

PRESS RELEASE

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THE WEB CONFERENCE 2018 – SEOUL TEST OF TIME AWARD: 2018 SEOUL TEST OF TIME AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD WIDE WEB CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2018 Seoul Test of Time Award is to be awarded by the International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2) to the paper *“YAGO: A Core Semantic Knowledge Unifying WordNet and Wikipedia”*, which was first published at the 16th International World Wide Web Conference in May 2007.

The International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2) announced today that the **2018 Seoul Test of Time Award** will be presented to the authors of *“YAGO: A Core of Semantic Knowledge Unifying WordNet and Wikipedia”* for providing a lightweight and extensible ontology with high coverage and quality on the semantic web. The award will be presented at a ceremony on **Wednesday 25 April at the 27th International World Wide Web Conference (The Web Conference 2018) in Lyon, France.**

YAGO (Yet Another Great Ontology) is a knowledge base that contains a large variety of entities and their relations. It knows more than 17 million entities (e.g. persons, organizations, cities) and contains more than 150 million facts about these entities. It is an open source project that is being developed at the Max Planck Institute for Computer Science in Saarbrücken, Germany and the Télécom ParisTech University in Paris, France. YAGO is automatically extracted from Wikipedia and other sources and made available as linked data on the web.

Authors Fabian M. Suchanek (Télécom ParisTech University), Gjergji Kasneci (SCHUFA Holding AG)

and Gerhard Weikum (Max Planck Institute for Informatics) will be recognized for their seminal paper on YAGO 11 years ago.

The paper was first presented at the 16th International World Wide Web Conference in Banff, Canada in May 2007. It has gone on to have more than 2,468 citations to date.

Dame Wendy Hall, Chair of the International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2), said:

“YAGO was among the first projects to extract semantic knowledge at large scale from Wikipedia. Together with DBpedia, it is one of the pioneering contributors of the web of data. YAGO made available a large body of knowledge, samples of which were manually evaluated to show their very high accuracy. In addition to its contribution to knowledge content on the web, YAGO also played a seminal role in weaving a web of linked data by linking to other vocabularies including the DBpedia ontology and WordNet. Over the years, several versions of YAGO were released continuously, contributing to the open linked data content and structure, and supporting many applications.”

Notes to Editors

- This news release is issued on behalf of the IW3C2 (the International World Wide Web Conference Committee). For further information please contact: contact@iw3c2.org;
- The International World Wide Web Conference Committee is the association that organizes global academic conferences on Web technology: <http://www.iw3cs.org/conferences>.

About the Seoul Test of Time Award

Inaugurated in 2014, the Seoul Test of Time Award is made possible by the generous contribution of the organisers of WWW2014 held in Seoul, South Korea, in May 2014. It is awarded annually to the author/authors of a paper presented at a previous World Wide Web conference that has, as the name suggests, stood the test of time.

About The Web Conference

The Web Conference (former “WWW conference”) is a yearly international conference on the topic of the future directions of the world wide web. It began in 1994 at CERN and is organized by the International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee (IW3C2). The Conference aims to provide the world with a premier forum for discussion and debate about the evolution of the web, the standardization of its associated technologies, and the impact of those technologies on society and culture. The conference brings together researchers, developers, users and commercial ventures – indeed all those who are passionate about the Web and what it has to offer.

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