



OPEN ANNOTATION COLLABORATION

Call for Workshop Participation

Workshop: *Using the OAC Model for Annotation Interoperability*
A hands-on introduction to use of the OAC Data Model & Ontology

When: March 24 & 25, 2011

Where: Chicago, IL

Other Important Dates

01 Dec. 2010: Call Posted

24 Jan. 2010: Preliminary statements of interest & use case briefs due

07 Feb. 2011: Invitations issued (15+), including commitment to reimburse for lodging (2 nights) and for airfare (up to \$900 US)

01 Mar. 2011: Final use case briefs due & posted to Workshop Website

Workshop Objectives

Bringing together scholars, librarians and system designers involved in ongoing content-rich projects using or planning to implement annotation tools and services, this workshop will provide an in-depth introduction the Open Annotation Collaboration (OAC) data model and ontology for describing scholarly annotations of Web-accessible information resources. This data model supports annotation interoperability and sharing across diverse clients, tools, and repositories. Using illustrative use cases contributed by workshop participants and members of the OAC, attendees will be given an opportunity to learn about and work with the latest version of the OAC data model and ontology <http://www.openannotation.org/spec>. Use cases involving a range of scholarly annotation classes and target media types will be presented. Participants will be asked to examine, comment on, and provide feedback on how the OAC data model and framework intersects (or fails to intersect) with domain-specific needs for annotation services and with existing discipline or repository-specific annotation tools and services. By the end of the day and a half workshop, attendees will be better prepared to propose and undertake implementations of annotation tools and services exploiting the OAC data model and ontology.

Participation

This is an open call for participation, but in anticipation of possible oversubscription and to insure a productive workshop, those interested in attending are asked to submit to jjett2@illinois.edu and t-cole3@illinois.edu by no later than 24 January 2011 a 1 or 2 page statement of interest (maximum 1,000 words) describing a specific, real-world scholarly annotation use case relevant to ongoing work. Use case narrative structure is not specified, but please be sure to describe in your narrative:

What: the collection(s) of digital content providing annotation targets
Scope: the types of annotations addressed by the use case (e.g., glosses, critiques, ...)
Who: the scholars interested in annotating content in the manner outlined
Relevance: the unique aspects that make the use case compelling, especially vis-à-vis OAC
Challenges: the degree to which the use case is or is not satisfied by existing tools & services
Attendee: who would attend, their position title, and institutional affiliation
Project: related ongoing project(s) & its current sponsors or sources of funding support

Workshop chairs will review briefs submitted and notify all submitters regarding invitations to attend the workshop by no later than 7 February 2011.

Target Audience

Scholars, librarians, curators of digital content, repository managers, DL architects and system designers, information scientists and others involved in current and active funded research focused on the digitization and/or use of digital resources in support of high-level scholarship and pedagogy. We are especially seeking representatives of projects offering or contemplating the implementation of annotation tools or services designed to work with specific scholarly digital content and specific, well-defined communities of scholars. Prospective participants must be in a position to articulate a specific and compelling scholarly annotation use case.

Additional Context

Concurrent with this workshop (and pending funding confirmation, see below), the OAC plans to issue an open, competitive Request For Proposals (RFP) for 4 annotation demonstration experiments making use of the OAC data model in the context of specific scholarly research and/or pedagogy involving the use of digital information resources. Each successful RFP respondent will be funded at between \$30,000 and \$45,000 (US) to collaborate with the OAC in order to implement their proposed experiment. **While workshop attendance is not a prerequisite to responding to the RFP**, we anticipate that many would-be RFP respondents might find the workshop a useful first step in preparing their response to the RFP.

Contingency

This Call for Workshop Participation is being issued under the aegis of the OAC Phase I project, funded by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; however, support for the workshop and for the RFP mentioned above is contingent on receipt of a new grant for the proposed OAC Phase II project, tentatively scheduled to begin 3 January 2011. If funding is not received, or if level of interest in attending is insufficient this workshop will be canceled (by no later than 31 January 2011).

Workshop Co-Chairs

- Timothy Cole, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Jane Hunter, the University of Queensland
- James Smith, the University of Maryland
- Herbert Van de Sompel, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Founding members of the Open Annotation Collaboration

- Center for History and New Media, George Mason University
- Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship, University of Illinois at UC
- Grainger Engineering Library & Information Center, University of Illinois at UC
- ITEE eResearch Group, The University of Queensland
- Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library
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Correspondence

Please send all question and other correspondence related to this call for workshop participation interest to both t-cole3@illinois.edu and jjett2@illinois.edu.