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WIRSS 2011 Workshop Statement: The 4th International Workshop on Web Information Retrieval Support Systems (WIRSS 2011) strives to promote a research agenda that focuses on the human aspects of web searches, applying intelligent methods and web-based technologies to assist users in specifying their information needs, evaluating and exploring search results, and managing the information they find. While traditional web search systems focus on search and browsing functionalities, WIRSS focuses on the functionalities that support user-centric tasks that are performed with the web search system. Fundamentally, WIRSS research supports a change in design philosophy, moving the focus of web search from the documents being searched to the tasks that people need to perform. We believe this philosophical shift will mark the move toward next-generation web search systems, and a transition from information retrieval to knowledge retrieval.