Using DDI 3.0 to Support Preservation, Management, Access, and Dissemination Systems for Social Science Data

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The Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) has produced an international XML standard for the use of lifecycle information about social science research data. Version 3.0 was published in April 2008. DDI facilitates the automation of documentation and production systems for the delivery of social science data. This workshop is geared toward the staff of archives and data producing agencies. The five-day structure of this workshop provides the participants with an opportunity for in-depth assistance on the specialized features of DDI that are important to their organization's activities.

New features in DDI 3.0 support:

- metadata capture from planning and production to dissemination and analysis
- reuse of metadata to drive subsequent production or analysis processes
- ISO 11179 compliant data registries such as question, variable, and concept banks
- grouping of study series for longitudinal and comparative research
- capturing comparative information for the creation of harmonized data
- improved capture of archival information for data organization and management

The workshop provides the opportunity to get an in-depth look at this major new release of DDI. The presenters are active in the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC) of the DDI Alliance: Arofan Gregory (XML standards expert), Wendy L. Thomas (chair of TIC), Joachim Wackerow (vice-chair of TIC). The workshop is organized in cooperation with the DDI Alliance. Further information on DDI can be found at www.ddialliance.org.
Intended audience: anyone interested in DDI, no prior knowledge of DDI or XML is required.

Location

- The workshop will take place at the Leibniz Center for Informatics (Schloss Dagstuhl), Wadern, Germany.
- The location provides an intense working atmosphere in a relaxing environment. Further information about the venue can be found at www.dagstuhl.de.

Registration

- Registrants should send an e-mail to workshop-mannheim@gesis.org as early as possible so accommodation can be reserved. The e-mail should include full name, postal address, e-mail address, telephone number, and special needs or requests (like vegetarian diet, allergies, double room, etc.) should be indicated. On receipt of the registration a confirmation will be sent.
- Number of participants is 22.
- Language is English.
- The workshop fee is 300 Euro (reduced fee for students etc. on request).
- Accommodation at Dagstuhl including full board is 60 Euro/day/person.