BABYLON & ONTOLOGY
The European Educational Social Network

Babylon & ONtology: Multilingual and cognitive e-Learning Management System via PDA phone.
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A few words from the Project Manager

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Dear BONy enthusiasts,

Time flies and we have already entered the fourth and latest quarter of our project. We have already achieved a lot of hard but fruitful and enjoyable work we are sure to lead to a good end.

Some months ago, we organized the pilot test of the first version of BONy course, but only in English. It was structured around a preliminary survey on users' expectations on PCM and e-learning methodology, an entry test to assess the user's knowledge on PCM, the e-learning course structured around five sections and a concluding survey on users' experiences and feeling.

A total of 130 users from 14 countries joined our BONy platform and participated to pilot test. They were University researchers, post-graduated and PhD students, researchers on ICT and education, business managers and employees, vocational training service providers and civil servants from the Italian Ministry of education.

The main conclusions we draw from this first pilot test is that our project tends to satisfy a never cover need that is about European project management but that the profiling and personalization of contents are substantial to make our product even more attractive for the users.

It is a very encouraging conclusion and we now finalize the development and consolidation of our BONy social network that will allow the users to express their skills and capability and results in a personalisation of the course contents. The next step will thus be a new pilot testing of the newly released version supported on a PDA phone.

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A deeper insight into BONy Social Network

Apart from being a cognitive e-learning Management Systems (LMS), BONy is also a new-generation **social network** whose main objective is to create a "**friend-of-a-friend" expert community** to exchange know-how on various topics such as European project management, learning, R&D, education, etc. Being a European network, its reach for a further integration, inter-cultural dialogue can be fully achieved and fruitful for European cooperation in research and project development.

In the latest months, the BONY consortium concentrated on the effective development and functioning of the adaptive and intuitive e-learning system able to learn and to configure itself according to its understanding and interaction with learners' requirements, to generate random tests on the formative units required and to verify trainees' progress. Users can now express their skills and capability for creating their own profile and access a better adapted network and BONy course on Project Cycle Management.

BONy social network offers the following sections:

- Training: allows to start learning with an interaction option amongst users, to organise their time and activities through forums, a virtual meeting room, announcement and a brand new BONy blog.

- My Profile: register, update or unsubscribe to BONy social network. (it is moved under community)

- Agenda: to manage a personal agenda adding events and displaying them.

- Progress: to review your course progresses to better plan your participation.

- Wiki: to get large information on PCM brought by the other users or for you to bring valuable contributions.

- Community: active on-line environment (or Social Network) where every body shares knowledge and benefits from the others'.

- Semantic and Multilingual Search engine useful to retrieve the required information among e-course lessons, in the suitable language.

In a few weeks, BONy platform will be translated to all languages however the Community will still be in English.

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Latest News

- The last transnational meeting of BONy project was held in Zielona Góra (Poland) on last June, 4th and 5th 2009.

- Aldo Gangemi and Valentina Presutti, Research Scientists at the Semantic Technology LAB (STLAB) - Institute for Cognitive Sciences and Technology (ISTC) and especially partner in BONy project, presented their latest paper on "Frame Detection on Semantic Web" (underlining BONy support acknowledgement) at the 6th Annual European Semantic Web Conference in Heraklion (Greece) on last 31st May - 4th June 2009:

http://www.eswc2009.org/program-menu/accepted-papers

- Alfio Massimiliano Gliozzo, a Research Scientist at the Semantic Technology LAB (STLAB) - Institute for Cognitive Sciences and Technology (ISTC) and especially partner in BONy project, presented his latest paper on "Bridging Languages by Super-Sense Entity Tagging" at the "Joint conference of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 4th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing of the Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing" on last 2nd- 7th August 2009:

www.acl-ijcnlp-2009.org

- BONy is now on Xing, Facebook and LinkedIn. We have created a profile, a group and a discussion board, respectively, to get closer to BONy users and any other interested person.

- **BONy social network is ready, you can register now!**

  Free until December 2009.

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Next Events

- BONy PCM course and special network will be available on PDA. Great testing will start at the end of November 2009.

  To participate, register on line from November 1st 2009, at:

  http://social.bonynetwork.eu

- Web seminars will be organised in the different project participating regions to give a personalised presentation of our products to the future actors of European scene.

- CNR in Rome will welcome our major dissemination event in December 2009. For further information, please visit our web site.

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