

Ontology Summit 2026

Ontologies: Past, Present, Future

Retrospective

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- Panelists
 - Ken Baclawski (chair)
 - Janet Singer
 - Michael Grüninger
 - Steve Ray
- Examining the history of the summits.
- Audience participation is encouraged
 - Tell us about your experiences

Some Statistics

- 20 annual summits
- ~80 tracks
- ~300 invited speakers/panelists
- Thousands of documents and videos
- Numerous journal publications
- Continued popularity of publications, documents and videos

Features of the Summits

- Complete history of all activities
 - Advantage: rich source of materials
 - Disadvantage: includes much that is incomplete or misleading
 - Disadvantage: heavily used by web crawlers/bots
- Sessions are streamed, video recorded and publicly available
 - Advantage: not necessary to attend the session
 - Disadvantage: fewer participants at the sessions

Evolution of the Summit

- Sessions have one or two speakers rather than a large panel.
 - Advantage: greater depth
 - Disadvantage: less interaction and coverage
- Shorter sessions and more sessions
- No focused objective to be achieved at each summit
 - However, there are exceptions

Evolution of the Communiqué

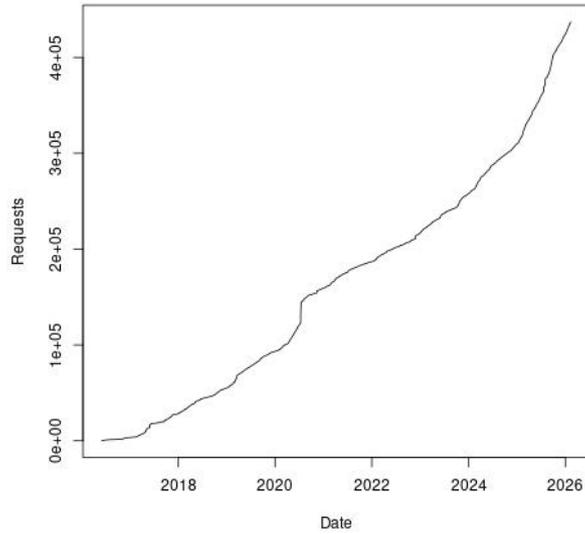
- Longer and more detailed communiqués, published in peer-reviewed journals
- Endorsements are no longer being collected
 - Do endorsements matter?

Communities

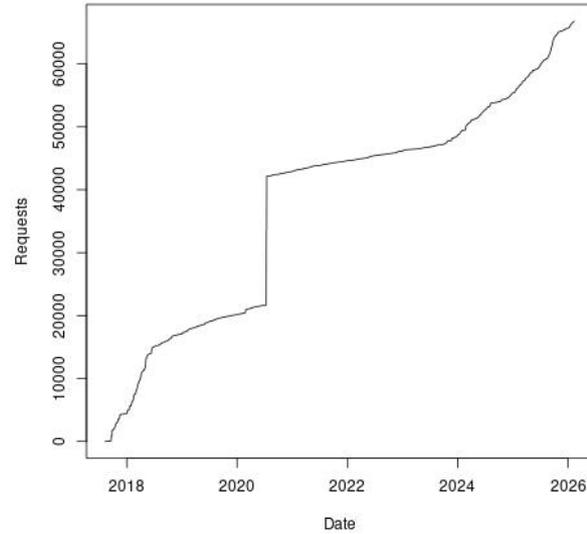
- Ontolog Forum
 - About 1400 members in 3 mailing lists
 - Members have namesake pages on the wiki
 - Issues are raised and discussed
 - Board of Trustees enforces policies and organizes summits and other series
- Ontology Summit YouTube Channel
 - 1785 subscribers
 - No equivalent to a namesake page
 - Commentary on the videos with occasional discussion
 - No management

Popularity

Total Views



Contexts in Context Views



Knowledge Graphs Views

