

DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting

September 2016

Present: Bill Block, Jared Lyle, Steve McEachern, Leanne Trimble, Joachim Wackerow

Strategic Plan

- a. Discussed the next phase of DDI Alliance development, including Moving Forward. Will be discussing long-term infrastructure and funding proposals at Dagstuhl, which may affect the timeline. Discussed how the Alliance needs to formalize and streamline organizational growth terms. The “DDI Work Management” document describes decision-making processes and structure. What are the funding sources for growth? Also discussed leveraging the FAIR principles and ‘the reproducible research’ concept to promote and/or frame the work the DDI does. We will revisit this discussion and set dates at the next Executive Board meeting -- after we review the Moving Forward project and the outcomes of the October Dagstuhl meetings.

Moving Forward Project (DDI4)

- a. Upcoming Sprints
 - i) Dagstuhl, [week one](#) (October 17-21)
 - ii) Dagstuhl, [week two](#) (October 24-28)

Marketing and Promotion update

- a. [RDA for Disciplines](#) section – Is there an opportunity to promote DDI as a connective group within this space? Will discuss with George Alter.
- b. [Transparency Initiative](#) -- Steve and Jared met with the Transparency Initiative leadership to discuss mutual endorsement. They are discussing the proposal with their board. We also submitted a DDI workshop, with TI focus, to AAPOR.
- c. Total Survey Error – Suggested it would be good for DDI to connect with the TSE group.
- d. European Social Survey -- Wendy Thomas met with ESS staff at the 3MC conference and discussed the opportunity for DDI to work with them. Note that this group is already using DDI in some aspects of their work.

Training Group update

- a. Training video/Webinar -- If people have suggestions for topics and/or use cases, please send them to the Training Group.

Technical and Scientific Issues

Future Agenda items

1. Review the Moving Forward project.
2. FY 17 special request:
 - a. Programmers -- Need to outsource some of the technical work to paid programmers.
 - b. Project Manager for DDI4
 - c. Scenarios for fulfilling requests (will follow November review)

Placeholders

- a) Election to fill open Executive Board seat (was David Schiller's seat).
- b) Arofan Gregory was to represent the DDI Alliance at the [Workshop on Implementing Standards for Statistical Modernisation](#) in Geneva, Switzerland on 21-23 September.
- c) Achim Wackerow will represent the DDI Alliance and present on "DDI and Its Role on Modernising Official Statistics in the Post-2015 Development Period" at the [Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission](#) meeting in Turkey on 5-6 November.

Next Call:

November