1ˢᵗ Annual European DDI Users Group Meeting:
DDI - The Basis of Managing the Data Life Cycle

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December 3 - 4, 2009

Organizers: **Joachim Wackerow** (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)
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General Information

December 3, 2009   **"Course on DDI3: Putting DDI to Work for You"** by **Wendy L. Thomas**
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Hosted by the International Data Service Center (IDSC) of IZA.
EDDI 2009 is organized jointly by the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) and GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.
The poster of the event may be found here: www.ddialliance.org/ddi-europe-2009.pdf

Course on DDI3: Putting DDI to Work for You

The DDI Alliance will be sponsoring a half day DDI course on Thursday December 3 to be taught by **Wendy L. Thomas** (University of Minnesota, Minnesota Population Center).

DDI as a social science metadata standard has been around since 2000. During the first part of the decade its use was primarily limited to archives and it was supported by only a few software systems. With the development of DDI 3.0 and its publication in April 2008 the use of DDI to support the collection, processing, discovery, and delivery of data has made a major leap into new areas of application. As a metadata model and structured standard, DDI is not a single tool. It supports the capture of social science metadata in a format that can be effectively passed into and out of a number of different special purpose tools, allowing systems to share and reuse metadata along the lifecycle of the data and metadata. Understanding how other might use the metadata you create, or what you can expect from metadata received from others improves the interoperability of the metadata we use and share.
This half-day course will explore the role of DDI in supporting various applications related to the creation, discovery and use of social science data as well as provide an understanding of its

role within the collection of standards available for use in this community.

Specifically we will cover:
- Why the DDI content was expanded and the goals of DDI 3 and beyond
- What applications/use cases DDI 3 is designed to support and what earlier versions can support
- How DDI relates to other standards (where does it fit into the standards picture)
- Future development directions

Who should attend? This course is intended for anyone wishing to understand DDI within the broad framework of metadata creation and use in the world of social science research or who is looking for basic information on the configurations within DDI that support a growing range of applications and uses.

DDI - The Basis of Managing the Data Life Cycle

The inaugural meeting will bring together DDI users and professionals from all over Europe. Anyone interested in developing, applying, or using DDI is invited to attend and present.

We are very delighted that **Kevin Schürer**, Director of the Economic and Social Data Service (ESDS) and the UK Data Archive (UKDA), will deliver the plenary speech to EDDI 2009. The title of his talk is **"Why DDI must succeed and the perils of it not doing so"**.

We are seeking presentations, talks, papers, posters on all things DDI:
- Case Studies
- Mature implementations
- Early Implementations
- Interplay of DDI with other standards or technologies
- Projects in early phases in which DDI is under consideration
- Critiques of DDI

We strongly encourage papers in different areas to ensure a broad balance of topics are covered that will attract the greatest breadth of participants, and we encourage conference participants to propose papers and posters that would be of interest to themselves and other attendees.

Participation and Registration Fee

If you are interested in participating the workshop and the conference, please send an email to **Mr. Stephan Kohzer**. There will be a registration fee of 35,00 Euro per person to be paid (in cash) on site. The conference fee is applicable to everyone taking part or contributing to the conference.

Workshop Program

13:30 - 14:00   Registration

14:00 - 17:15   **Workshop**
IZA Conference Room "SLS9"

Wendy L. Thomas (University of Minnesota)
"**Course on DDI3: Putting DDI to Work for You**"
[slides]

18:30   Conference Dinner by Invitation only

Link to List of Participants

Conference Program

December 4, 2009

8:30 - 9:30   Registration

9:30 - 10:45   **Plenary Session 1: Opening Session**
Room "Skandinavien"
Chair: **Nikos Askitas** (IZA), **Joachim Wackerow** (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the
Social Sciences)

Welcome by **Klaus F. Zimmermann** (IZA, DIW Berlin and Bonn University)
[slides]

Keynote:
Kevin Schürer (Director of the Economic and Social Data Service (ESDS) and the
UK Data Archive (UKDA))
"Why DDI must Succeed and the Perils of it not Doing so"

10:45 - 11:00   Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30   **Plenary Session 2**
Room "Skandinavien"
Chair: **Wendy L. Thomas** (University of Minnesota)

Marika Puumala (CentERdata)
"How to Present an Application Based on DDI3 to the World Out There?"
[abstract][slides]

Simon Jones (Stirling University), Paul S. Lambert (Stirling University)
**"Metadata Creation, Transformation and Discovery for
Social Science Data Management: The DAMES Project Infrastructure"**
[abstract][slides][paper]

Uwe Jensen (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)
"DDI3 and Re-use of Metadata in Archival Processes"
[abstract][slides]

12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch Break**

13:30 - 15:00
Concurrent Session A1
Room "London"
Chair: **Michel Knigge** (Institute for Educational Progress (IQB), Berlin)

Rob Grim (Tilburg University)
"The EVS and NKO Subject Portal for Enhanced Publications: Connecting Archives and Libraries with DDI"
[abstract][slides]

Humphrey Southall (University of Portsmouth)
"Creating DDI Metadata for a Diverse Body of Aggregate Statistics: Experience with the GB Historical GIS"
[abstract][slides]

Mari Kleemola (Finnish Social Science Data Archive), Matti Heinonen (Finnish Social Science Data Archive)
"Exploring DDI3 in an Archive"
[abstract][slides]

13:30 - 14:30
Concurrent Session A2
Room "Berlin"
Chair: **Alerk Amin** (CentERdata)

Martin Friedrichs (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences), Alexandru Agache (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences), Markus Quandt (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)
"The Case of CHARMCATS: Use of DDI3 for Publishing Harmonisation Routines"
[abstract][slides]

Karsten Stephan (Higher Education Information System (HIS), Hannover)
"Using a DDI3 Based Single Source Approach to Increase the Efficiency of Social Science Research Processes"
[abstract][slides]

15:00 - 15:15	**Coffee Break**

15:15 - 16:45	**Concurrent Session B1**
	Room "London"
	Chair: **Rob Grim** (Tilburg University)

Martin Mechtel (Institute for Educational Progress (IQB), Berlin),
Michel Knigge (Institute for Educational Progress (IQB), Berlin)
"DDI for Large Scale Assessments in Education − Data Archiving and Question Banking"
[abstract][slides]

Ingo Barkow (German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF)),
Melanie Kirchner (University of Bamberg), Andreas Thalheimer (University of Bamberg)
"Usage of an DDI Structure in the NEPS Data Warehouse"
[abstract][slides]

Meinhard Moschner (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences),
Taina Jaaskelainen (Finnish Social Science Data Archive)
"Controlled Vocabularies for DDI3 - A Work in Progress"
[abstract][slides]

15:15 - 16:45	**Concurrent Session B2**
	Room "Berlin"
	Chair: **Wolfgang Zenk-Möltgen** (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)

Alerk Amin (CentERdata)
"Implementation of Questasy: Online Data Information and Dissemination Using DDI3"
[abstract][slides]

Andias Wira-Alam (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences),
Oliver Hopt (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)
"Implementing DDI3.0: A Case Study of the German Microcensus"
[abstract][slides][paper]

Jannik V. Jensen (Danish Data Archive)
"Editing DDI"
[abstract][slides]

| 16:45 - 17:00 | Coffee Break |

17:00 - 18:00	**Plenary Session 3** *Room "Skandinavien"* Chair: **Georgios Tassoukis** (IZA)

Denis Huschka (German Council for Social and Economic Data (RatSWD))
**"Developments of the Research Data Infrastructure in Germany
since the End of the 90´s"**
[abstract][slides]

Wendy L. Thomas (Technical Implementation Committee, DDI Alliance),
Joachim Wackerow (Technical Implementation Committee, DDI Alliance)
"DDI Specification: Current Status and Outlook"
[abstract][slides]

Wendy L. Thomas (Technical Implementation Committee, DDI Alliance),
Joachim Wackerow (Technical Implementation Committee, DDI Alliance)
"Ask the Experts"

18:30	Informal Dinner

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