

# **Ontology Summit 2010: Creating the Ontologists of the Future**

Symposium

March 15, 2010

Co-chairs: Steven Ray & Barry Smith

On behalf of the entire organizing committee...

**Welcome!**

# Goal of the 2010 Summit

**To develop a strategy  
for the education  
of ontologists**

# Schedule of Events

December 10, 2009

Launch of the virtual Summit

...3 months of on-line discussion and production of a tangible result

March 15-16, 2010 at NIST, Gaithersburg MD

Symposium, for final discussion, consensus, and presentation of our communiqué

# Approach

Several ways to slice the problem

Ended by analyzing:

- The Present
- The Future

# Agenda - Monday

9:00-9:20 - Welcoming Remarks and Charge to the Group

SteveRay & BarrySmith - Summit Co-Chairs

9:20-11:40 - **Session 1: Progress to Date**

Chair: SteveRay

9:20-9:50 - Current Requirements - AmandaVizedom

9:50-10:20 - Current Practices and Resources - ArturoSanchez

10:20-10:40 - BREAK

10:40-11:10 - Future Landscape – PeterYim

11:10-11:40 - Proposed Content - MichaelGruninger

11:40-12:30 LUNCH

12:30-2:30 - **Session 2: Issue Discussion**

Chair: BarrySmith

What are we doing right, and what are we doing wrong, in ontology education thus far?

Stories of success and failure:

1. The case of Buffalo

2:30-3:00 - BREAK

3:00-5:00 - **Session 3: Reactions to the Draft Communique ...**

Chair: MichaelGruninger

# Agenda - Tuesday

9:00-10:30 - **Discussion of Recommendations on Requirements and Certification ...**

Facilitator: BarrySmith

1. Academic: What do we need to do to establish ontology as a scientific discipline?
2. Non-academic: What do we need to do to ensure that ontology training programs are of acceptable quality?
3. Re-addressing the issue of certification

10:30-11:00 - BREAK

11:00-12:30 - **Discussion of Recommendations on Ontologist Core Expertise ...**

Facilitator: SteveRay

12:30-1:30 - LUNCH

1:30-3:30 - **Approval and Announcement of Final Version of Communiqué ...**

Chairs: BarrySmith and SteveRay

3:30 – Adjourn

3:45-5:15 – **Bonus meetings**

1. Sharing and Integrating Ontologies – John Sowa
2. Energy Water Nexus – Jim Disbrow

# Thanks

## To the Organizing Committee

- For countless meetings, pulling all this together

## To the Track Champions

- For synthesizing the various perspectives on this problem

## To the Editors

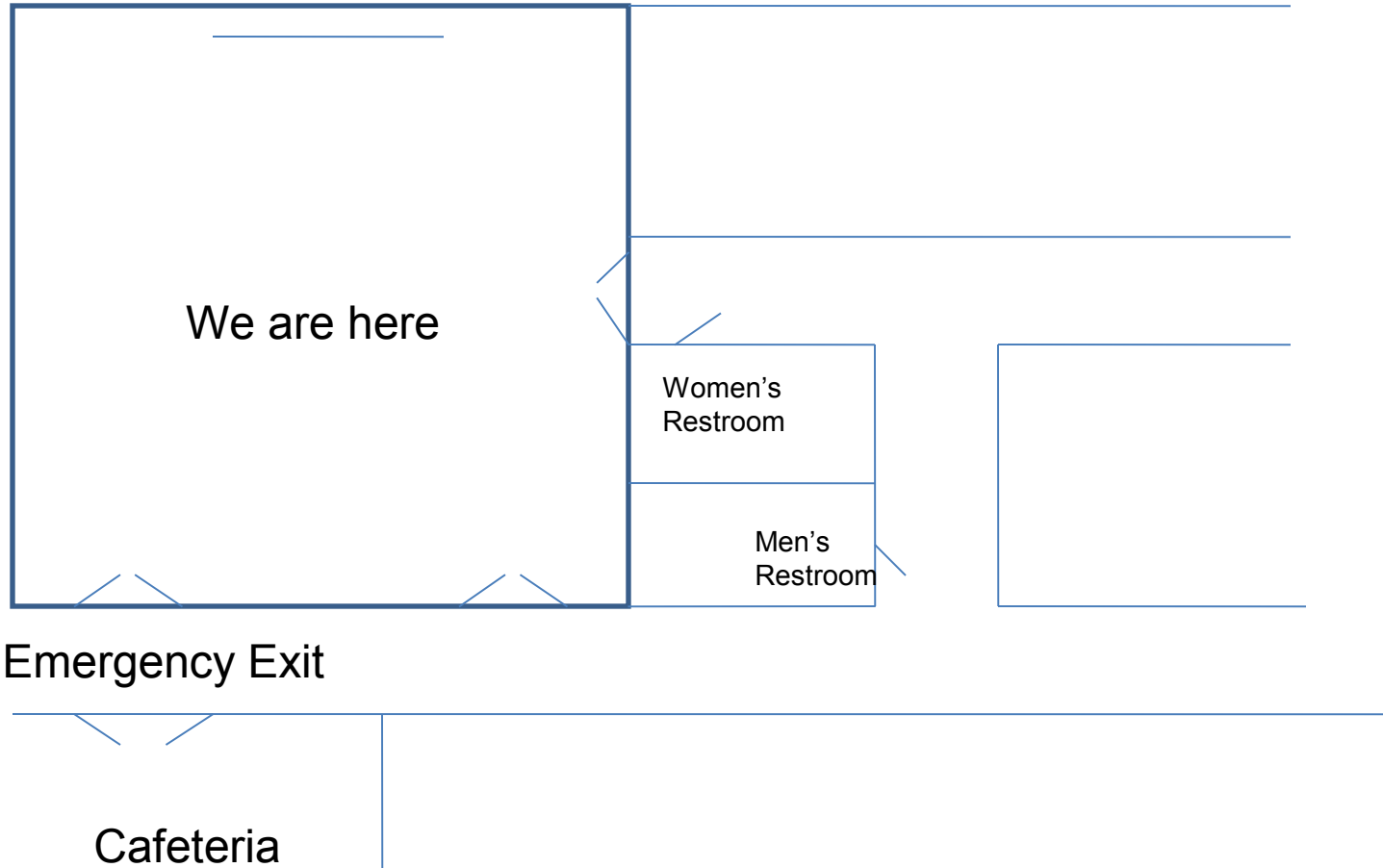
- For producing the communiqué draft

## To everyone who responded to our surveys



And Thanks to All of You  
For Participating

# Logistics



# So on with the show...

## Ground rules for discussions

- New issues for the Ontology Symposium 2010 agenda were raised prior to the actual meeting, with a deadline of Saturday, March 13, 2010.
- A new issue can be added to the agenda during the Symposium only if at least three participants support the move. This is to avoid our getting off track from the goals of this year's Summit.

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