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This report constitutes the proceedings of the 2002 edition of the Text REtrieval Conference, TREC 2002, held in Gaithersburg, Maryland, November 19–22, 2002. The conference was co-sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Advanced Research and Development Activity (ARDA), and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Ninety-three groups including participants from 21 different countries were represented.

TREC 2002 is the latest in a series of workshops designed to foster research in text retrieval and related technologies. This year's conference consisted of seven different tasks: cross-language retrieval, filtering, interactive retrieval, novelty detection, question answering, content-based access to video, and web-based retrieval.

The conference included paper sessions and discussion groups. This proceedings includes papers from most of the participants (some groups did not submit papers), track reports that define the problem addressed by the track plus summarize the main track results, and tables of individual group results. The TREC 2002 proceedings web site also contains system descriptions that detail the timing and storage requirements of the different runs.