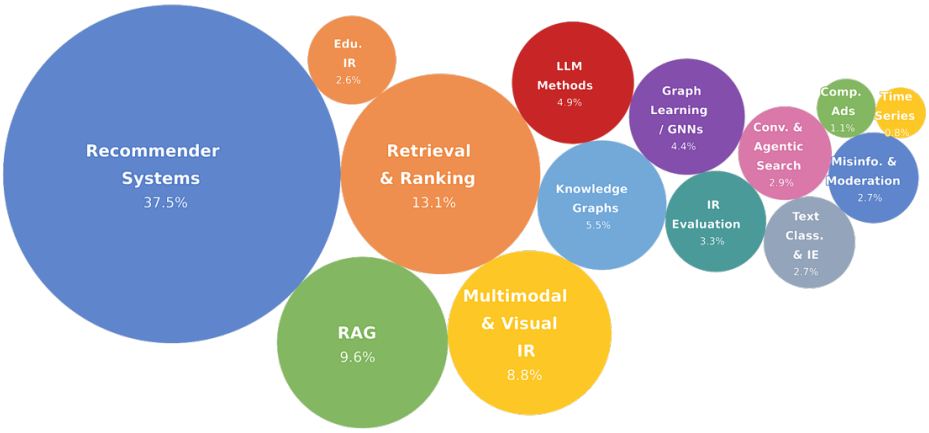
## 1 Opening Matters

The 2026 SIGIR Annual Business Meeting took place as an in-person event during the 49th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval in Melbourne / Naarm, Australia on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Nicola Ferro, the SIGIR Chair, opened the business meeting by reading out the planned agenda for the session, with the rest of the ACM SIGIR Executive Committee (EC)—Yi Zhang (SIGIR Vice-Chair), Bhaskar Mitra (SIGIR Secretary), and Chirag Shah (SIGIR Treasurer)—present on stage.

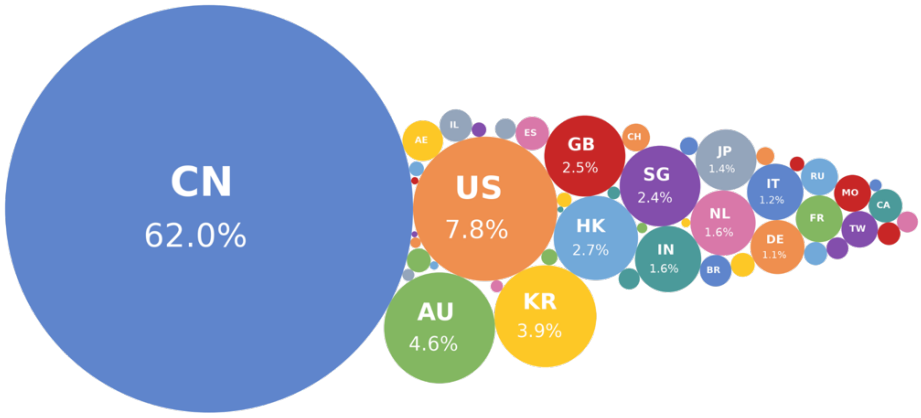
## 2 SIGIR 2026 Conference

After the brief opening, Alistair Moffat (University of Melbourne, Australia) and Falk Scholer (RMIT University, Australia), General Chairs for the SIGIR 2026 conference, presented an update focusing on conference finances. For SIGIR 2026, registrations contributed 75.7% of the overall conference revenue. Revenue from conference registrations included member registrations (21.9%), student registrations (26.9%), and non-member registrations (51.1%). Among the different conference expenditure, 37% of the conference revenue was spent on food and beverages. Overall, the SIGIR 2026 conference was in the black with a rough estimate of 7.5 cents of income on every dollar of revenue. The SIGIR 2026 conference had roughly 50% more registrations than budgeted that in part contributed to its healthy finances.

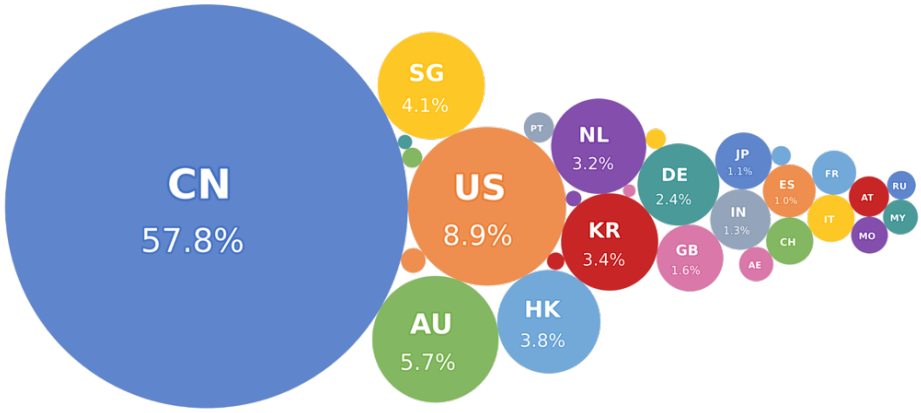
Next, the Program Chairs of the SIGIR 2026 conference—Hannah Bast (University of Freiburg, Germany), Marc Najork (Google DeepMind, USA), and Min Zhang (Tsinghua University, China)—presented how the conference scientific program was put together for SIGIR 2026. Earlier in the week, during the opening ceremony, the Program Chairs presented overall submission and acceptance statistics by paper tracks (Table 1), and additional analysis of submissions by topic and country (Fig 1). During the business meeting, the Program Chairs shared that the reviewing process for full papers involved 1,192 program committee members (PCs), 192 Senior PCs, and 46 area chairs (ACs). The PCs, the SPCs, and the ACs were assigned up to five, seven, and 30 submissions each, respectively. The Program Chairs experimented with several new changes this




**(a)** Submissions by topic.




**(b)** Submissions by country.




**(c)** Accepted submissions by country.

**Figure 1.** SIGIR 2026 full paper submissions and acceptances by topic and country. For the analysis by country, each author of a paper with N authors contributes 1/N. These figures were presented by the SIGIR 2026 Program Chairs during the conference opening ceremony.

**Table 1.** SIGIR 2026 submissions and acceptances by paper tracks.

| Paper track | Submitted | Accepted | Acceptance rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Full | 1,271 | 233 | 18.3% |
| Short | 566 | 149 | 26.3% |
| Industry | 197 | 129 | 65.5% |
| Resource | 143 | 61 | 42.7% |
| Reproducibility | 58 | 28 | 48.3% |
| Demonstration | 57 | 24 | 42.1% |
| Low-resource environment | 37 | 14 | 37.8% |
| Perspective | 52 | 12 | 23.1% |

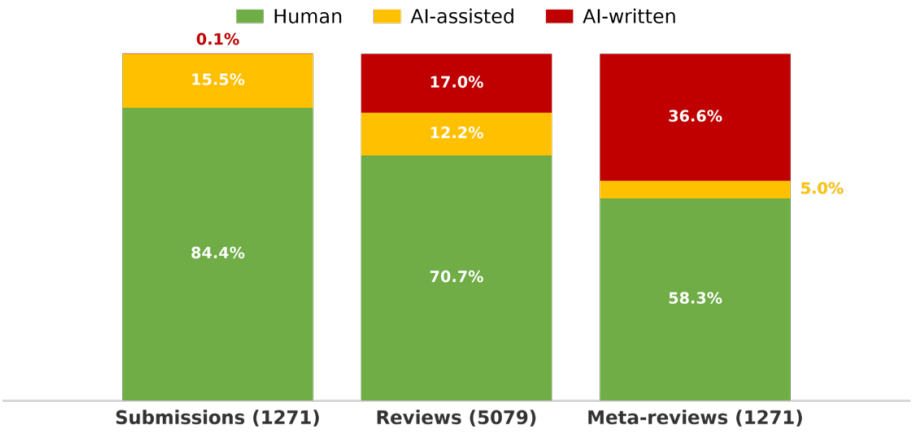



**Figure 2.** Use of AI in SIGIR 2026 submissions and reviews according to Pangram. This figure was presented by the SIGIR 2026 Program Chairs during the business meeting.

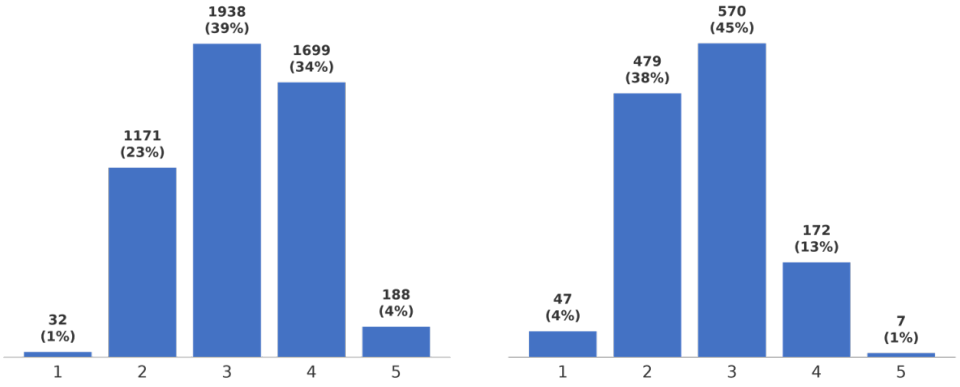
year including: (i) Using the OpenReview platform for submission and reviewing,[1] (ii) submitting authors with sufficient seniority were drafted as PC members (final PC comprised of 399 invited and 793 drafted members), (iii) a policy on responsible reviewing was instituted with consequences for irresponsible reviewing, and (iv) automatic reviewing assignments and conflict-of-interest (CoI) detection was employed. Other minor changes included relaxed anonymity requirements and allowing an additional page for camera-ready papers.

Out of the 1354 submissions, 75 (5.5%) were desk rejected—for reasons including incomplete author profiles (21 submissions), disallowed content beyond page limit (18), formatting issues or too long (15), dual submissions (8), and anonymity violations (5). Many of these papers were desk-rejected after multiple reminders were sent to authors.

During the discussion phase of the process, review scores rarely changed; and when they changed, 79% of the time reviewers decreased their score.

This year, the Program Chairs used Pangram to detect AI-generated submissions and reviews for analysis. They note that AI-detection tools are error-prone but the analysis may be indicative

[1]Previously, ConfMaster was the platform of choice till SIGIR 2016 and then EasyChair till SIGIR 2025.




**(a)** PCs **(b)** SPCs

**Figure 3.** Analysis of SIGIR 2026 review quality (1=poor, 5=great) presented by the SIGIR 2026 Program Chairs during the business meeting..

of broader trends. The Program Chairs found significant use of AI in reviewing, especially for writing meta-reviews, as shown in Fig 2. They noted that poor SPC work quality continues to be an issue for the community, which was observed in previous years of the conference and was further confirmed by additional analyses by Program Chairs this year (Fig 3). The Program Chairs recommended to continue quality evaluation in future SIGIR conferences and to base committee memberships on past performance. They ended their presentation thanking all the authors, PCs, SPCs, and ACs for their contributions to the conference program.

# 3 SIGIR Volunteers

Nicola Ferro, thanked all the continuing and new SIGIR Volunteers, as well as volunteers who are at the end of their term including: James Allan (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA), Hussein Suleman (University of Cape Town, South Africa), Sole Pera (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands), Tirthankar Ghosal (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA), Josiane Mothe (Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse, France), and Julián Urbano (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands). Table 2 lists the current ACM SIGIR volunteers at the time of the SIGIR 2026 conference.[2] A call was announced for Student Affairs Chairs, Sustainability Chairs, and other volunteer positions where the term for current volunteers are coming to end.

# 4 SIGIR Futures

Nicola Ferro briefly talked about the new ACM SIGIR program called SIGIR Futures,[3] designed to help shape the trajectory of IR research and practice by supporting high-ambition, future-oriented events and grassroot projects proposed and run by community members. Futures will begin with

[2]The full list of ACM SIGIR EC members and volunteers is available here: https://sigir.org/general-information/officers-and-volunteers/

[3]https://sigir.org/futures/

**Table 2.** ACM SIGIR Volunteers (continuing and new*) at the time of the SIGIR 2026 conference.

| Volunteer positions | Current volunteers |
|---|---|
| Academy Chairs | Yoelle Maarek (Technology Innovation Institute, UAE)<br>Marc Najork (Google DeepMind, USA) |
| Awards Chairs | Mark Sanderson (RMIT University, Australia)<br>Hamed Zamani (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA) |
| Early Career Researcher Awards Chair | Jian-Yun Nie* (Université de Montréal, Canada) |
| Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Chair | Ludovico Boratto* (University of Cagliari, Italy)<br>Tetsuya Sakai* (Waseda University, Japan) |
| Student Affairs Chairs | Qingyao Ai (Tsinghua University, China)<br>Maria Maistro (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) |
| Women in IR Chair | Gabriella Pasi (Universita' degli studi di Milano, Italy) |
| Student Travel Award Chair | Joonseok Lee* (Seoul National University, Republic of Korea) |
| Historian | Donna K. Harman (National Institute of Standards and Technology, USA) |
| Information Director | Joel MacKenzie (The University of Queensland, Australia) |
| Forum Editors | Keping Bi* (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)<br>J. Shane Culpepper* (University of Queensland, Australia)<br>Jiqun Liu* (University of Oklahoma, USA) |
| Sustainability Chairs | Paul Thomas (Microsoft Bing, Australia) |
| ACM Open Committee | Venktesh Viswanathan* (Stockholm University, Sweden)<br>Eugene Yang* (Johns Hopkins University, USA) |
| Futures | Ryen White* (Microsoft, USA) |

a fixed-deadline call for proposals (CFP), first announced in February 2026. Selected activities will take place in 2027, aligning with the 50th anniversary of the SIGIR conference with the goal to shape the next 50 years of IR. In this inaugural year for Futures, fewer higher-impact activities will be prioritized. The deadline for submissions was announced as September 1, 2026 (Anywhere on Earth Time Zone).

Following the SIGIR conference, Ryen White, the SIGIR Futures Chair, announced the conclusion of the first round of selection of SIGIR Futures activities at the end of September. The activities that were selected in this inaugural round are as follows:

- **IR Futures for Africa: Shaping the Future of Information Retrieval in Africa** by Catherine Chavula (University of Strathclyde, UK), Josephina Muntuumo (Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia), and others.
- **Forum for Pitching Research Directions to the SIGIR Community** by Evgeniy Gabrilovich (Microsoft, USA) and Marc Najork (Google DeepMind, USA)
- **Verifiable Scientific Information Retrieval: Positioning IR as the Epistemic Backbone of Autonomous Science** by Tirthankar Ghosal (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA) and others.
- **Defining a New IR Playground: Open IR Research Questions Not Solved by LLMs** by Jaap Kamps (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and others.
- **Realizing Public Information Access Platforms: Or How We Seize the Means of Retrieval** by Bhaskar Mitra (Independent Researcher, Canada) and others.

**Table 3.** Upcoming ACM SIGIR sponsored events.

| Event | Location | Dates |
|---|---|---|
| JCDL 2026 | Dallas | October 13-16, 2026 |
| CIKM 2026 | Rome | November 7-11, 2026 |
| SIGIR-AP 2026 | Singapore | December 13-15, 2026 |
| WSDM 2027 | Hong Kong | February 15-19, 2027 |
| CHIIR 2027 | Berlin | March 7-11, 2027 |
| ICTIR 2027 | San Jose | July 24, 2027 (co-located with SIGIR) |
| CIKM 2027 | Sidney | November 1-5, 2027 |

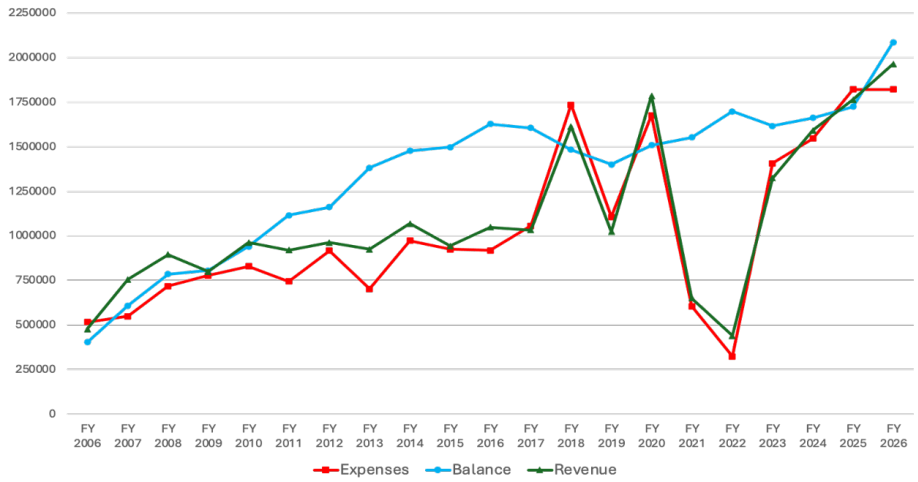



**Figure 4.** SIGIR's finances over recent years. Expenses indicates current expenses such as travel grants and conference underwriting. Revenue indicates the available funds reflecting income growth.

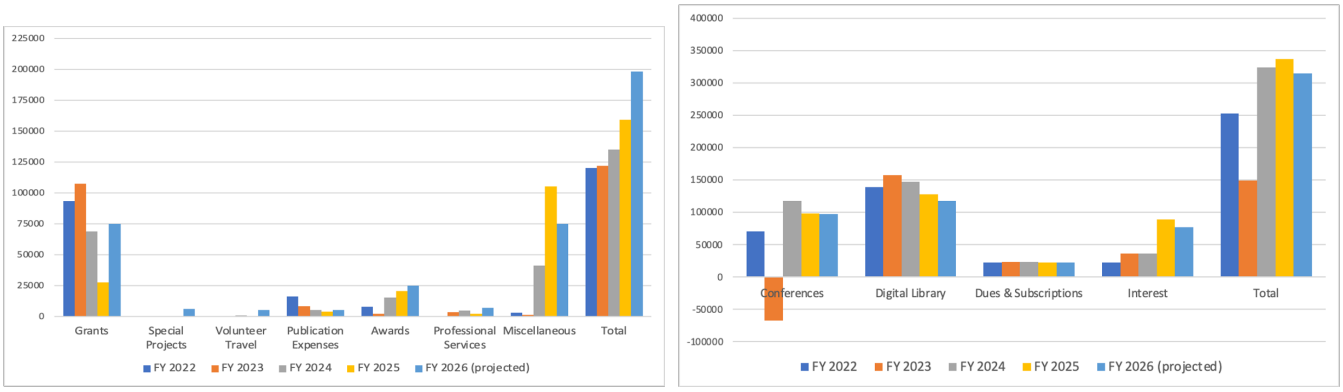
- **Beyond Hyperscale: A Research Agenda for Resource-Aware Generative IR** by Oleg Zendel (RMIT University, Australia) and others.

# 5 SIGIR Sponsored Events

Nicola Ferro announced the upcoming ACM SIGIR sponsored events including JCDL, CIKM, SIGIR-AP, WSDM, CHIIR, and ICTIR. Please see Table 3 for the full list.

# 6 SIGIR Treasurer's Report

Chirag Shah, the SIGIR Treasurer, presented a report on SIGIR's finances for fiscal year 2026 (FY26) that ended on June 30, 2026. Not all conferences have closed yet, so expenses and revenue for FY26 are based on actual data up to March 2026 and additional projections. Revenue, expenses, and balances are represented by the green, the red, and the blue lines, respectively, in




**(a)** Expenses **(b)** Income

**Figure 5.** Breakdown of SIGIR's expenses and income over recent years.

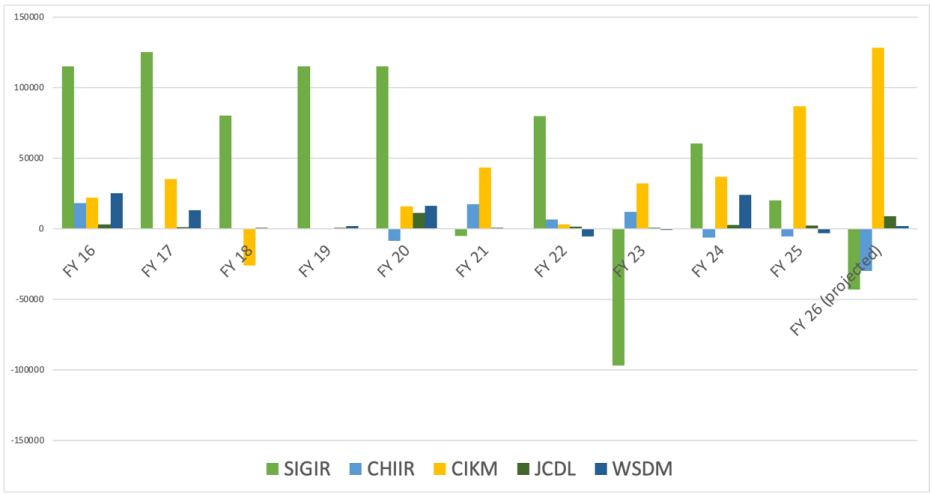



**Figure 6.** SIGIR (co-)sponsored conference income over recent years.

Figure 4. Revenue and expenses have roughly matched each other over the last several years. For the first time SIGIR has a balance of over $2 Million USD in the bank. For reference, ACM recommends maintaining a balance of $900,000 USD for the SIG finances to be considered healthy.

SIGIR yearly expenses are dominated by grants, that includes student travel grants. SIGIR has been increasing grant giving to encourage more student participation in the community. SIGIR expenses also include support for regional and international events in the IR community (*e.g.*, CORIA-TALN, ESSIR, CLEF, DIR, ECIR, and FIRE) via the "SIGIR & Friends" Program, regional SIGIR Chapters, and SIGIR conference-collocated events (*e.g.*, Women in IR, DEI, and Student Party). With respect to income, our big drivers are conferences and the digital library. Please see Figure 5 for a breakdown of SIGIR's income and expenses over the last several years.

ACM SIGIR also has stakes in several related conferences. This includes SIGIR (the flagship conference), SIGIR-AP, CHIIR, ICTIR, CIKM (50%, co-funded by SIGWEB), AFIRM (50%, co-funded with SIGKDD but no longer being organized), JCDL (50% co-funded with SIGWEB), and WSDM (25%, co-funded by SIGKDD, SIGWEB, and SIGMOD). Please see Figure 6 for a

breakdown of income and expenses for SIGIR sponsored conferences over the last several years. The Treasurer noted that CIKM, among other conferences, has been generating a lot of income and ideally as a non-profit we want the budget to be as close to being balanced as possible. There may be opportunities here, *e.g.*, to lower conference registration costs.

Overall, SIG finances are healthy and SIGIR memberships are stable, but conference organization costs are going up, including A/V costs and catering. Registration fees have also been going up. Given that the ACM SIGIR budget continues to be healthy, we can afford to take more risks. We are trying to award more travel grants and also funding new initiatives like SIGIR Futures and SIGIR's 50$^{\text{th}}$ year anniversary celebration. Some funds are also being budgeted for future to help authors with article processing charges (APCs) under the new ACM Open program.

# 7 SIGIR Conferences

**SIGIR 2027: San Jose, USA.** The next SIGIR conference will be held on July 19–24, 2027 in San Jose, USA with General Chairs Yi Zhang (University of California), Yi Fang (Santa Clara University), and Chenyan Xiong (Carnegie Mellon University). The PC Chairs will be Mounia Lalmas (Spotify, UK), Qiaozhu Mei (University of Michigan, USA), and Mark Sanderson (RMIT University, Australia). The conference will be hosted at the Signia by Hilton San Jose hotel.

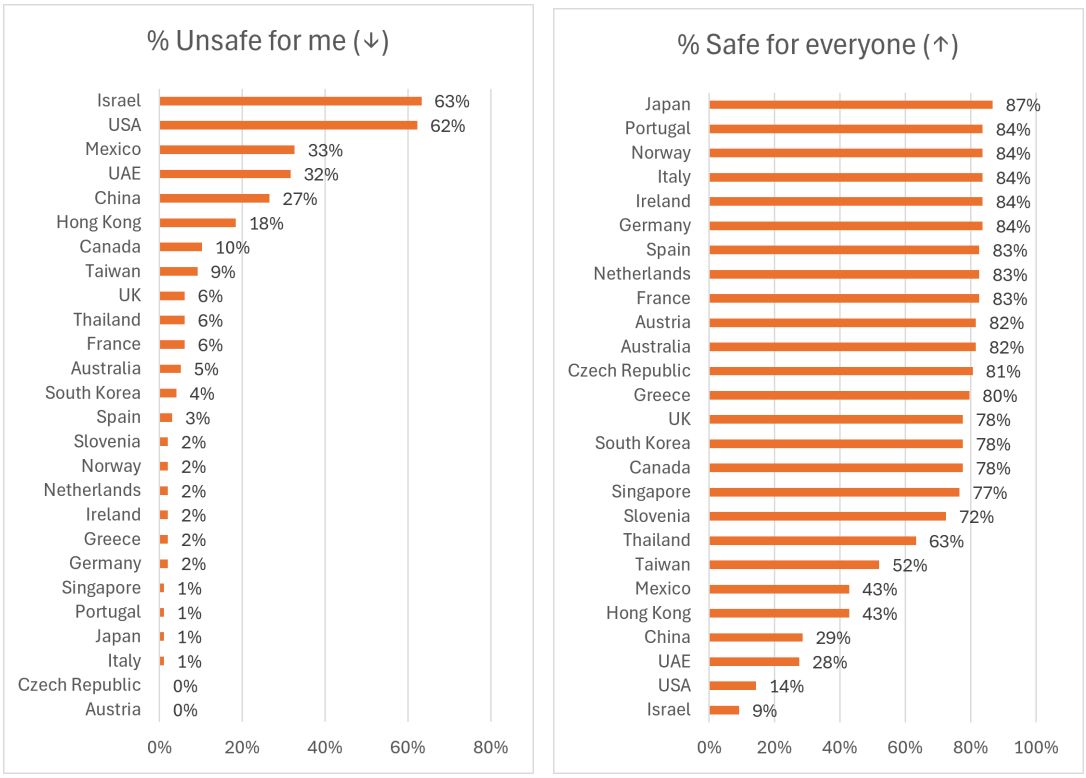
Nicola Ferro introduced SIGIR 2027 noting that this will be the 50$^{\text{th}}$ anniversary edition of the conference. He acknowledged that the EC has heard from members of the SIGIR community who have safety concerns about traveling to the USA—including from the online survey run by the EC earlier in the year (see Section 7.1)—and that the conference GCs will be presenting mitigation strategies that are being considered. Yi Fang presented more details about the conference planning and assured that the conference organizers are considering different potential mechanisms to ensure the conference is inclusive for participants who may not be able to travel to the USA for different reasons. These mechanisms include hybrid participation, remote presentation, satellite events, and visa & travel support. Given that Bay Area is fairly expensive, the conference organizers are also exploring affordable accommodation options including at nearby University dormitories.

Maarten de Rijke (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) as the Chair of the SIGIR 50$^{\text{th}}$ Anniversary Committee shared that the planning is focusing on four aspects: (i) Looking back and honoring the foundation, (ii) looking forward and envisioning the future, (iii) engaging the community and the next generation, and (iv) public engagement and outreach.

**SIGIR 2028: Athens, Greece.** The SIGIR 2028 is revealed to be in Athens, Greece with General Chairs Evangelos Kanoulas (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Theodora Tsikrika (Information Technologies Institute, Greece), and Anastasia Giachanou (Utrecht University, The Netherlands). The conference will be held on July 9–14, 2028 at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (MAICC).

**Bids for SIGIR 2029.** Bids are encouraged from the Asia and Oceania region. The following bids were presented:

**Shanghai, China.** Presented by Xiangnan He (University of Science and Technology of China).




**(a)** Unsafe for me **(b)** Safe for everyone

**Figure 7.** Results of SIGIR Community Feedback on Safety of Conference Locations that was run in early 2026. Results are based on data from 98 respondents.

## 7.1 SIGIR Community Feedback on Safety of Conference Locations

Earlier this year, several members of the SIGIR community raised concerns over different channels about the safety of potential conference locations. To make informed decisions moving forward, the SIGIR EC solicited input from the community via an online survey first published in February 2026. This survey is intended to inform the selection of future SIGIR conference and co-sponsored conference venues. The primary question on the survey asked the respondents how they feel about their personal safety and the personal safety of other SIGIR community members if traveling for conferences to a set of provided locations. The locations included in the survey were based on recent and upcoming IR conference locations, and locations that had bid to host future conferences. The survey defined risks to personal safety to include: (i) Risks to physical safety (*e.g.*, physical violence, detention, and denial of healthcare in emergency situations), (ii) risks of dehumanization, discrimination, or harassment, and (iii) risks to future travel (*e.g.*, risk of denied entry or getting deported that may affect future travel to the same or other countries).

The survey form had noted that all responses are strictly confidential and optional, and that the EC will share aggregated results with the community, but will not publish individual responses, or responses that could be used to identify an individual. The link to the survey was sent out via the SIG-IRList and posted on the SIGIR SLACK. The survey received a total of 98 responses. Please see Figure 7 for the main results from that survey.

# 8 ACM Open

ACM Open[4] has been in full effect since January 1, 2026. It represents a significant shift in ACM's publishing model. More detailed information is available on the SIGIR website.[5]

If any of the authors of a paper are affiliated with an institution that is a member of ACM Open, then their APC is already covered. If not, then there is an APC to be paid. The APC was subsidized in 2026 to $250 USD per article (down from the list price of $700 USD) for ACM/SIG members and to $350 USD per article (down from the list price of $1,000 USD) for non-members. In 2027, the APCs will be subsidized to $500 for ACM/SIG members and $750 for non-members. ACM's temporary APC subsidy is scheduled to end after 2027. ACM also provides geographic waivers and discounts, and SIGIR has allocated an additional budget to fund Financial Hardship Waivers (FHW) for all the sponsored/co-sponsored conferences, prioritizing self-funded students, professionals, and not-for-profit organizations.

# 9 ACM Digital Library and Google Scholar

Google Scholar has invited ACM to allow the Version of Record (VoR) for ACM publications to be used in generating "Answers from this paper", a new AI-assisted feature in the next generation of Google Scholar. The SIGIR EC would like to hear feedback from the SIGIR community on this topic to provide inputs back to ACM.

# 10 Awards

At SIGIR 2026, all awards and recognitions were announced and presented during the conference banquet. However, we include them in these notes in keeping with the business meeting notes from previous years. Please see https://sigir.org/awards/ for a full list of SIGIR awards and past awardees.

**Best Reviewer Awards.** PC members play critical role in curating the scientific program for the conference and ensuring responsible scientific practices within the field. SIGIR 2026 recognized these contributions by awarding "Outstanding Referees" awards to: Chris Samarinas, Haibo Xing, Javier Sanz-Cruzado, Lingzhi Shen, Michal Daniluk, Niall McGuire, Ning Yang, Nischal Subedi, Paweł Zawistowski, Phanideep Gampa, Philipp Hager, Saber Zerhoudi, Shiv Kumar Saini, Shuai Lü, Siu Ming Yiu, Xiaocong Chen, Yijie Zhong, and Zhifeng Jia.

SIGIR 2026 also recognized the contributions of the following individuals by awarding them the "Outstanding SPC Members" awards: Adam Roegiest, Chirag Shah, Giorgio Maria Di Nunzio, Harrie Oosterhuis, Jaap Kamps, Joel Mackenzie, Julián Urbano, Jussara M. Almeida, Laura Dietz, Ludovico Boratto, Maik Fröbe, Martin Potthast, Michael Granitzer, Peijie Sun, Tetsuya Sakai, and Udo Kruschwitz.

**Best Paper and Test of Time Awards.** SIGIR 2026 and ICTIR 2026 recognized several papers with best paper awards. James Allan (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA), Dorota

[4] https://libraries.acm.org/acmopen
[5] https://sigir.org/acm-open/

**Table 4.** ACM SIGIR and ICTIR Best Paper and Test of Time Awards.

| Award | Paper title | Authors |
|---|---|---|
| SIGIR Best Paper Award | Why Advanced Encoders Lag on Sparse Retrieval? The Answer and an Approach to Bridging Vocabulary Gaps | Zhichao Geng and Yang Yang |
| SIGIR Best Student Paper Award | Topic-Specific Classifiers are Better Relevance Judges than Prompted LLMs | Lukas Gienapp, Martin Potthast, Andrew Yates, Harrisen Scells, and Eugene Yang |
| SIGIR Best Short Paper Award | When RAG Disagrees: Detecting Latent Epistemic Conflict via Logit Interactions | Saisab Sadhu, Dwaipayan Roy, and Tanmay Basu |
| ICTIR Best Paper Award | Exposure-Based Reinforcement Learning to Rank | Harrie Oosterhuis, Rolf Jagerman, Zhen Qin, and Xuanhui Wang |
| SIGIR Test of Time Award | Learning to Rank with Selection Bias in Personal Search (published in SIGIR 2016) | Xuanhui Wang, Michael Bendersky, Donald Metzler, and Marc Najork |

Glowacka (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Yiqun Liu (Tsinghua University, China) served as Best Papers Chairs for SIGIR 2026; and Oren Kurland (Technion, Israel) served as Best Papers Chair for ICTIR 2026. The Best Papers Selection Committee for SIGIR 2026 comprised of: Eugene Agichtein, Tat-Seng Chua, Carsten Eickhoff, Jiafeng Guo, Jian-Yun Nie, Benjamin Piwowarski, Tetsuya Sakai, Chirag Shah, Ian Soboroff, Aixin Sun, Andrew Yates, Hamed Zamani, and Yi Zhang. The Best Papers Selection Committee for ICTIR 2026 comprised of: Shane Culpepper, Claudia Hauff, Fiana Raiber, and Hamed Zamani.

The SIGIR Test of Time Award recognizes research that has had long-lasting influence, including impact on a subarea of IR research, across subareas of IR research, and outside of the IR research community. The winning paper is selected from the set of full papers presented at the main SIGIR conference in the previous 10-12 years. The Test of Time Award Committee was chaired by Mark Sanderson (RMIT University, Australia) and Hamed Zamani (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA).

All papers recognized with Best Paper and Test of Time Awards are listed in Table 4. Please see https://sigir.org/awards/best-paper-awards/ and https://sigir.org/test-of-time-award-winners/ for a full list of past awardees.

**ACM SIGIR Early Career Researcher Awards.** The SIGIR Early Career Researcher (ECR) Awards recognize outstanding contributions and leadership to the SIGIR community in research, community engagement, and/or diversity, equity, and inclusion by an early career researcher. Eligible candidates are within seven years from the conferral of their PhD degrees (career disruptions excluded). Candidates can be nominated by any current SIGIR member or active community participant. Self-nominations are permitted. Nominations should be submitted via email as a single PDF to the selection committee chair at sigir-ecr-award@acm.org. Each award comes with a plaque, a $1000 USD honorarium, and $2000 USD towards SIGIR travel. Please see https://sigir.org/awards/sigir-ecr-awards/ for more information.

This year, the SIGIR ECR Award for "Excellence in Research" recognizing substantial research contributions related to IR was presented to: Fuli Feng (University of Science and Technology of China, China) and Ruqing Zhang (University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China). The SIGIR ECR Award for "Excellence in Community Engagement" within the IR community was presented to: Keping Bi (Institute of Computing Technology – Chinese Academy of Sciences, China) and Negar Arabzadeh (University of California Berkeley, USA). No SIGIR ECR Award was awarded this year for the "Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" category.

**SIGIR Academy.** The ACM SIGIR Academy honors and recognizes individuals who have made significant cumulative contributions to the field of IR, had impact on the field through the development of new research directions, innovations, and/or service, influenced the work of others, and reasonably actively participated in the ACM SIGIR community. Please see https://sigir.org/awards/sigir-academy/ for more details about the ACM SIGIR Academy.

The Class of 2026 inductees are: Jiafeng Guo (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China), David Hawking (retired, Australia), and Iadh Ounis (University of Glasgow, UK).

The deadline for nominations was February 28, 2026. All nominations were reviewed by non-conflicted members of a selection committee comprising of: Mounia Lalmas, Jimmy Lin, Yiqun Liu, Jian-Yun Nie, Justin Zobel, Don Metzler, and Min Zhang. The composition of the Committee changes annually, with 3-4 Committee members continuing for a second (and final) year and 3-4 new members joining for a two-year term. The (non-voting) Chairs of the Selection Committee in 2025 are Yoelle Maarek (Technology Innovation Institute, UAE) and Marc Najork (Google DeepMind, USA). Future nominations and Questions can be sent to sigir-academy-award@acm.org.

# 11 Community Questions and Comments

The last part of the business meeting was dedicated to listening to community feedback. Several of the attendees shared their concerns, suggestions, and ideas with the EC and the rest of the community. A summary of key themes is presented below.

- **Safety concerns with SIGIR 2027 in the USA.** Community members reiterated their shared safety concerns about traveling to the USA for SIGIR 2027. One attendee requested that the information about satellite venues (or other alternative paper presentation mechanisms that the organizers may put in place) be shared with the community in time for the paper submission deadline so that authors can make informed decision to submit or not to the conference. Another attendees emphasized the need to carefully consider time zone differences if remote presentations are to be allowed.
- **Rolling reviews and semi-annual SIGIR conference proposal.** Community members expressed support for (i) exploring rolling-reviewing model for SIGIR and SIGIR-related conferences and for (ii) a proposal to replace SIGIR-AP with semi-annual SIGIR conferences. One community member emphasized that the semi-annual SIGIR conference proposal is unlikely to split the community but rather might help the community to grow by being more inclusive of scholars across the world.
- **Alternative models for publications and presentations.** One community member expressed concerns about the financial cost to authors under ACM Open; urging the com-

munity to consider alternative publication models similar to the ACL Anthology and potentially cutting ties with the ACM. Another community member suggested reducing the number of oral presentations in favor of posters to give selected papers more presentation time while reducing the number of parallel conference tracks. A third community member suggested expanding the number of papers that are recognized with awards at the conference each year; proposing to replace the current best paper awards (where typically there is a single awardee) with a different award recognizing, say, the top 10% of accepted papers.

- **Stricter guidelines for AI usage in reviewing.** Community members raised concerns about the growing use of AI by reviewers and asked for stricter guidelines against the use of AI in reviewing. One community member reminded everyone present that submission of unpublished manuscripts to LLMs via external APIs violates authors' copyright.

The business meeting was officially concluded after these community discussions.