



International Association for Ontology and its Applications

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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, starting with FOIS 2010, IAOA has taken on the organization of the Formal Ontology in Information Systems (FOIS) conference series. FOIS was first held in 1998.

Creating temporary or permanent groups comprising members who share specific interests

Executive Council

The executive council was elected at the first General Assembly of the Association in May 2010.

Nicola Guarino	ISTC-CNR, Italy (President)
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Membership

Individual members: € 50

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

Institutional members: € 150



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

Online subscription is available through the association's website:
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