

I. Details of event

- **topics**

Semantic Data Management, Big Data, Scalability
Digital Humanities and Cultural Collections metadata and semantics
Digital Libraries, Information Retrieval, Big, Linked & Social Data
Synthesis of Semantic Models
Information Extraction and Retrieval
Open Repositories, Research Information Systems and Data Infrastructures

- **audience / target groups**

Much of the audience for the MTSR 2016 Conference fell between computer scientists, data scientists, library and information scientists, and metadata professionals for cultural heritage institutions (libraries, museums, archives, etc.).

- **speakers**

There were a great deal of speakers at the conference. Both Keynote speakers (Dr. Johannes Keizer and Dr. Philipp Cimiano) spoke on interesting yet diverse topics.

Other speakers of interest to my work included:
Mariana Curado Malta, Haris Georgiadis, Theo van Veen, and Panorea Gaitanou.

- **formats**

Formats included workshops, papers and presentations, panel discussions and a poster session with brief explanations of the posters.

Papers were distributed in a book Titled Metadata and Semantics Research (10th International Conference, MTSR 2016)

- **internet address of event and/or**

<http://www.mtsr-conf.org/>

- **links to event documentation (if applicable)**

<http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319491561>

II. Information on your contribution(s)

- **Please describe briefly the contents of your poster, paper or presentation**

My paper, Challenges of Mapping Digital Collections Metadata to Schema.org: Working with CONTENTdm, discusses the process of enhancing rich curated metadata for digital collections to be more accessible to the semantic web, utilising Schema.org, a structured semantic schema created and used by major search engines.

III. Highlights of the event

- **From your professional point of view, please indicate the most interesting contents discussed, statements made and/or insights gained during the event**

The most interesting contents for me, as a metadata specialist in a library, were the discussions on digital humanities, including the Semantics.gr presentation, the many discussions on mapping semantics (I previously had no knowledge of CIDOC CRM but will explore this more now due to the overwhelming attention it received during the conference), and the application of linked data tools to enhance user access to digital collections (Linking Named Entities in Dutch Historical Newspapers).

I also found both keynote talks (lemon: A lexicon model for ontologies, and 18 years of engagement for metadata and semantics in agriculture: was it worth the effort?) to be very interesting though

IV. Best practice

- **Please tell us about any best practice examples presented at the event that may be relevant to the professional community in your home country**

While there weren't any best practice examples discussed, there were a few test cases or specific use cases that I found interesting and relevant to library metadata. The semantics.gr study of dc: type mappings was particularly interesting and relevant to curated digital collections metadata, and the Linking Named Entities in Dutch Historical Newspapers experiment was a really good example of using digital collections metadata and linked data to enhance users experience with digital collections.

V. Post production: implementation and dissemination

- **Finally, please tell us what you will take with you from the event i.e. what you may follow up and implement in your own work / in your own library**

Much of the work discussed at the conference was theoretical, however the conference discussed linked open data, and as a metadata specialist it is always my hope to make our library material as accessible as possible. I think the biggest thing I took with me from the event is a different way of thinking about data and the semantic web.

- **Let us know briefly how you will share the information gained through participation in the event with your professional community**

I intend to share the information through discussion in meetings with colleagues, hopefully engaging in discussions where we could utilize some of the tools learned about at the conference.