

Early announcement

New:

International Association for Ontology and its Applications (IAOA)

www.iaoa.org

Formally established in Trento, Italy, on April 29th 2009, after an open meeting at FOIS 2008

IAOA is a new non-profit, open association with the purpose of promoting interdisciplinary research and international collaboration at the intersection of philosophical ontology, linguistics, logic, cognitive science, and computer science, as well as in the applications of ontological analysis to conceptual modeling, knowledge engineering, knowledge management, information-systems development, library and information science, scientific research and semantic technologies in general.

IAOA is open to all individuals and institutions who share its goals.

Main Activities

- Educating interested stakeholders on what ontologies are and how they can be effectively utilized
- Promoting cooperation between public and private institutions, cultural associations, consortia and cooperative societies that pursue similar aims
- Establishing connections with national and international institutions that pursue similar aims
- Supporting the development of collaborations between research and industry
- Supporting international scientific exchanges, paying particular attention to rising and developing countries
- Supporting the publication of journals and books, potentially through direct agreements with publishing companies
- Stimulating research in areas related to the Association's purpose through the establishment of scholarships, fellowships, and awards
- Organizing -potentially in cooperation with related organizations- scientific meetings, conferences, educational activities and similar events. In particular, IAOA will organize the future conferences on *Formal Ontology in Information Systems (FOIS)*, including FOIS 2010 (fois2010.mie.utoronto.ca), co-located with KR 2010
- Creating temporary or permanent groups comprising members who share specific interests.

Executive Council

(Only in charge until the first Assembly, to be held, according to the Statute, within one year)

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Membership

Individual members: €50,-

Student members (with proof of student status): €15,-

Institutional members: t.b.a.

Online subscriptions are being set up. In the meanwhile, please send membership requests to sira.greco@loa-cnr.it.



Thanks to an agreement with IOS Press, membership facilities include free online access to Applied Ontology, the FOIS conference series and the FOMI conference series.