International Association for Ontology and its Applications (IAOA)

Semantic Web Applied Ontology Special Interest Group (SIG)

Inaugural Meeting
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Purpose and Description

- The purpose of this session is to begin to form a Semantic Web Applied Ontology Special Interest Group (SIG) in the International Association for Ontology and its Applications (IAOA): http://iaoa.org/
- This SIG aims to fill the gap between the Semantic Web community and the IAOA community
- Often the two communities seem to think they have nothing in common
- But many of us believe they share many common goals, common technologies, and a common interest in well-engineered applied ontologies
- Many of us in IAOA promote and use Semantic Web technologies and reasoning methods
- Similarly, many in the Semantic Web community advocate more rigorous and principled ontologies based on ontological analysis
Intent

• Therefore, we have proposed a Semantic Web Applied Ontology SIG to bridge the gap between our two communities before it gets wider

• This SIG will support communication and collaboration with our colleagues in the Semantic Web (and Linked Data) community

• This is the inaugural meeting of IAOA members and non-members:
  – Are you interested in this SIG?
  – What do you think the SIG should do?
  – How might the SIG work to bridge the gap?
  – Would you participate in SIG?
Topics for Discussion Today

1) A short description of the IAOA Semantic Web Applied Ontology special interest group, and a brief charter

2) How will this SIG support communication and collaboration with our colleagues in the Semantic Web (and Linked Data) community?
   – Some of us are members of both communities
   – What activities should we promote?

3) How should we structure this SIG? How often should we meet?

4) Who is interested in co-chairing this SIG?
   – As with all IAOA SIGs and Committees, leadership is highly valued; does require some time commitment, though this should not be onerous
Agenda

• Panelists
  – **Professor Michael Gruninger** (IAOA President, U of Toronto) – “IAOA Semantic Web and Applied Ontology SIG”
  – **Professor Pascal Hitzler** (Wright State U) – “Ontologies in a data-driven world: finding the middle ground”
  – **Professor Krzysztof Janowicz** (UC Santa Barbara) – “Please don't agree – Introducing Descartes-Core”
  – **Dr. Leo Obrst** (MITRE) – “Semantic Web Meets Applied Ontology: What Does it Mean?”
  – **Professor Till Mossakowski** (U of Magdeburg, Germany) – “Ontologies for the Semantic Web, and vice versa”

• Open Discussion

• Next Steps and Next Meeting?