

## **OASIS LegalXML Steering Committee Nominee - 2012**

With this letter I would like to nominate myself for an “at large” OASIS LegalXML Steering Committee seat.

As Associate Professor of the University of Bologna, CIRSFD, I am the delegated representative to OASIS from my institution. I am entitled to participate on the monthly meetings of the committee and promote the work and growth of the LegalXML Member Section.

I am also co-chair of two new TCs in LegalXML Member Section, LegalDocML and LegalRuleML, that I promoted and now supported by over 40 other members. These TCs aim to provide a set of standards for modeling legal documents (e.g. legislative document, act, parliamentary document, judiciary document, etc.) beginning with the structure and expanding to legal knowledge including modeling normative rules. I have been a member of OASIS LegalXML since 2010.

In the last year, as a member of the LegalXML Steering Committee, I have promoted the following initiatives:

1. Proposed the creation of the new LegalRuleML and LegalDocumentML TCs. I have contacted potential new members, written the charters, and disseminated the two initiatives in several conferences and workshops;
2. Presented for the LegalRuleML TC at the RuleML2011 conference, for the LegalDocML TC in a UN XML workshop in Washington DC and in Brasilia to Latin American Parliaments.
3. Co-chaired the LegalRuleML and LegalDocML TCs and am actively contributing in the definition of the technical issues of both of committee;
4. Presented a LegalRuleML tutorial at the RuleML2012 conference and at the Summer School LEX2012 including a special Akoma Ntoso Dev Workshop focused on LegalDocML tools.

Due to these initiatives LegalXML membership has increased.

New events are being planned for continuing the LegalXML outcomes exploitation:

1. August 27, Montpellier, RuleML2012 includes a LegalRuleML tutorial <http://dbis.informatik.tu-cottbus.de/ruleml2012/program.html>;
2. Sept. 10-18 Summer School LEX2012, Ravenna, is dedicated to the LegalDocML outcomes;
3. Sept. 13-15, Rome, World e-Parliament Conference 2012, we will present LegalDocML TC results and goals <http://www.ictparliament.org/WePC2012>
4. Oct.27-Nov. 1 Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, Business Rule Forum2012, we will have the occasion to hold a
5. special session on LegalRuleML TC outcomes <http://www.buildingbusinesscapability.com/2012/thursday>;

6. Dec. 17-19, Amsterdam, Jurix2012, I will propose a new workshop for presenting LegalDocML and LegalRuleML <http://conference.jurix.nl/2012/>

For the next year I will continue to promote LegalRuleML and LegalDocML and to create new occasions for incoming initiatives in the LegalXML Member Section. LegalXML is one of the oldest member sections of OASIS and is the most interdisciplinary due to the vertical legal domain. I am honored to serve LegalXML that represents the perfect incarnation of the Legal Informatics spirit.

### **Biography**

Monica Palmirani, Associate professor of Computer Science and Law at Bologna University, School of Law, Italy. Graduated in Mathematic, Ph.D. in Legal Informatics and IT Law, teacher of several courses since 2001 on Legal Informatics, eGovernment, Legal drafting techniques, and Legal XML.

She is member of CIRSFID, one of the main centers of excellence in Italy and one of the leading centers at the international level for the area of computer science and law.

She is the Director of Ph.D. International Program Erasmus Mundus Law, Science and Technology (<http://www.last-jd.eu>), coordinator of the eGov module in the Master in the Law of New technologies, Director of the Summer School Legislative XML (<http://summerschoollex.cirsfid.unibo.it>) organized by the University of Bologna, Ravenna, with the goal of disseminating the usage of Legal XML in the public agencies, respecting and guaranteeing the legal principles embedded in the legal document form. She leads the LEXML.it group inside of a European legal XML network, she is co-chair of LegalRuleML and LegalDocML OASIS TCs (2012).

The principal field of research is in Legislative and Legal Informatics, in particular she is an expert of XML techniques for modeling legal documents both in structure and legal knowledge aspects, including normative rules. She is proficient in Legal Drafting techniques supported by ICT and she manages several public administration projects (e.g. with the Supreme Court of Cassation of Italy, Senate of Italy, Authority of Privacy in Italy, European Parliament, Inter-America Bank for Development, United Nations) to improve legal quality, to design legal information system, and to apply point-in-time ICT techniques. She is a member of the AKOMA NTOSO project managed by the UN/DESA, which aims to promote XML standard for e-Parliament in Africa. She is also a part of the technical committee of the standardization process of the CEN MetaLex Workshop (European XML legal standard) and of the NormeInRete government initiative for the standardization of legal documents in Italy. She has contributed to the ontological aspects of the Legal Knowledge Interchange Format (LKIF-core) and to the formal representation of legal norms in LKIF-Rules. She is member of the RuleML Technical Group, and of OASIS, serving in the LegalXML Member Section. In 2009 she was invited to give a lecture at Stanford University, School of Law, within an initiative promoted by CodeX (Stanford Center for Computers and Law, part of the Stanford Research Program in Law, Science and Technology), in 2009 she was a visiting professor at NICTA – Brisbane, Australia (August 2009) and in 2010 she was visiting professor in Stanford University into the CodeX Center (July-August 2010).