October 2017: The 4th edition of the Alexandria Workshop at L3S

The 4th edition of the Alexandria Workshop took place on 19th and 20th of October. In line with the theme of the Alexandria Project, the workshop hosted a number of talks in the area of Information Retrieval and data mining. There were 8 external speakers from varied disciplines ranging from information retrieval, social media analysis to natural language processing. The keynote to the workshop was delivered by Prof. Arjen De Vries on his vision of "Web Archives and the dream of the Personal Search Engine". Other talks discussed topics ranging from axiomatic ranking, neural models in search to automating query generation and word sense disambiguation. The workshop touched on various important issues relating to usage of Web archives and on the challenges of supporting information retrieval tasks on them. Some of the key issues were discussed in a panel discussion at the end of the Workshop namely -- task description, usability, evaluation and scalability.