

Ontology Summit 2014 Symposium

The Ontology Summit Operation in Perspective

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Motivation ...



- I asked the Chairs for this chance to speak
- want to let everyone know I am retiring
- will make an attempt to share a few stories I've learnt in the past 9 Ontology Summit seasons, my almost 15 years of working with the Ontology community, and over 4 decades of working with information systems
- and, of course, want to take the opportunity to say “*Thank You and Good Bye!*”

The beginning ...

- 2006 Upper Ontology Summit

See: <http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?UpperOntologySummit>

- The motivation: “we are part of the problem”

The players

- Co-conveners: 4
(Cassidy, Obrst, Ray, Yim)
- Co-organizers: 2
(ONTOLOG and NIST)
- the stewards of all open upper ontologies:
BFO, CYC, DOLCE,
DOLCE-D&S, GUM,
ISO-15926, PSL, SUMO, ...

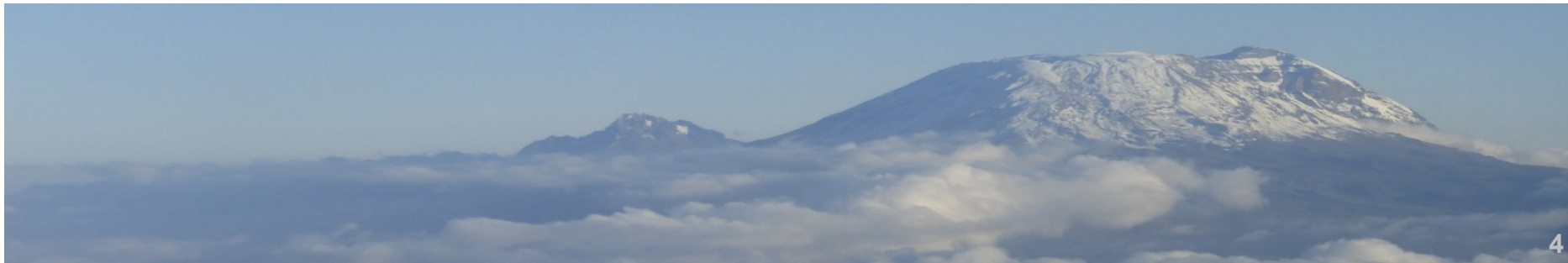


... but no, the Heidelberg meeting of 1998 was really the “first” Ontology Summit

Continuing to innovate ...



- Fast forward: almost 9 season under our belts now
see: <http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OntologySummit>
- clever choice of themes
- more co-organizers, more organizing team members, more contributors, more participants, reaching out to more
- organization and process innovations
 - from a 2-day conference, to a 4 month series of both virtual and on-site events
 - from just the Ontology community, to reaching out and engaging potential collaborators
 - establishing a model in what a broader networked community of practice might accomplish



What can I say, when I'm old enough to retire?

- I've been blessed ... and very lucky
- I've contributed: some time, work, money ... and lots of passion
- Want money, jobs, ... change the world?
They're just 'round the corner, but *“Are We ready?”*
- Note these significant accomplishments:
W3C-RDF, ISO-CommonLogic, BioPortal, Apple-Siri, IBM-Watson, GoodRelations Ontology, Google Knowledge Graph, schema.org, ...
- I've seen it before ... magic does happen!
- ... keep dreaming; don't short change your vision
- *Thank you and good bye!*
... It's been great knowing and working with you all.
- I'm most proud to have helped keep it “free and open” for the community



Caption: John McCarthy having a dialog with Doug Engelbart at a tavern ... with 'the fishnet' on the wall

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