The Challenge of Qualitative Data:
Standardizing metadata structures and the DDI

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Gothenburg, Sweden

What, Where and Why?

Calling all DDI Users in Europe who are actively working with qualitative metadata!

A 3-day workshop is being held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from 7–9th December 2011 after the third European DDI Users Group Meeting (EDDI) to discuss the challenges of qualitative data.

This meeting is a continuation of the work already done by the DDI Alliance Working Group (WG) on Qualitative Data. This face-to-face meeting offers us an opportunity to produce *a detailed technical report* on recommendations for modifying and improving the current DDI-Lifecycle Specification, and *a best practice paper* on using DDI with qualitative data. These topics cover the second half of the meeting from Day 2 afternoon to Day 3. The programme details will be developed in Gothenburg.

The meeting is open to everybody interested in contributing to this work. We welcome participants who are already working with archiving qualitative data and technical staff who are charged with providing metadata and access solutions in their archives.

The workshop is sponsored by the DDI Alliance and is being hosted by the Swedish National Data Service (SND) based in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Organizing Committee are Louise Corti (UKDA), Arja Kuula and Jani Hautamäki (FSD), Arofan Gregory (Metadata Technologies, North America), and Joachim Wackerow (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences).

Who should attend?

The meeting welcome participants already part of the DDI Alliance WG who are working closely with archiving qualitative data. Technical knowledge of metadata is a basic requirement so you can fully participate. If you are charged with handing qualitative data ingest, processing, discovery or visualization but are not metadata-savvy, you will need to bring a technical colleague with you. We welcome technical staff who are charged with providing metadata and access solutions in their archives.

What is EDDI?

EDDI is designed to provide an annual European forum where DDI Users from Europe can gather to showcase their work and their progress toward DDI adoption, as well as discuss any questions or challenges they may have about the standard. EDDI will include presentations, poster sessions, and discussion sessions. The meeting will close with "meet the experts" session in which users will have a chance to talk about their experiences with representatives from the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC) of the DDI Alliance. The philosophy of EDDI is to be an open, inclusive DDI community-building activity.

Additional information

Further details (the exact location, accommodation, lunch arrangements, etc) will be available in due course on EDDI 2011 web page: http://www.iza.org/eddi11

We invite all individuals interested in participating to write an email to eddi11qualitative@iza.org.

Wednesday 7th December: Day 1
Introduction and recap on progress and existing work.

08:45 – 09:00   Registration.

09:00 – 09:15   Introduction and welcome.
Speakers: Joachim Wackerow, Louise Corti.

09:15 – 10:00   Overview of existing work on metadata by DDI Alliance WG.
Speakers: Arofan Gregory, Louise Corti.

10:00 – 10:30   Use cases from different qualitative data categories:
- Simple, closed qualitative objects (e.g. image and audio files).
- Qualitative objects where file interconnections and sub-file level metadata makes sense (e.g. audio, video and transcription of an interview).
- Encoded and quantified qualitative data.
- Other categories.

Speakers: Larry Hoyle and TBD.

10:30 – 10:45   Break.

10:45 – 12:15   Continuing previous block.

12:15 – 13:15   Lunch.

13:15 – 15:15   How these qualitative data categories (cf. use cases above) are currently described. Each presenter is to bring examples of typical and atypical collections. Brief presentations (~20 minutes each) from archives:
- UKDA
- FSD
- Wisdom
- DANS
- Ensemble
- Timescapes

15:15 – 15:30   Break.

15:30 – 17:00   Discussion and definitions of requirements of qualitative data categories. Which can be addressed using DDI2, DDI-L, TEI, Qudex or other existing standards?

Thursday 8th December: Day 2
What we have and what we need (the metadata and tools gap)

09:00 – 10:30　Which needs cannot be addressed by current metadata structures?

10:30 – 10:45　Break.

10:45 – 12:15　Continuing previous block.
High-level-discussion: which structures can be the solution?

12:15 – 13:15　Lunch.

13:15 – 15:00　Review of the structure of DDI-Lifecycle (DDI 3 branch).
Work on the detailed technical report on recommendations for modifying and improving the current DDI-Lifecycle Specification (Version 3.1, October 2009).
Break-out group begins the work on the best practice paper.

15:00 – 15:15　Break.

15:15 – 17:00　Continuing previous block.

Friday 9th December: Day 3
Metadata structure and best practices

09:00 – 10:30　Continuing from Day 2 afternoon.

10:30 – 10:45　Break.

10:45 – 12:15　Continuing previous block.

12:15 – 13:15　Lunch.

13:15 – 14:45　Continuing previous block.

14:45 – 15:00　Break.

15:00 – 16:00　Status of work on the technical report and on the best practice paper. Discussion of open issues, detailed description of next steps. Next steps, future meetings?

16:00　　　　　Closing.