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Sommario/riassunto	The 7th campaign of the Cross-Language Evaluation Forum (CLEF) for European languages was held from January to September 2004. Participation in the CLEF campaigns has increased each year and CLEF 2004 was no exception: 55 groups submitted results for one or more of the different tracks compared with 42 groups in the previous year.

CLEF 2004 also marked a breaking point with respect to previous campaigns. The focus was no longer mainly concentrated on multilingual document retrieval as in previous years but was diversified to include different kinds of text retrieval across languages (e. g. , exact answers in the question-answering track) and retrieval on different kinds of media (i. e. , not just plain text but collections containing image and speech as well). In addition, increasing attention was given to issues that regard system usability and user satisfaction with tasks to measure the effectiveness of interactive systems or system components being included in both the cross-language question-answering and image retrieval tasks with the collaboration of the coordinators of the interactive track. The campaign culminated in a two-and-a-half-day workshop held in Bath, UK, 15–17 September, immediately following the 8th European Conference on Digital Libraries. The workshop was attended by nearly 100 researchers and system developers.
