DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting
16 January 2019

Present: Cathy Fitch, Maggie Levenstein, Jared Lyle, Steve McEachern, Dana Mueller, Barry Radler, Joachim Wackerow

Open Letter Response

Steve recently distributed to the community the Executive Board's brief response to the Open Letter from Dan Gillman and colleagues. As a next step, Steve will integrate the existing Board comments into the Board's longer response.

The members of the Board should take one more look at the longer response to insure it characterizes the differences of opinion expressed in earlier Board discussions. Board members should provide feedback to Steve by the end of the month.

Steve will also reach out to Wendy Thomas about the initial comments about the prototype review and incorporate those into the draft response.

DDI 4 Prototype Review

The review period closes February 4th. The Technical Committee will summarize a technical response. The Executive Board discussed the need to decide the means it should use to review the feedback.

Steve will invite Wendy Thomas, Chair of the Technical Committee, to the February meeting to discuss the outcomes of the DDI 4 reviews (both the internal review that exposed modeling issues, as well as the outcome of the Public Review).

We need a comprehensive report. Who responded? How they think this will be useful? What they would like to see?

DDI Workshop about Comparing Similar Data in Different Countries

Dana is organizing a workshop about metadata for cross country comparison of similar data. The workshop would invite DDI experts, data providers, and researchers. Dana is in need of workshop costing information. Both Achim and Jared can provide assistance.

Agenda for Upcoming Executive Board Meetings

The Board discussed upcoming agenda topics and decided on the following:
- DDI 4 prototype review (February)
- Community consultation on the strategic directions/plan (March)

- Governance issues; Scientific Board (March)
- Budget discussion and agenda for the annual meeting (April)
- Revenue generation (May)