DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting
16 February 2022

Present: Bill Block, Cory Chobanik, Cathy Fitch, Maggie Levenstein, Jared Lyle, Barry Radler, Joachim Wackerow

Strengthening the commitment of DDI institutional members

The Board continued discussion about talking with DDI member organization to listen to their ideas and concerns, learn about the tools they are using now and the tools they would like to make DDI more valuable, and to make a pitch for continuing ongoing membership.

It was suggested to 1) coordinate the listening tour with the Scientific Board, and 2) expand discussions to the overall DDI community (not just members).

Ideas for supporting DDI tools development

Cory discussed the partnership between the DDI Alliance and Statistics Canada to build data foundation libraries leveraging standards. (See the Statistics Canada Data Analytics as a Service (DAaaS): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WE02w8b3nk)

He suggested an approach of creating a software development kit (SDK), upon which others can more easily build tools. He indicated the SDK approach has been a catalyst of SDMX, another metadata standards body.

Annual Meetings

Dates have been decided for the DDI annual meetings:
- Annual Meeting of Members – Wednesday 1st of June 15:00 – 17:00 CET (virtual)
- Annual Meeting of the Scientific Community – Tuesday 7th of June 16:00 – 17:30 CET (hybrid)

Toast to Achim

This is Achim's last Executive Board meeting. The Board congratulated Achim on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his DDI service.