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## **IKS PLANS LARGEST SEMANTIC WEB WORKSHOP TO DATE IN PARIS**

### ***Developers can gain funding for new semantic web applications***

Interactive Knowledge Stack (IKS), the open source project to speed the implementation and broaden the reach of the semantic web, is planning its largest semantic web workshop to date, in Paris on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. The group is expecting over 100 participants at the event, which will provide a practical focus on using IKS semantic technology to manage and integrate content from disparate sources. Attendees can also take part in a competition to win development funding for the next killer semantic web application.

Keynote speakers will include leading analysts Seth Grimes, founder of Alta Plana, Lynda Moulton, senior analyst and consultant for Outsell's Gilbane services, Stephane Croisier founder of Jahia and now serial entrepreneur, and Mark Greaves director of Knowledge System Research at Vulcan Inc.

The free event will start by introducing Apache Stanbol and VIE (Vienna IKS Editables) – two of the core technologies stemming from the IKS Project. Members of the project's community will demonstrate these tools being used in existing CMS and other IT systems, including Drupal, Alfresco, Wordpress, Nuxeo, Fedora and more. Demos will illustrate how semantic technology can be used to provide valuable end-user functionality through the more intelligent extraction and linking of content services. Attendees will then have the opportunity to take part in practical workshops on implementing these technologies within any existing CMS solution.

For the second day, the event will split into free-form 'hackathon' workshops for developers interested in learning from the IKS core development team, with further end-user focused demos and keynotes running alongside for non-developers.

During the event, the IKS team will also be running a competition to devise practical new solutions based on the project's technology. All ideas will be presented in the afternoon session at the end of day two. The winning idea, chosen by the conference and the IKS advisory board, will then be funded by the project.

“IKS is looking for CMS developers to build killer user experiences and user interfaces on top of Apache Stanbol and VIE. Participants can bring their ideas with them and present onstage or – better still – form ideas on the spot with the people they meet at the workshop,” comments project IKS community manager, John Pereira. “The solution must integrate within minutes into any kind of CMS/KMS/ECM system. IKS will select ideas and fund them each to bring them online.”

### **About IKS**

Interactive Knowledge Stack (IKS) is an Open Source project to speed the implementation and broaden the reach of the semantic web across Europe and beyond. Funded in part by a €6.58m grant from the European Union, the project targets the thousands of SME companies across Europe who provide content and knowledge management technology. Its aim is to develop an open flexible technology framework that allows that allows these companies to enable their products to deliver semantic-web-enabled, intelligent content. Downstream, this will provide a greater choice of cost effective solutions for organisations looking to implement semantic-web-enabled sites and applications, and bring significant benefits to millions of content consumers.

IKS is developed by a core consortium of seven research partners and six industrial partners and actively encourages corporate and individual participation in the project. For more information visits the website at: [www.iks-project.eu](http://www.iks-project.eu)

Event Page: <http://www.iks-project.eu/news-and-events/events/mycms-and-web-data-iks-community-workshop>

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