Calling All DDI Users in Europe!

The International Data Service Center (IDSC) of IZA (http://idsc.iza.org/) and GESIS (http://www.gesis.org/) are joining forces to encourage DDI adoption and proliferation. To that end, in December 2009 the two organizations will launch the **first annual European DDI User Group Meeting: EDDI**! This meeting is being arranged by Nikos Askitas (IZA) and Joachim Wackerow (GESIS).

EDDI 09 will take place December 04 at the IDSC of IZA in Bonn, Germany. The day before on December 03, the DDI Alliance (http://www.ddialliance.org/) will sponsor a half-day DDI course, “Putting DDI to Work for You!”

**Why You Should Attend**

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 a “meet the experts” session in which users will have a chance to lobby for their point of view with representatives from the Technical Implementation Committee of the DDI Alliance.

**EDDI in the Future**

The philosophy of EDDI is to be an open, inclusive DDI community-building activity. In this spirit, while GESIS and the IDSC of IZA will be running EDDI, with the IDSC of IZA being the regular host, we strongly hope to take EDDI on the road across Europe so that the community converges at a different institution every year where DDI is being adopted or considered for adoption. The host institution will then get a chance to appoint the third co-organizer for that year.

**Call For Papers**

A call for papers will be posted at http://www.iza.org/eddi09 soon. If you would like to be notified, please email your contact data to mailto:idsc@iza.org.