

WORM CoRe 2003 PC Co-chairs' Message

Welcome to the Proceedings of the Workshop on Regulatory Ontologies and the Modeling of Complaint Regulations (WORM CoRe). This book reflects the issues raised and presented during the WORM CoRe workshop which proves to be an interdisciplinary forum for subject matters involving modeling ontologies of cross-border business regulations. WORM CoRe has a special interest in gathering researchers and practitioners from multiple disciplines (such as Law, Business, Ontologies, leg/legal-XML, ADR/ODR-XML, Tomography) and will be of interest to a wide range of researchers and people.

It may be the first time that such an outstanding selection of high-quality papers on the subject was brought together. We feel that these Proceedings will inspire further research and create an intense following. This first year, 17 papers were submitted and 9 were selected. Every paper was reviewed by at least one knowledge (/ ontology) expert, at least one legal expert, and some application-oriented 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. The Program Committee comprised: Aldo Gangemi, Brian Hutchinson, Bruce Spencer, Gerd Wagner, Joost Breuker, Mariano Fernandez Lopez, Michael Sintek, Robert Meersman, Rita Temmerman, Said Tabet, Sophie Louveaux, York Sure, and Yves Pouillet.

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

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