Joint OOR-Ontolog-NCBO-CC-IAOA-OASIS

"Open Ontology Repository (OOR) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy and Issues"

Panel Discussion mini-series

OOR-IPR session 2:

Questions to ALL: what are our issues now?

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A recap of issues presented by Cameron Ross earlier:

- **Perceived issue on "Ontology Licensing"**
    - existing licenses won't meet OOR objectives
    - license compatibility
    - license proliferation

- **Perceived Issues on "Openness"**
    - can/should we block access from certain jurisdictions
    - license compatibility
    - lacking standards to enable deployment as open systems

- **Perceived Issues on "IP Provenance"**
    - vetting becomes a barrier to contributing
    - provenance of axioms may be hard to determine
    - scope of due diligence on IP is not appreciated

A recap of issues presented by Alan Rector earlier:

- all attempts to determine shares of intellectual property proved both expensive and futile

- "half open" license continues to be a major issue and cost of dealing with

- IP is intimately related to funding models – in particular, who would fund completely "open" work?

Issues arising from John Sowa's earlier remarks:

- How can we allow patents to foster, rather than hamper, creativity?

- Should ontologies be patentable?

- Should ontologies be copyrightable?

Questions to All participant ...

Are you planning to contribute to the OOR effort; if yes, what would your contribution(s) be?

- Code (software)
- Content (ontologies, etc.)
- Infrastructure
- Architecture & design support … etc.
- other

If you are contributing code, what would be your (top 2 or 3) open license preferences?

If you are contributing content, what would be your (top 2 or 3) open license preferences?

If you are planning to run an ontology repository ...

- Will you federate with the open instance of the OOR?

- What kind of software license do you plan to adopt?

- What kind of content license do you plan to adopt?

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… if so, what position should we take?

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Any suggestion on how we can get "open" efforts funded … ?

Resources & References:

- Details on this session can be found at:

  http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ConferenceCall_2010_09_16

- More on the OOR-IPR effort, see:

  http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository_IPR

- Additional References & Resources, see:

  http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository_IPR#nid2HN0