

Twenty Third meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Virtual Meeting of 10 June 2010

Attendees:

- Nicola Guarino (chair)
- John Bateman
- Stefano Borgo
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu
- Peter Yim

The EC decided to change the IAOA minutes policy via the use of the Public Report, an in-session chat-transcript and the audio recording as the official archival record of the EC meetings. This change does not affect the Public Reports.

The EC has been informed of two requests of event sponsorship that, at the moment, were informally communicated to EC members. The EC briefly looked into the organization and topics of the events. General intents were discussed but formal dispositions can only be made after a request for sponsorship is received from a member.

The EC decided to identify a list of (i) permanent roles/subcommittees, (ii) thematic interest groups and (iii) ad hoc task forces needed to implement the IAOA activities and initiatives. For each of these, the EC will identify reference persons within the Executive Council or IAOA members willing to help exploring the actions to be adopted.

The list was initially discussed at the IAOA Assembly in May. At the moment, the lists includes:

(i) Permanent roles/subcommittees :

Publicity

Education

Ontology resources (provide pointers to ontology-related resources on the IAOA website)

Ontologies portal/registry

ByLaw

EC interface with IAOA members

Website and infrastructure

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(ii) "Thematic interest groups":

Biomedicine

Geospace

eGovernment and services

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(iii) ad hoc task forces addressing specific communities:

Semantic Web

Information Systems

Terminology

Natural Language and formal semantics (Laure will supply update for this label)

These will be organised further and an allocation of individuals to fill these roles, as well as a revised list of roles and groupings of roles, will be discussed at the next meeting. The idea currently is to proceed in stages with the goal of having IAOA members outside the EC to take charge of most of these roles.

(End of Report)