Training Requirements for Ontologists
or, What Are We Training For?

A Session of Ontology Summit 2010:
Creating the Ontologists of the Future

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Agenda

1. **Opening** - chair: AmandaVizedom (5 min.)

2. **Announcement**: Launch of the OntologySummit2010_Survey - chair & survey authors (10 min.)

3. **Introduction of the Panel** - chair: AmandaVizedom (~2 min.)

4. **Panelist Remarks** - DeniseBedford, MichaelUschold, MikeBennett, JohnSowa (10 min. each)

5. **Q & A and open discussion** on what the community wants to achieve in this Summit (All ~30 min.)

6. **Conclusion / Follow-up** - chair: AmandaVizedom (28CQ)

Opening Comments

- Refresher: Summit theme: Creating the Ontologists of the Future

- Summit Tracks (with subtracks for present and future, for each):
  - Content
  - Quality
  - Requirements [← You are here.]

- Corresponding need to better understand ourselves as a profession …

Announcement: Survey Launch

- Survey descriptions and instructions at:
  http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OntologySummit2010_Survey

- Three Components
  1. **The Survey on Present Education / Training Content & Quality**

  2. **The Survey on Present Requirements for Ontologists**
  3. **The Real Time Delphi Study on the Future of Ontologists, Their Education and the Field of Ontology**

  - Respond & Circulate
  - The nature and quality of training for future ontologists depends in part on better understanding, with depth and breadth, the needs we are trying to address.

Panel Introduction

- Panelists:
  - Denise Bedford
  - Michael Uschold
  - Mike Bennet
  - John Sowa

Focal Questions (non-exhaustive)

- What are we training for?
  - Where do ontologists work?
  - What are contexts and purposes of their work?
  - What do working ontologists need to *know?*
  - What do working ontologists need to *be able to do?*
  - What patterns, clusters, and relationships might exist between different answers to the above questions?

Panel Remarks

Questions & Answers
and
Open Discussion

Wrap-up

- Conclusions and Observations
- Follow-up
  - Surveys!
  - Community Input wiki page:
    - Share your thoughts as the panelists did
    - Continue the conversation