Focus
This meeting is focused on the application of ontologies to studies in evolutionary biology and related disciplines, with a particular emphasis on studies of the phenotype.

Goals
(1) Introducing what ontologies are, how they should be built, what makes an ontology useful, and how ontologies help people collaborate across disciplines;
(2) Giving illustrations of ontologies actually being used to address problems of interest to evolutionary biologists;
(3) Networking and planning: what do we do next in order to advance ontology-based information integration in evolutionary biology?

Registration
Registration is open to attendees of the Evolution 2008 conference at no additional cost.

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Further information, see:

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

9:00am – 10:00am  Tutorial: An Introduction to Ontology for Evolutionary Biology  
Barry Smith (Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, University at Buffalo; Lead Scientist of the National Center for Biomedical Ontology)

10:00am – 10:30am  Morning Break

10:30am – 11:00am  An Introduction to the PATO Phenotype Ontology  
Chris Mungall (University of California, Berkeley)

11:00am – 11:30am  Using Ontologies in the NCBO Project to Link Fish and Fly Mutants to Human Diseases  
Monte Westerfield (Director, Zebrafish Information Network and Institute of Neuroscience, Eugene)

11:30am – 12:00pm  An Introduction to the Use of Ontologies in Linking Evolutionary Phenotypes to Genetics  
Paula Mabee (University of South Dakota)

12:00pm – 1:00pm  Lunch

1:00pm – 1:45pm  An Introduction to the CARO Anatomy Reference Ontology: Multispecies Ontologies  
Melissa Haendel (Anatomy Curator, Zebrafish Information Network, Eugene, Oregon)

1:45pm – 2:15pm  Developing an Ontology for Amphibians using NLP  
Anne Maglia (University of Missouri-Rolla)

2:15pm – 2:45pm  Afternoon Break

2:45pm – 3:15pm  Ontologies, Image Databases, and Evolutionary Biology  
Martin Ramirez (Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales “Bernardino Rivadavia”, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

3:15pm – 3:45pm  An Introduction to the Use of Anatomy Ontologies for the Identification of Genes Underlying Complex Traits  
Todd Vision (Assistant Director, National Evolutionary Synthesis Center and Department of Biology, University of North Carolina)

3:45pm – 4:45pm  Roundtable & Discussion

4:45pm – 5:00pm  Wrap-Up Session: Next Steps  
Suzanna Lewis and Paula Mabee