

# SCHAC

A common SCHema for ACademia

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In order to achieve this, the parties need a common language with semantics and syntax that both of them understand



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as seen from outside the US ;-)

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an European approach

with a world view

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- When the group was happy enough, an schema definition was first published



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### Personal characteristics (1)

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- **schacPersonalCharacteristics**

### Personal characteristics (2)

- schacGender
- schacDateOfBirth
- *schacYearOfBirth (experimental)*
- schacPlaceOfBirth
- schacCountryOfCitizenship



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- schacPersonalCharacteristics
- **schacContactLocation**

### Contact / Local information

- schacHomeOrganization
- schacHomeOrganizationType
- schacCountryOfResidence
- schacUserPresenceID



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### Authorization, entitlements

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- **schacGroupMembership**

### Group information *recently graduated*

- schacProjectMembership
- schacProjectSpecificRole





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- RedIRIS uses SCHAC internally and recommends its use in Spain

Intentionally non exhaustive



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It is useful for testing new attributes without disturbing the stabilized schema and for work in progress.



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## Populating an empty branch

The Bologna process will move lots of them around.



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## URN registry

Setting up a distributed URN registry so, each one is responsible for their delegated namespaces.



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## Expanding the schema

- Fine grained relationship description
- Importing some good ideas from down under



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# Thank you

## Questions?

answers not assured