

OnToContent+QSI 2008 PC Co-chairs' Message

Welcome to the proceedings of the international workshop on Ontology Content and Quantative Semantic Methods (OnToContent+QSI 2008), building on the OnToContent workshop series and augmenting it with new features. This book reflects the issues raised and presented during the workshop.

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- the Ontology Outreach Advisory OOA (Knowledge Web NoE, FP6-507482). The OOA is devoted to the development of strategies for ontology recommendation and standardization, thereby promoting and providing outreach for verifiable quality ontological content (<http://www.ontology-advisory.org>).
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- the Center for Intelligent Computing and Robotics of the Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico.

This year, a total of 20 papers were submitted to OnToContent+QSI. Each submission was reviewed by two to four experts. The papers were judged according to their originality, validity, significance to theory and practice, readability and organization, and relevancy to the workshop topics and beyond. This resulted in the selection of 8 papers for presentation at the workshop and publication in these proceedings (40% acceptance rate). We feel that these proceedings will inspire further research and create an intense following. The Program Committee comprised: Ernst Biesalski, Thanasis Bouras, Simone Braun, Christopher Brewster, Michael Brown, Yannis Charalabidis, Ernesto Damiani, Panagiotis Gouvas, Giancarlo Guizzardi, Mohand-Said Hacid, Martin Hepp, Stijn Heymans, Christine Kunzmann, Stefanie Lindstaedt, Tobias Ley, Clementina Marinoni, Alessandro Oltramari, Viktoria Pammer, Paul Piwek, Christophe Roche, Peter Scheir, Miguel-Angel Sicilia, Barry Smith, Armando Stellato, Sergio Tessaris, Robert Tolksdorf, Franky Trichet, Luk Vervenne, Miguel A. Alonso Pardo, Ernesto Damiani, Jerome Euzenat, Sara Garza, Randy Goebel, Adolfo Guzman, Graeme Hirst, Fakhri Karray, Richard Kittredge, Ana Maguitman, Trevor Martin, Antonio Moreno Ortiz, Vivi Nastase, Eduardo Ramirez, Vasile Rus, Elie Sanchez, Juan M. Torres Moreno, Manuel Vilares, and Hugo Zaragoza.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the authors of the submitted papers and thank all the workshop attendees and the program committee members for their dedication and assistance in creating our program and turning the workshop into a success. Producing this book would not have been possible without the much appreciated contribution of Pilar Herrero and Anshuman Mukherjee.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy the papers as much as we do.

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