

Ontology Summit 2014 Session 06
Synthesis I:
Opening and
General Assessment

Thursday, February 20, 2014

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Ontology Summit 2014: Where Are We?

- We are a little over 1 month in since our Ontology Summit 2014 Inaugural session on January 16, 2014: session-06
- Each Track has had one virtual session, with 16 panelists in total
- 2014_01_23 - Thursday: OntologySummit2014: session-02: "Track A: Use and Reuse of Semantic Content - The Problems and Efforts to Address Them": [ConferenceCall 2014 01 23](#)
- 2014_01_30 - Thursday: OntologySummit2014: session-03: "Track B: Making use of Ontologies: Tools, Services, and Techniques - I": [ConferenceCall 2014 01 30](#)
- 2014_02_06 - Thursday: OntologySummit2014: session-04: "Track C: Overcoming Ontology Engineering Bottlenecks - I": [ConferenceCall 2014 02 06](#)
- 2014_02_13 - Thursday: OntologySummit2014: session-05: "Track D: Tackling the Variety Problem in Big Data - I": [ConferenceCall 2014 02 13](#)

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- Excellent Track virtual sessions and panelists
- Extensive discussions on the Ontology Summit distribution list
- Great coordination by the Track Champions of Track discussions and syntheses
- Weekly and now bi-weekly Ontology Summit Organizing Committee meetings in order to synchronize
- Other Tracks are supporting very well:
 - Track F: Communique and Publications: Co-champions Todd Schneider, Francesca Quattri: Considering other products, e.g., book
 - Track G: Community Resources (Library, Data Collection, Ontology Repository, etc.) - Co-champions: Amanda Vizedom, Oliver Kutz
 - Team R: Outreach (includes Sponsor Relations & Website Development) - Co-champions: Amanda Vizedom, Marcela Vegetti (website), Simon Spero (psmw-site), (Matthew West-adv): Public-facing Web site: <http://ontolog.cim3.net/OntologySummit/>, Twitter presence
 - Team M: Program management (includes operations, logistics, production) - Co-champions: Peter Yim, Christi Kapp, Matthew Lange: Training on procedures
- **Emerging Common Themes & Issues: Draft Communique Outline**

Ontology Summit 2014: Where Are We Going?

- Next session: 2014_02_27 - Thursday: OntologySummit2014: session-07: "Track E: Hackathon - Launch" - Session Co-chairs: Dan Brickley & Anatoly Levenchuk: [ConferenceCall 2014 02 27](#)
- Thu 2014.03.06 - session-08 - Track A: "Common Reusable Semantic Content-II"
- Thu 2014.03.13 - session-09 - Track B: "Making use of Ontologies: Tools, Services, and Techniques-II"
- Thu 2014.03.20 - session-10 - Track C: "Overcoming Ontology Engineering Bottlenecks-II"
- Thu 2014.03.27 - session-11 - Track D: "Tackling the Variety Problem in Big Data-II"
- Sat 2014.03.29 - Round-the-clock International Hackathon
- Thu 2014.04.03 - session-12 - Synthesis-II - Technical Tracks & Hackathon
- Thu 2014.04.10 - session-13 - Communique Review
- Thu 2014.04.17 - session-14 - Communique Finalization
- Thu 2014.04.24 - session-15 - Final Symposium preparation and logistics
- Mon & Tue 2014.04.28 & 29 - Symposium (F2F + Remote): Tim Finin & Ram Sriram

Today's Agenda

- Opening Remarks: Session Chairs: Dr. Todd Schneider, Dr. Leo Obrst
- Track Syntheses:
 - Track A: Common Reusable Semantic Content - Synthesis-I: Mr. Mike Bennett, Ms. Andrea Westerinen, Dr. Gary Berg-Cross
 - Track B: Making use of Ontologies: Tools, Services, and Techniques - Synthesis-I: Dr. Christoph Lange, Professor Alan Rector
 - Track C: Overcoming Ontology Engineering Bottlenecks - Synthesis-I: Professor Krzysztof Janowicz, Professor Pascal Hitzler, Dr. Matthew West
 - Track D: Tackling the Variety Problem in Big Data - Synthesis-I: Professor Ken Baclawski. Professor Anne Thessen
- Q&A and Open Discussion-I: what are the key take home messages, and positions we want to assume, as a Summit community [30 min.]
- Approach to the Communique and a proposed Communique Outline: Leo Obrst
- Q&A and Open Discussion-II: developing and building consensus on our Communique Outline (moderator: Todd Schneider)
- Wrap-Up