

Workshop #8 Summary

When: December 4-6, 2003

Where: Centro italiano di documentazione sulla cooperazione e l'economia sociale, Bologna

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Workshop Objectives:

1. Reports by the national team and research unit chairs
2. Discuss partnership with other research projects
3. Identify dissemination opportunities for researchers
4. Discuss preparation of midterm report
5. Establish guidelines for Graduate Research Assistants' participation in conferences
6. Review and approve new case studies

Summary:

The workshop began with updates on the national teams. Possibilities for collaboration with European research projects that had similar research objectives were discussed. The team also discussed possible opportunities for dissemination in Europe. The European Team's membership was reviewed. The American Team report focused on the issue of funding through 2006. The Australian and Canadian Team chairs both reported on new and potential members for the project. The Industry Team report dealt with its progress to date. The International Team agreed that it was important for the Industry Team to feed its research into other groups within the project, particularly the Policy Cross-domain.

InterPARES' relationship to other projects was discussed in terms of how ties could be established, which types of projects would be useful to collaborate with, and who would be responsible for gathering information from other projects. It was decided that there should be a list of all the projects that InterPARES had a connection with as well as a list of potential projects with which InterPARES should establish ties. The group also discussed whether works in progress within the project should be shared with other research projects.

The chairs of all the research units provided progress reports. Each of the three Focus reports addressed the progress of current case studies and bibliographies. The team

decided that a database should be created for the citations that were generated in the course of each research unit's activities, and that a common citation style would be determined to ensure consistency throughout the project. Focus 2's report included a brief summary of a potential case study and revealed that the conceptual analysis would not begin until after the bibliographies were complete.

The Modeling Cross-domain report dealt with the draft Lifecycle model, the entity relationship model, and the revisions to the record creation model. The Policy Cross-domain report indicated that the group was beginning to do comparative work on legislation and privacy across countries. There was a request that researchers should begin providing policy-related information from their respective research units to the Policy Cross-domain. The Description Cross-domain report provided an update on the database of descriptive and metadata schema. The Terminology Cross-domain report reviewed the terminological tools that had been created and indicated that they would be made available to researchers on the public web site in the near future.

The International Team also addressed the drafting of the Interim Report for SSHRC. The team identified the types of information that would be compiled and sent to the InterPARES office, and who would be responsible for gathering this information.

The team also discussed the role of Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) including establishing procedures to guide GRAs in their participation at conferences. It was suggested that guidelines for GRAs' participation in conferences should be included in the Organizational Policy. The outlined procedures were accepted by the team and later integrated into the Organizational Policy.

The team reviewed two case study proposals, one of which was accepted while the other had to be rewritten and resubmitted to the International Team for discussion at the next workshop. In addition, the team heard a status report on the project web site, specifically, the format, content, and access to various pages. The team also determined which documents would be posted to the "General Documents" section, and would therefore, be made accessible to the public. There was also considerable discussion on the role and purpose of the web site.

H. Hofman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the second draft of the model, which the Modeling Cross-domain had been working on. This model consisted of twenty-three diagrams. The International Team discussed this model in detail and provided ideas for clarifying and improving definitions.

Next International Team Research Workshop:
Los Angeles, CA (February 23-27, 2004)