

OOR-IPR mini-series session-1: IPR Landscape

Joint OOR-Ontolog-NCBO-CC-IAOA-OASIS

**"Open Ontology Repository (OOR)  
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)  
Policy and Issues"**

Panel Discussion mini-series

OOR-IPR session 1:

**An Exposition on Relevant IPR Regimes**

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Ref. <http://www.nitrd.gov/>

# OOR Backgrounder

**The Open Ontology Repository (OOR) initiative, started in 2008, promotes the global use and sharing of ontologies by:**

- Establishing a (system of) hosted registry-repository;
- Enabling and facilitating open, federated, collaborative ontology repositories, and
- Establishing best practices for expressing interoperable ontology and taxonomy work in registry-repositories.
- OOR is:
  - An open (ontology) content initiative
  - An open source software initiative
  - An open infrastructure initiative

See: <http://OpenOntologyRepository.org>

# Co-organizers of this OOR-IPR initiative

This mini-series is jointly organized by:

- the **OOR** initiative,
- the **Ontolog**-community,
- **NCBO** (US National Center for Biomedical Ontology),
- **CC** (Creative Commons),
- **IAOA** (the International Association for Ontology and its Applications), and
- **OASIS** (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards).

# OOR-IPR objectives

This "OOR-IPR mini-series" will, hopefully, start a dialog among the global ontology community and other stakeholder communities, to specifically address IPR issues relating to the "open ontology repository (OOR)" initiative. The discussion will, invariably, touch upon IPR issues pertaining to ontology in general as well.

Given the complexity of the issues involved, one can look at this mini-series to merely be the beginning of a quest, by the collaborating parties and their communities, to fully understand the issues, and to get themselves into a position to address them.

As a community, we trust we will, over the course of this mini-series and subsequent actions and events, address a very important set of issues, that really have to be cleared, before the world can realize the full potential of open ontology repositories enabled by the science & technology of ontology and semantics.

# Three (3) initial virtual sessions planned

- 2010\_09\_09 - Thursday: session-1: an exposition on relevant IPR regimes - see: [ConferenceCall\\_2010\\_09\\_09](#)
- 2010\_09\_16 - Thursday: session-2: what are the IPR issues relating to open ontology repositories (and ontologies in general)? - see: [ConferenceCall\\_2010\\_09\\_16](#)
- 2010\_09\_30 - Thursday: session-3: discussion and consensus on licensing arrangements for the OOR Initiative – see: [ConferenceCall\\_2010\\_09\\_30](#)

# Session-1 & Our Expert Panel

In this opening session, we have invited some of the top experts in open IPR to give us an exposition on the IPR landscape and the state of relevant IPR regimes. Our panelists include:

- Mr. **James Bryce Clark**, JD (General Counsel, OASIS)
- Mr. **John Wilbanks** (VP of Science, Creative Commons)
- Mr. **Bruce Perens** (original author of the "Open Source Definition")

# Participate and Influence the outcome

- Join us at the 3 OOR-IPR virtual sessions and actively contribute
- We will be opening up the conversation (after our IPR experts has given us the lay of the land today) on the [[ontolog-forum](#)] mailing list, voice your opinion there
- Stay active ... ontology and semantic technology need to stay “open and accessible” if we want to realize the full potential they promise



# Resources & References:

- Details on this session can be found at:

[http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ConferenceCall\\_2010\\_09\\_09](http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ConferenceCall_2010_09_09)

- More on the OOR-IPR effort, see:

[http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository\\_IPR](http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository_IPR)

- Additional References & Resources, see:

[http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository\\_IPR#nid2HN0](http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository_IPR#nid2HN0)