Welcome Message from Workshop Organizers

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to OnAV 2009 - the 2nd International Workshop on Ontology Alignment and Visualization. The OnAV Workshop aims to provide a forum for researchers to discuss state of the art approaches to ontology management, and in particular, to investigate how information visualization techniques can be applied to support ontology alignment decision making tasks.

This year the OnAV workshop has two main sessions:
- Principles in Ontology Matching and Visualization
- Applications in Ontology Matching and Visualization

We received a number of high-quality submissions related to ontology matching and visualization and we are grateful to the reviewers for providing their expertise to help us select the best papers for presentation at OnAV. The topics of the papers for OnAV'09 include: creating visualizations through ontology mapping, understanding ontology visualization user requirements, state of the art ontology mapping systems, ontology visualization techniques and examples of ontology alignment applications. The use of information visualization techniques to help improve the quality of automatic matching approaches remains an important topic of interest in the Semantic Web research. The OnAV workshop will provide a discussion forum for how promising techniques from the information visualization community can help support decision-making tasks in ontology alignment. As with the previous successful OnAV workshop, we assume that challenging topics presented will trigger fruitful discussions amongst the participants.

The OnAV 2009 workshop is held in conjunction with the International Conference on Complex, Intelligent and Software Intensive Systems at the Fukuoka Institute of Technology in Japan. We want to thank the Conference Co-Chairs Leonard Barolli, Fukuoka Institute of Technology, Japan, and A Min Tjoa, Vienna University of Technology, Austria. We give special thanks to the workshops chair Fatos Xhafa, from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, for his great support in the preparation of this event.

In addition to OnAV several related workshops take place at the Conference on Complex, Intelligent and Software Intensive Systems and together they cover a substantial part of computer science research. Overall our workshop covers a range of interesting and challenging topics related to ontology alignment and visualization. We would like to wish all the participants a very enjoyable and professionally fruitful experience at OnAV 2009 in Japan!

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