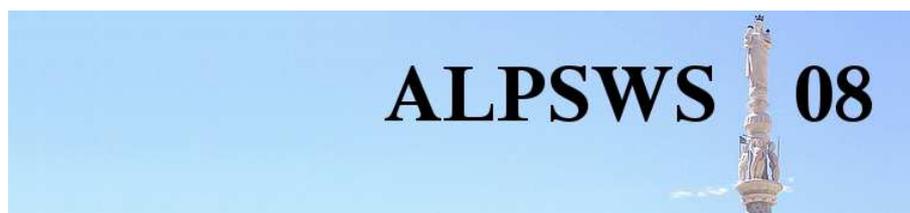

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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the third international workshop on *Applications of Logic Programming to the (Semantic) Web and Web Services (ALPSWS2008)* held on the 12th of December 2008 in Udine, Italy, as part of the 24th International Conference on Logic Programming (ICLP 2008).

The advent of the Semantic Web promises machine readable semantics and a machine-processable next generation of the Web. The first step in this direction is the annotation of static data on the Web by machine processable information about knowledge and its structure by means of Ontologies. The next step in this direction is the annotation of dynamic applications and services invocable over the Web in order to facilitate automation of discovery, selection and composition of semantically described services and data sources on the Web by intelligent methods; this is called Semantic Web Services.

Many workshops and conferences have been dedicated to these promising areas, mostly covering generic topics. The ALPSWS workshop series has a slightly different goal. Rather than bringing together people from a wide variety of research fields with different understandings of the topic, we have tried to focus on the various application areas and approaches in this domain from the perspective of declarative logic programming (LP).

The workshop provides a snapshot of the state of the art of the applications of LP to the Semantic Web and to Semantic Web Services, with the following main objectives and benefits:

- Bring together people from different sub-disciplines of LP to focus on technological solutions and applications from LP to the problems of the Web.
- Promote further research in this interesting application field.

The 2008 edition of ALPSWS includes work on the topic of *integrating ontologies and rules*, but also integration with machine learning. Furthermore, we can see an interest in *integration with database technology*, a prerequisite for large-scale adoption of Semantic Web technology. Then, two important challenges in reasoning on the Web are addressed, namely combining open- and closed-world reasoning and *reasoning with large data sets*. Finally, there is an application of logic programming to service description and drug discovery.

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