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The aim of the Network of Excellence entitled Semantic Interoperability and Data Mining in Biomedicine (NoE 507505) is to establish Europe as the international scientific leader in medical and biomedical informatics. The long-term goal of the network will be the development of generic methods and tools supporting the critical tasks of the field; data mining, knowledge discovery, knowledge representation, abstraction and indexing of information, semantic-based information retrieval in a complex and high-dimensional information space, and knowledge-based adaptive systems for provision of decision support for dissemination of evidence based medicine. The NoE is a response to the strategic objectives addressed in the IST call 1, areas "eHealth" and "Semantic-based Knowledge Systems".

DELIVERABLES

The general objective of the network is to bridge gaps in the European research infrastructure and to facilitate cross-fertilisation between scientific disciplines. Traditionally academic departments in the domain have their roots either in computer science, system engineering (including a variety of engineering disciplines) or in a medical or clinical context. The network is composed of partners from these scientific areas, all bringing their experience and in-depths knowledge together into a common framework. An important aspect of this is the merging of medical or clinical informatics and bioinformatics including the new fields of genomics and proteomics. Another bridging activity addressed is knowledge-transfer and co-operation between academia and organisations in the health and welfare sector, such as standardisation bodies and public and user-driven health care organisations.

The NoE is based on the partnership of 25 participants from 11 European countries with 110 identified researchers (25 female) and 31 associated PhD students (10 female).

SemanticMining is coordinated by Linköpings universitet, Sweden.

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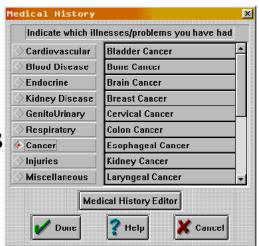
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...Research Areas



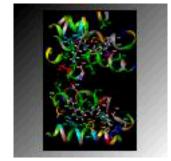


Health Statistics



Health Care

- Knowledge engineering
 - Ontology engineering
 - Coding, indexing and information retrieval
 - Data mining, knowledge extraction and representation
 - Natural Language Processing
 - The Semantic Web
- ...to support application areas
 - Information and decision support
 - Infrastructure for health care information systems



Bioinformatics



- ... to bridge gaps in the European research infrastructure and to facilitate cross-fertilisation between disciplines ...
 - Computer science (engineers, logicians, linguists)[6 partners]
 - Bioinformatics and medical informatics [11 partners]
 - Health care organisations, standardisation bodies[6 partners]
 - Philosophy [2 partners]
 - SMEs [2 partners]



Partners



- Biomedical Engineering, Medical Informatics, Linköping University, Sweden
- Computer Science, Linköping University, Sweden
- Committee Nomenclature, Properties and Units in Lab Medicine, Linköping University, Sweden
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- The Information Technology Research Institute, University of Brighton, UK
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- European Bioinformatics Institute, UK
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- KITH AS, Norway
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Research Areas



- Principles in ontology engineering
 - examples: FMA, GO, SNOMED CT
- Evaluation of SNOMED CT
 - strategies and experiences from evaluation and translation
- Concept systems in laboratory medicine
 - communication between bioinformatics, laboratory medicine and the EHR
- Multi-lingual medical dictionaries
 - English, German, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish ...
- Data/text mining in bioinformatics
 - NLP, IR applied in biomedicine (at EBI)
- The semantic-based electronic health record
 - contribution to standards, information models and concept systems
- What can ontologies do for health statistics?
 - information quality versus aggregation level
 - use of SNOMED CT as aggregation system



Ontology Engineering: Objectives, Activities (



- Share understanding across 3 communities
 - Philosophy, Logicians, Engineers
- Coordinate future research efforts
- Coordinate input to standardisation activities
 - ISO, CEN, IEEE and HL7.
- Argue case for ontology-based biomedical vocabularies and coding systems
- Develop migration pathways
- Contribute to a consensus on a biomedical "upper ontology".
- Contribute to the convergence of biomedical ontologies
- Saarbrucken workshop: SNOMED CT



WP20: Multilingual Lexicon



Three lines of work:

- MorphoSaurus subword lexicon: Links minimal, semantically atomic lexical units in 6 languages (approx. 80,000 entries, 27,000 equivalence classes).
 Purpose: Cross-language text retrieval, semantic interface between medical dictionaries
- Semi automated lexical acquisition: generating Spanish subwords out of Portuguese subwords, and Swedish out of German and English ones.
- Common Lexicon Interchange Format
 Based on the (EU-funded) MULTEXT morpho-syntactic description. Facilitates the re-use of lexical resources



Health Statistics WP23



- ~8 participants
 - (Finland, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark)
- Documenting problems with European Health Statistics
 - Kick-off July
 - Hungary
 - 2 Workshops October
 - Sweden
 - Iceland

- Ontologies for health indicators
- Reliability of health indicators



WP24: Information Retrieval and Data Mining

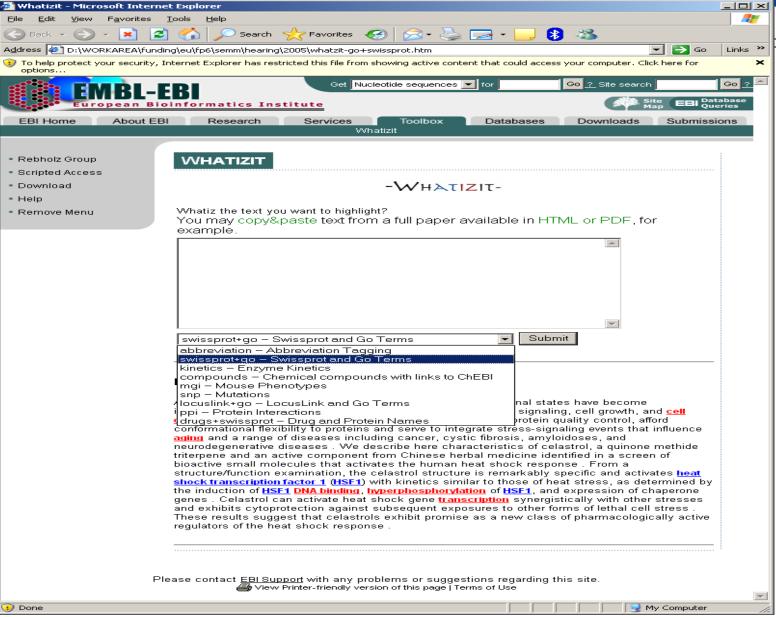


- Semantic Interoperability
 - Normalized vocabulary (Gene Ontology, MeSH...)
 - Online integration tool: http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz-srv/whatizit/form.jsp
- Information Retrieval and Extraction
 - Gene and Proteins, Drugs...
 - Protein Functions: apoptosis-induction...
 - Cellular Components: membrane, mitochondria...
 - Biological Processes: digestion, reproduction...
- Knowledge coupling
 - Uni-Prot (EU), MGI, LocusLink (US)
 - → via Sequence Retrieval System
 - → Need new Tools for Images and Full-text articles!



Entity Types











Biomedical Text (MEDLINE Abstract)



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Ontology-driven Knowledge Coupling (GO) 6

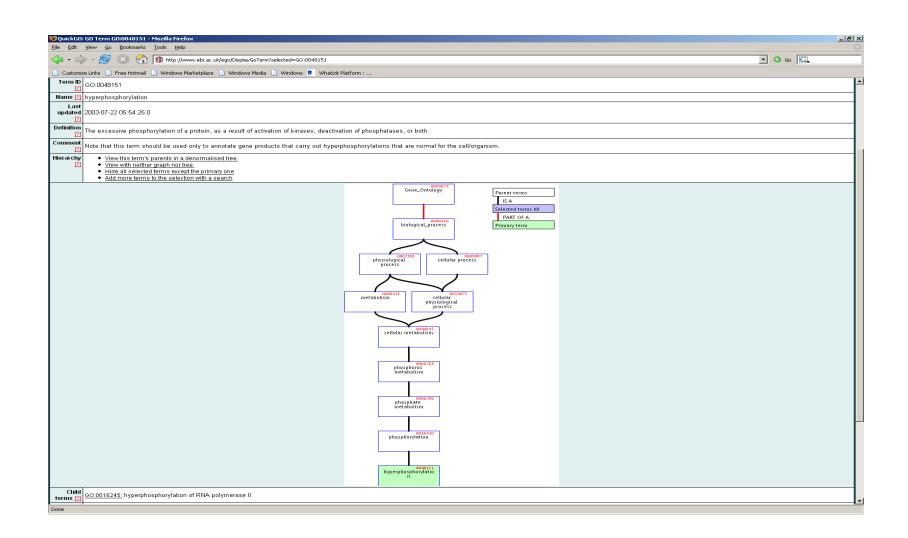


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Gene Ontology Browser







Database-driven Knowledge Coupling (Swiss-Prot)

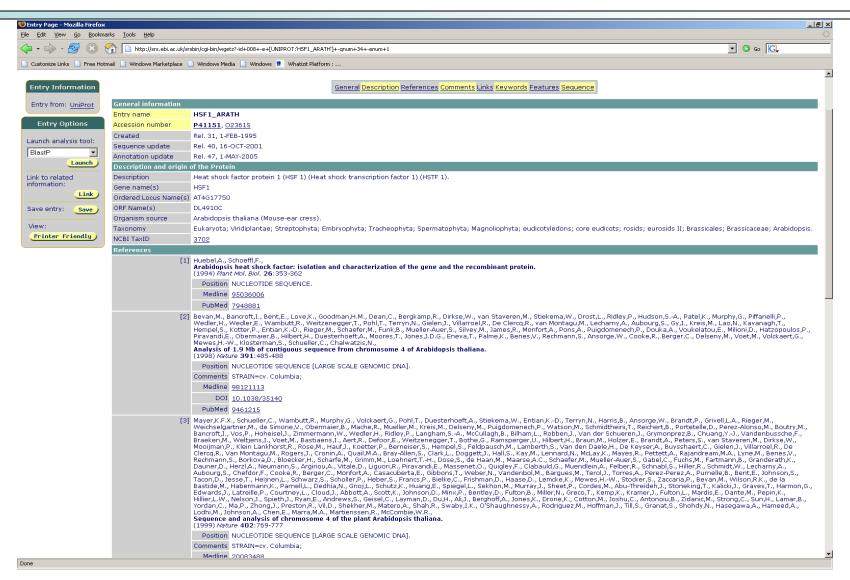


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Swiss-Prot Records (5)











• Q2. Sharing of resources and use of research software tools

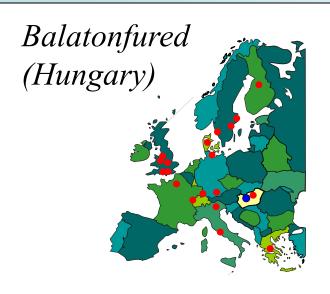
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- Q6. Short and medium-term visits To be improved
- Q7. Co-authoring of research papers, PhD... To be improved



Summer School: July 4th-10th 2004













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2004 Summer School: A Summary



DELEGATES

- 80 participants
 - 18 out of 23 partner sites represented
 - 9 granted non-NoE PhDStudents
- 29 Speakers
 - 1 invited (Cornelius Rosse)
 - 28 from NoE
- 19 Student Posters

PROGRAMME

- Ontology masterclass
- 1 day workshops
 - Ontology
 - Semantic Web
 - Health Statistics
- 2nd Assembly Meeting
- Social Programme



Mobility Program (**)



- Objective: Exchange of PhD students
- Inventory of PhD-study programmes, procedures
- Launch of mobility program March 2005
 - One or two medium-term visits
 - 10-15 short-term visits, 1 week 1 month



SNOMED WP22



Knowledge sharing (



- Workshop on the Gene Ontology, Leipzig, May 29
- Workshop on NLP for Biomedical Applications at the COLING conference, Geneva, August 23-27
- TERMINFO and Scientific Advisory Committee at MEDINFO2004
- WHO-FIC meeting on Classifications in Health Care, Reykjavik, Iceland, October 24-30
- Description Logics and SNOMED CT, Saarbrücken, Nov 22-23
- Workshop on EHR at Satellite Conference to EUROREC, Brussels, Nov 25-27
- Workshop on Mereotopolgy in Freiburg, Jan 23-24



WP13: Workshop on Natural Language Processing



• Goals:

- 1. expand visibility of the semanticmining workshop;
- 2. establish forum for outside/inside network cooperation;
- 3. federate the NLP community in the biomedical domain;
- 4. organize a shared task to stimulate research in the domain, following well established challenges such as the TREC Genomics (http://trec.nist.gov/) or BioCreative(http://www.pdg.cnb.uam.es/BioLINK/Bio Creative.eval.html).





Audience

- Satellite of COLING: computer scientists, linguists, logicians...
- Natural Language Processing/Information Retrieval
- Medical informatics and Bioinformatics
- 60 registered participants
- Distribution
 - Table
- Paper selection
 - 7 regular papers out of 30 submissions
 - 5 posters
- Dissemination
 - Workshop printed proceedings
 - Website
 - Special issue under preparation (IJMI Elsevier)



Shared Task I 6

Background

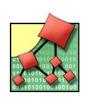
- Information access tools is increasing to support literature survey,
- Online 'portals' where scientists can navigate
- Genetics and disease databases
- Ambiguous nomenclature: Gene/RNA/proteins
- Scale up methods for processing full text articles etc.

Task

Annotate Gene and Protein Names (GPNs)
 i.e. find beginning and end of GPNs







MEDLINE Corpus
 Trained on 2000 abstracts / Tested on 200

Evaluation
 IOB recall and precision-like metrics

- Participation
 - 12 participant team



Knowledge sharing (



- standardisation activities performed in e.g. CEN TC251 and HL7
- developers of the Foundational Model of Anatomy (FMA)
- developers of the Gene Ontology (GO)
- developers of SNOMED CT
- developers of IUPAC and LOINC (in the area of laboratory medicine)



Upcoming Events (6)

- Symposium on Semantic Mining in Biomedicine
 - EBI, April 10-13
- Ontology and Biomedical Informatics
 - Rome, April 29 May 2, in cooperation with IMIA WG6,
- Workshop on SNOMED CT
 - Date and place to be fixed
- Workshop on Human issues in handling large scale ontologies
 - AIME/IJCAI, Aberdeen, July 24-27
- Workshops at Summer School, June 29 July 4
 - The "Boundary problem" between Information and Terminology models
 - The Semantic Web
 - Concept systems in laboratory medicine
 - Text mining from EHRs
 - Gender issues in computer science
- Check this ... www.semanticmining.org