

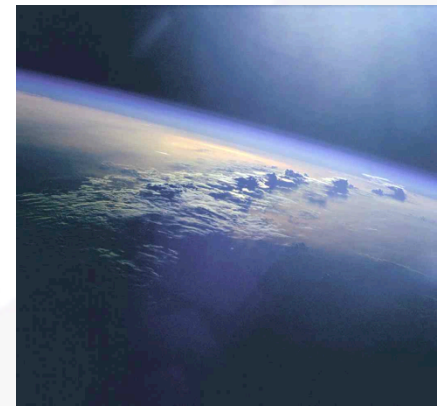
Ontology-based Standards

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OASIS Background

- OASIS has numerous liaison relationships
- OASIS Not-for-profit consortium, founded 1993
- Global **community**
 - 5,000+ participants including: 600+ orgs & individuals in 100+ countries
 - 33% in Europe, 13% in Asia
- Member-driven:
 - Members decide on technical agenda
 - Members elect Board and TC chairs
- Role of staff: serve & protect
 - Openness, transparency, ROI, Continuity



OASIS Mission

To drive the development, convergence and adoption of open standards for the global information society.



Ontology-driven standards help achieve that mission

- OASIS supports this collaborative effort to move ontology-based standards forward
 - Standards must be found, understood & adopted to be useful; ontologies can help
 - Ontologies can also help us *build on* not *build over*
- OASIS TCs free to adopt liaison relationships
 - Particularly pleased to see ICOM and QUOMOS TCs benefit from this initiative

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