

International Conferences

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Executive Summary

This document describes involvement of the WonderWeb project members in the organisation of international conferences relating to the Semantic Web.

1 International Semantic Web Conference

The International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC)¹ is a major international forum at which research on all aspects of the Semantic Web is presented. ISWC has been held twice, first in Sardinia in 2002, then in Florida in 2003. ISWC 2004 is scheduled to be held in Hiroshima, Japan, with ISWC 2005 in Galway, Ireland.

1.1 Semantic Web Science Association

The Semantic Web Science Association² is a non-profit organisation incorporated in Karlsruhe, Germany for the purpose of promoting and exchanging scholarly work in Semantic Web and related fields throughout the world. In particular, the association is responsible for supervising the organisation of ISWC. A number of the WonderWeb project members are members of the association, including **Rudi Studer** (Karlsruhe) who serves as president of the Management Board and **Ian Horrocks** (Manchester), secretary of the Management Board. In addition, **Frank van Harmelen** (Amsterdam) and **Carole Goble** (Manchester) are members of the association.

1.2 ISWC2002

The first ISWC conference, ISWC2002³ was held in Sardinia, Italy in June, 2002. **Ian Horrocks** (Manchester) was Program Chair. The conference had 133 submissions, 95 research papers, 22 position papers, and 16 system description papers. A total of 40 were accepted, covering a wide spectrum of topics relating to the Semantic Web. **Steffen Staab** (Karlsruhe) was responsible for metadata and markup – in a novel move, the conference required all abstracts to be annotated with semantic markup describing the content of the papers.

The WonderWeb project was a Gold sponsor of the event, and other project members **Frank van Harmelen** (Amsterdam), **Rudi Studer** (Karlsruhe), **Carole Goble** (Manchester), **Nicola Guarino** (Trento), **Heiner Stuckenschmidt** (Amsterdam), and **Raphael Volz** (Karlsruhe) served on the program committee.

1.3 ISWC2004

ISWC2004⁴ will be held in Hiroshima in November 2004. The Conference Chair for ISWC2004 is **Frank van Harmelen** (Amsterdam).

¹<http://iswc.semanticweb.org>

²<http://www.iswsa.org/participants.html>

³<http://iswc2002.semanticweb.org>

⁴<http://iswc2004.semanticweb.org>

2 World Wide Web Conference

2.1 WWW2003

The Semantic Web track of the World Wide Web Conference (WWW) is a key forum for publishing Semantic Web results. **Ian Horrocks** (Manchester) was SW track chair for WWW2003⁵, held in Budapest in May 2003. The track was a resounding success, with 98 submissions and 12 papers accepted. This formed the second largest track in the conference.

WonderWeb project members **Carole Goble** (Manchester), **Nicola Guarino** (Trento), **Frank van Harmelen** (Amsterdam), **Heiner Stuckenschmidt** (Amsterdam), **Steffen Staab** (Karlsruhe) and **Sean Bechhofer** (Manchester) served on the Program Committee.

2.2 WWW2004

WWW2004⁶ will be held in New York in May, 2004. **Steffen Staab** (Karlsruhe) is deputy chair of the Semantic Web track which has received 99 submissions.

WonderWeb project members **Ian Horrocks** (Manchester), **Nicola Guarino** (Trento), **Aldo Gangemi** (CNR) **Frank van Harmelen** (Amsterdam), **Guus Schreiber** (Amsterdam) and **Sean Bechhofer** (Manchester) serve on the Program Committee.

⁵<http://www.www2003.org/>

⁶<http://www.www2004.org>