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## ***Mission statement***

“The Association is a non-profit organization the purpose of which is to promote 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.”

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# IAOA: a unique combination of key aspects

1. Interdisciplinarity
2. Cooperation between academy, industry, and communities of practice (with an eye on education)
3. Scientific authoritativeness
4. Openness
5. Legal status
6. Transparent governance

# Wishes for the Ontology Summit 2012

- An increased *international participation*
- An opportunity to show (and challenge) the maturity of applied ontology research
  - from ontologies as a tool to *achieve interoperability* among information systems
  - to ontological analysis as tool to *understand* big complex systems (going beyond just the IS component)

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