SWWS 2008 PC Co-chairs' Message

The Web has now been in existence for quite some time, and it has produced a major shift in our thinking on the nature and scope of information processing. It is rapidly moving towards an application deployment and knowledge deployment that requires complex interactions and properly structured underlying semantics. There has been a sudden upsurge of research activity in the problems associated with adding semantics to the Web. This work on semantics will involve data, knowledge, and process semantics. The International IFIP Workshop on Semantic Web Web Semantics (SWWS 2008), which is in its fourth year, provides a forum for presenting original, unpublished research results and innovative ideas related to this voluminous quantity of research. This year a total of 18 papers were submitted to SWWS. Each of these submissions was rigorously reviewed by at least two experts. The papers were judged according to their originality, significance to theory and practice, readability and relevance to workshop topics. This resulted in the selection of nine regular papers for presentation at the workshop. This year we also included 2 invited papers by leading experts on the Semantic Web. Papers for the SWWS workshop mainly focus on the areas of ontology development, ontology management, ontology evolution, semantic interoperability, multiagent systems and biomedical ontologies. We feel that SWWS 2008 papers will inspire further research in the areas of Semantic Web and its applications. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the authors of the submitted papers and would like to thank all the workshop attendees. We would also like to thank the program committee members and external reviewers for their efforts in maintaining the quality of papers and turning the SWWS 2008 workshop into a success. Thank you and we hope you enjoyed participating in SWWS 2008.

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