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Preface

The 5th Open Knowledge Conference (OKCon) is an interdisciplinary conference that brings together individuals from across the open knowledge spectrum for a day of presentations and workshops.

Open knowledge promises significant social and economic benefits in a wide range of areas from governance to science, culture to technology. Opening up access to content and data can radically increase access and reuse, improving transparency, fostering innovation and increasing societal welfare.

This is a time of great change. In addition to high profile initiatives such as Wikipedia, OpenStreetMap and the Human Genome Project, there is enormous growth among open knowledge projects and communities at all levels. Moreover, in the last year, many governments across the world have begun opening up their data.

And it doesn't stop there. In academia, open access to both publications and data has been gathering momentum, and similar calls to open up learning materials have been heard in education. Furthermore this gathering flood of open data and content is the creator and driver of massive technological change. How can we make this data available, how can we connect it together, how can we use it collaborate and share our work?

We thank all members of the program committee for providing their time and expertise for selecting the presentations and papers. All their help made this conference possible.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference.

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