

OOR-IPR mini-series session-2: IPR Issues

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 2:

**What are the IPR issues relating to
open ontology repositories
(and ontologies in general)?**

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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](#)

Our Session-2 Panel

- **Mr. Cameron Ross** (Kojeware; OOR; member of this mini-series' organizing committee) – on "Ecosystems, Ontology Repositories, and IPR"
- **Professor Alan Rector** (University of Manchester) - Remarks: "The GALEN and SNOMED IPR experience"
- **Dr. John Sowa** (Vivomind Intelligence; SIO) - "On Patents"
- **Mr. John Wilbanks** (VP of Science, Creative Commons) - Commentary
- **Mr. Bruce Perna** (original author of the "Open Source Definition") - Commentary
- **Mr. Peter Yim** (Co-convener, Ontolog & OOR; Secretary, IAOA) – Moderating: "Questions to ALL: what are our issues now?"

Participate and Influence the outcome

- Join us at these 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_16

- More on the OOR-IPR effort, see:

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