

***Seventh meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Public Report (8 Sept 2009)***

Attendees:

- NicolaGuarino (chair)
- JohnBateman
- StefanoBorgo
- PaulBuitelaar
- AntonyGalton
- LeoObrst
- PeterYim

The web page for registration and payment is ready. Today we submitted the last changes (mainly English corrections) to the programmer. This week the EC members will register using the on-line system. After this step, the web site will be made public and it will be possible to anyone to register to the IAOA.

An introductory page on ontology will be added to the IAOA web site by the end of the month.

The relationship among IAOA.org, formalontology.org and the FOIS conferences web sites needs to be analyzed. This will be discussed during next meeting.

Oliver Kutz (University of Bremen) is now in charge of the maintenance/update of the IAOA web pages and related issues.

The IAOA mailing list has now more than 300 subscriptions. Public announcements about the association are made in several conferences and announcement boards. The reactions are positive.

The IAOA EC is considering the constitution of a network of institutes devoted to ontology research promotion and support. The network could constitute a framework for the organization of conferences, summer schools etc. A decision will be taken at next meeting.

After a first check, it turns out that there are not many education initiatives on ontology.

The definition of a standard curriculum for ontologists is an important step to increase awareness and to activate new education opportunities.

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