

## *Call for Papers*

### **JURIX 2003**

# **International Workshop on the Development of Standards for Describing Legal Documents**

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Legal Information Systems*

Public administrations, enterprises and citizens are confronted with a growing quantity and complexity of rules, regulations and case law, from various sources at international, European, national, local and enterprise level. This development raises various issues regarding the manageability of these texts for both drafters and users.

Developing standards for the structure and content of (para)legal documents using techniques from ICT -- most notably XML and Semantic Web technologies -- may prove helpful in improving the access to, and development, quality and maintenance of these legal sources. On the other hand, the implementation and deployment of such standards within existing business processes and ICT facilities of organizations raises many issues of its own.

This workshop intends to provide a forum for end-users, researchers and developers from various organizations and backgrounds involved in this field: publishers, public administrations, legal practitioners, academics, software developers etc.

### **Workshop Format**

The intended format of the workshop is to have a small number of invited presentations by representatives of the various stakeholders in the field, and ample time for discussion about issues like:

- Do we need such standards?
- Who should set the standards?
- What is the best way to promote these standards?

Grouped around the invited lectures, we may have short presentations of others. We welcome short position statements (max. 2-3 pages) addressing aspects of standard development and implementation in the legal field.

Papers and expression of interest should be sent to one of the organizers, preferably by email, in plain text, PDF or PostScript format, before *November 15<sup>th</sup> 2003*.

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