Dear SEMANTiCS 2017 visitor!

Only a few days left! We are very much looking forward to having you in Amsterdam for the conference! Here are some more **details** to guarantee a successful and interesting visit.

A)   Registration desks / Collecting your conference bag & badges

Please take your ticket(s) with you.

The infodesks at the Meervaart Theater, will be open for registration/collecting your badges and conference bag, etc. at the following times

Monday, **11.09.2017** (first floor):	**08:00-10:30** and **12:00-14:00** check-in for workshops and pre-registration for conference
Tuesday, **12.09.2017** (ground floor):	**07:30-08:30** Early morning registration for exhibitors **08:00-17:30** Visitors and delegates
Wednesday, **13.09.2017** (ground floor):	**08:00-17:30** Visitors and delegates
Thursday, **14.09.2017** (first floor):	**08:00-10:30** and **12:00-14:00** check-in for workshops and dbpedia day

Please note, in order to avoid jams/delays, make sure that, if possible you make use of the **pre-registration service on September 11th** already. Especially, in case you arrive only on the main days of the conference, make sure at least to be there enough in advance, to avoid long queues/jams. Registration desks open grouped by first letters of your last name.

You get a conference bag at the registration desk. You find all informations (such as WIFI and Programme) you need for a successful conference in there

B)   Participate in our pre- and post conference workshops

Once having a workshop pass (passes are at 40,-excl. registration fee and VAT), you should sign up for one of our 17 workshops and tutorials.

Get more informations and sign up at www.semantics.cc/workshops

C) Access the area

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- Tram 1, direction de Aker: Meer en Vaart stop. Keep Sloterplas to your right, you will then see De Meervaart on your left after a four-minute walk.

- Tram 17, direction Osdorp: Ruimzicht stop. This stop is right on the Meervaart.

CAR

You can park your car at the Parking garage, located very near to the theatre at Osdorpplein 249, 1068 ER Amsterdam. Coming from de Lelylaan (A10 junction 106) take a right turn at the T-intersection. Turn left at the second traffic light. You should see the Parking garage at your left-hand side. From there it is just a two minute walk to the theater.

Osdorpplein Parking
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 21:30 p.m.
- exit 24 hours a day
- rate per 30 minutes € 0.50
- day parking ticket at the bar from De Meervaart € 8,00

TAXI

You can recognise licensed taxis by their roof lights displaying the name of their operator (see below) and their blue number plates.

Official taxi operators in Amsterdam
- Taxicentrale Amsterdam (TCA) (with online booking service) – 020-777 7777
- Staxi (with online booking service) – 020 705 8888
- Taxistad (with online booking service) – 020-208 0000
- STA (Stads Taxi Amsterdam) – 020 354 2232
- Taxi Direct Amsterdam (with online booking service) – 020-633 3333
- My Taxi Centrale (with online booking service) – 020-475 0320
- TCS Schipholtaxi (with online booking service) – 0900 900 6666
- Taxi Electric (with online booking service) – 088-100 4444
- Aemstel Taxi (with online booking service) – 0900-0288

D) At the conference

Wardrobe

A wardrobe for coats will be available at the conference, but please **avoid if any possible to bring your luggage/large bags to the conference**: since the wardrobe area has limited space, we'd appreciate if you could leave your luggage at the hotel, if possible, also to avoid queues at the wardrobe after the conference closing.

E) Social events

September 11th, 2017, MeetUp
Beer, Wine, Chips and Cheese - The Tasty Linked Data Experience

Solving complex problems within supply chains with experts from different domains asks for smart collaboration to break down organizational and technical silo's. Linked Data is a vital element to build up such smart collaboration networks and solve interoperability challenges, which helps breaking down those silo's. This meetup will give the audience some clear and insightful examples from the food, drink and health industry.

- **Organized by:** Platform Linked Data Netherlands (PLDN)

- **Supported by:** TNO, PoolParty, SEMANTiCS
- **Place**: Theatre Meervaart, Meer en Vaart 300, 1068 LE Amsterdam Netherlands
- **Time**: Entrance: 18:30pm CET ; Start event: 19:00 - 21:00pm CET
- **Costs**: free, registration needed (for people registered to the conference: registration is not mandatory)

September 12th, 2017, Conference Dinner

At the evening of September 12 please join us for a very special conference dinner. An evening combining a boat trip through Amsterdam's unique cluster of canals, with the culinary experience of a real Indonesian dinner buffet. A fleet of six original Amsterdam Salon Boats take the SEMANTiCS conference crowd through the "Grachts" - allow you to admire the elegant homes of the merchants along the canals, which have been there since the Golden Age, unparalleled façades and frontages, beautiful churches and many other sights, which are unique to Amsterdam.

- Two shuttle busses start from Meervaart at 17:45 and 18:00. Boarding will be at at Steiger Stadhuis en Muziek- theater (Stopera), centrum Amsterdam. Our round trip will return to the same pier at 20:30.

F) Further opportunities to contribute

Let us note that we still have some open calls. We would appreciate if you consider to contribute or send the CFP to any interested colleague.

Vocarnival
The Vocabulary Carnival at SEMANTiCS 2017 is a unique opportunity for vocabulary publishers to showcase and share their work, meet the growing community of vocabulary publishers and users, and build useful semantic, technical and social links. If your work involves an ontology, we would like to encourage you to submit this ontology to the Vocarnival. More info: https://2017.semantics.cc/vocarnival.

DBpedia day
During the SEMANTiCS 2017 the DBpedia Community will get together on the 14th of September for the DBpedia Day. Contribution proposals include (but not limited to) presentation, posters, demos, lightning talks and session suggestions. More info: http://wiki.dbpedia.org/meetings/Amsterdam2017