Postmortem on Ontology Summit 2014

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Ontology Summit 2014 Postmortem

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Reflection on Ontology Summit 2014

- We had a lot of energy and participation by new people
- Well-attended virtual events
- Excellent Symposium that complemented the rest of the Summit

Critique of Ontology Summit 2014

- Did we build the bridges among the Semantic Web, Big Data, and Applied Ontology communities?
- Relative lack of engagement with Big Data community
- Do we need better alignment of Hackathon projects with Summit topic?
- Do we need a top-down structure (gather leaders together in a "Summit") or a bottom-up structure (generation and synthesis of ideas by participants)?
- Perhaps we need to have more explicit expectations about the outcomes for the Summit

Communique

- We took a more collaborative approach to the Communique, directly incorporating key insights contributed by Track Champions. As a result, this was truly a community document that reflected everyone's ideas.
- There is a still a difficult tension between Communique-as-Independent-Outcome and Communique-as-Summary.
- We had insufficient time for review by the larger community.

Next Steps with Communique

- Publication in Applied Ontology
- Ram's presentation
- Open for endorsements until May 15, 2014? Or should we extend it?

Follow-up and plans for OntologySummit2014 and beyond

- The Semantic Web Applied Ontology SIG is perfectly positioned to carry on the work of this year's Summit.
- Continue engagement with Big Data with a special Ontolog series
- Workshops at future conferences

Possible Topics for Next Year

- The Discipline Ontological Engineering
  - ▸ Best Practices
- Retrospective on previous Summits – where are we now?