DDI Developers Group Report 2012/13

Submitted by Johan Fihn

The DDI Developers community is a group of developers implementing software applications on the basis of the DDI specification. Currently, most of them focus on DDI Lifecycle, but software development on the basis of DDI Codebook is still going on as well. Developers are coming from archives, research institutions, and commercial companies. The DDI Developers community is not a DDI Alliance working group. The common understanding is that the development of software on the basis of a specification like DDI is a different operation than the development of the specification itself.

The community has had three meetings during the past year. In total 51 developers from 22 different organizations have participated in these meetings.

The community had a one-day meeting before the 38th IASSIST conference in Washington, DC, USA, on June 5, 2012. 24 persons from 15 different organizations participated.

Topics discussed:

- DDI 3.2 Changes and questions to TIC
- REST Protocol
- Issue tracker and subversion repository visibility
- DDI Tools Demonstrations
- Versioning and retrieving versions

A second meeting was held in connection with the RC33 conference in Sydney, Australia, on 13 July 2012. 12 persons from 8 different organizations participated.

Topics discussed:

- DDI REST Interfaces
- Easy DDI Editor (EDO)
- DDI-XForms
- ABS Metadata Registry/Repository
- Rogatus

The third meeting was a two-day meeting and was held after the 4th European DDI Users Group Meeting in Bergen, Norway, on December 5-6, 2012. A record high of 33 persons from 14 different organizations participated.

Topics discussed:

- Update from TIC
- Semantic Web
- DDI Moving forward
- Excel DDI plugin
- Rethinking DDI for the future

- Landing pages and search
- Why are there so few survey design tools that use DDI?
- DDI Tools Demonstrations

The DDI Developers community will have a one-day meeting on May 27, 2013, before the 39th IASSIST conference in Cologne, Germany.