Ninth International Workshop on Web Semantics
WebS 2010

Message from the Workshop Chairs

In the recent past the Semantic Web initiative has grown from an idealistic vision to a major research field in the area of Web information systems. Its main objective is to transform the information on the World Wide Web in a machine processable form, to give information a well-defined meaning by considering its semantics, to improve the communication between computers and people, and finally to enable software to process Web based tasks on behalf of human users. A great amount of research projects and activities have been carried out in order to make this vision reality.

The Ninth International Workshop on Web Semantics (WebS 2010) continues a series of successful workshops dedicated to this topic. Its main objective is to bring together researchers from both the theoretical and practical side with the aim of encouraging the exchange of ideas and experience between the various communities in the Semantic Web field. We received 15 papers from 10 countries and the WebS 2010 program committee finally selected 9 papers for presentation at the workshop.

We hope that the papers presented at the WebS 2010 Workshop and published in the IEEE Workshop proceedings bring novel, interesting, and important contributions in the area of research and practice concerning Semantic Web techniques, and may be useful and inspiring for both the Workshop participants and the readers of the Workshop proceedings.

Finally, we would like thank the DEXA 2010 Workshop Chairs as well as the organizing committee of the 21st International Conference on Database and Expert Systems Application (DEXA 2010) for their support and their cooperation. Furthermore, we would like to greatly thank all the members of our program committee and additional reviewers who have reviewed the papers very carefully and in a timely manner. We were also deeply impressed by the great amount of researches who have again agreed to join the WebS 2010 program committee.

Thank you all!

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