



## Research Networking Programmes

Short Visit Grant  or Exchange Visit Grant

(please tick the relevant box)

### Scientific Report

The scientific report (WORD or PDF file – maximum of eight A4 pages) should be submitted online within one month of the event. It will be published on the ESF website.

**Proposal Title:** FIRE 2014 - invited talk and collaboration

**Application Reference N°:** 7046

**1) Purpose of the visit**

I was invited by Professor Majumder to present at the Forum for Information Retrieval Evaluation (FIRE) 2014 conference held in Bangalore, India, 05/12/2014-09/12/2014.

**2) Description of the work carried out during the visit**

I attended FIRE 2014 as an invited speaker and gave a talk entitled "Examining the limits of crowdsourcing for relevance assessment". I also met with a number of PhD students to discuss their thesis topics and offer advice/guidance, as well as discuss the organisation of a future potential FIRE task with Debasis Ganguly from Dublin City University (DCU) on story illustration. I also discussed possible future research collaborations with Professor Majumder.

**3) Description of the main results obtained**

I am writing a research paper entitled "Evaluation: thinking outside the (search) box" for inclusion in the FIRE 2014 proceedings. I am co-organising a FIRE 2015 track on story illustration with Debasis Ganguly from DCU.

**4) Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)**

I am intending to continue discussions with Professor Majumder about future research collaborations and we are actively seeking UK-Indian funding opportunities.

**5) Projected publications / articles resulting or to result from the grant (*ESF must be acknowledged in publications resulting from the grantee's work in relation with the grant*)**

I am writing a research paper entitled "Evaluation: thinking outside the (search) box" for inclusion in the FIRE 2014 proceedings. This provides a summary of work carried out on a recent EU-funded project to develop an information system consisting of multiple funding aids. The paper describes evaluation methods used and highlights the need for more focus in IR on evaluation beyond the search box.

**6) Other comments (if any)**

Attending FIRE was a great experience for me and allowed the presence of IR researchers beyond India.