

Preface

This book contains the short papers of the Third International IFIP Working Conference on Enterprise Interoperability, IWEI 2011, held March 22-23, 2011, in Stockholm, Sweden, and the papers of the co-located IWEI Workshops, held on March 21, 2011. IWEI 2011 was the third in a series of international events on enterprise interoperability. Previous events took place in Munich, Germany (2008) and Valencia, Spain (2009). The IWEI series of events aim at identifying and discussing challenges and solutions with respect to enterprise interoperability, with the purpose of achieving flexible cross-organizational collaboration through integrated support at business and technical levels.

The IWEI Working Conference highlighted developments in the following areas: scientific foundations for specifying, analyzing and validating interoperability solutions; architectural frameworks for addressing interoperability challenges from different viewpoints and at different levels of abstraction; maturity models to evaluate and rank interoperability solutions with respect to distinguished quality criteria; and working sets of practical solutions and tools that can be applied to interoperability problems to date. Furthermore, a special theme was chosen for IWEI 2011, which crosscuts the aforementioned areas, namely: “Interoperability and Future Internet for Next-Generation Enterprises.” This means that special attention was given to the interoperability needs of Next-Generation Enterprises and how these needs are shaped and supported by the emerging Future Internet.

The IWEI Workshops complemented the topics of the IWEI Working Conference and explored new issues and solutions in enterprise interoperability. This was done in four separate workshops: (1) Enterprise 2.0 – Using Internet 2.0 Technologies in Enterprise Management; (2) Semantic Interoperability in the Scope of Future Energy Smart Grids; (3) Advanced Results in MDI/SOA Innovation; and (4) Standards Ensuring Enterprise Interoperability and Collaboration – State of the Art and Perspectives. More than the Working Conference, the Workshops offered opportunities to discuss issues raised during the paper presentations and to brainstorm about possible solution directions.

The first workshop explored the results, experiences, required action and potential value of the Enterprise 2.0 with industry practitioners and members of the academic community. Enterprise 2.0 is the use of emergent social internet focused software platforms within companies, or between companies and their partners or customers.

The second workshop elaborated emerging topics of enterprise architecture and semantic interoperability in the scope of the future Energy Smart Grids. In particular, it considered the Enterprise Architecture of Utilities focusing on Smart Grids and the semantic integration of Smart Grids layers, data models and transport technologies.

The third workshop presented the latest results in the domain of Model Driven Interoperability (MDI) and Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) concerning research

projects and the transfer towards industry. Topics of Interoperability Services, Reference Ontologies and Business-IT alignment were addressed. The workshop is a follow-up of the I-ESA 2010 workshop in Coventry, UK.

The fourth workshop focused on awareness of interoperability standards enabling real life collaboration of enterprises. Furthermore, the workshop identified new approaches of the evolution of standards for services in the Future Internet perspective as well as implementation of standards in SME networks.

IWEI 2011 was organized by the IFIP Working Group 5.8 on Enterprise Interoperability in cooperation with INTEROP-VLab. The objective of IFIP WG5.8 is to advance and disseminate research and development results in the area of enterprise interoperability. The IWEI series of events provide an excellent platform to discuss the ideas that have emerged from IFIP WG5.8 meetings, or, reversely, to transfer issues that were raised at the conference to the IFIP community for further contemplation and investigation.

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