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ISWC 2008 awards

Here is a list of the awards made to papers, posters and demonstration and semantic web challenge entries for the **Seventh International Semantic Web Conference**.

Cash prizes totalling 4850 € were generously provided by Elsevier, publisher of the **Journal of Web Semantics**, and the **Semantic Web Science Association (SWSA)**, the sponsor of the ISWC series of conferences.

Research track

ISWC 2008 research track included 43 papers selected from the 261 submissions. A panel of judges selected a short list of three papers and attended the presentation of each one.

The Best Research Paper award and a prize of 1000 € provided by Elsevier was given to:

- Matthew Horridge, Bijan Parsia and Ulrike Sattler for **Laconic and Precise Justifications in OWL**

The other two best paper nominees were given honorable mention awards:

- Dumitru Roman and Michael Kifer for **Semantic Web Service Choreography: Contracting and Enactment**
- Ciro Cattuto, Dominik Benz, Andreas Hotho and Gerd Stumme, **Semantic Grounding of Tag Relatedness in Social Bookmarking Systems**

In Use track

ISWC 2008 included fourteen papers in the Semantic Web In Use track. SWSA provided a 500 € prize for the best paper in this track, which was given to

- Kunal Verma and Alex Kass for **Requirements Critic: A Tool for Automatically Analyzing Software Requirements Documents**

Two papers in the In Use track were recognized with honorable mention awards:

- Jan Wielemaker, Michiel Hildebrand, Jacco van Ossenbruggen and Guus Schreiber for **Thesaurus-based search in large heterogeneous collections**
- Conny Christl, Chiara Ghidini, Joanna Guss, Viktoria Pammer, Stefanie Lindstaedt, Peter Scheir, Luciano Serafini and Marco Rospocher for **Deploying semantic web technologies for work integrated learning in industry. A comparison: SME vs. large sized company**

Semantic Web Challenge

This year the **Semantic Web Challenge** had two tracks with different criteria: the **Open Track** and the **Billion Triples Track**. After an initial review, thirteen submissions were accepted and evaluated for the Open track and nine for the Billion triples track. A panel of eleven experts judged the submissions in two rounds. In the first, five finalists were selected based on their submitted descriptions and a poster and demonstration on Tuesday evening. The panel then ranked the finalists based on a presentation the next day.

Elsevier provided three generous cash prizes for each track: 1000 € for first place, 500 € for second and 250 € for third place.

INVITED SPEAKERS



John Giannandrea (Metaweb Technologies Inc)



Ramesh Jain (UC Irvine)



Stefan Decker (DERI Galway)

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