**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 Hoeh 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 Ossenbrugge and Guss Schreiber for *Thesaurus-based search in large heterogeneous collections*
- Conny Christl, Chiara Ghidini, Joanna Guss, Viktoria Parmer, Stefanie Lindstaedt, Peter Schier, Luciano Serafini and Marco Rosporcher 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)

For more information on the talks, click on the picture of the speaker.