The Challenge of Qualitative Data:
Standardizing metadata structures and the DDI

7th –9th December 2011
Gothenburg, Sweden

Wednesday 7th December: Day 1
Introduction and recap on progress and existing work.

08:45 – 09:00   Registration.

09:00 – 09:15   Introduction and welcome.
Speakers: Joachim Wackerow, Louise Corti.

09:15 – 10:00   Overview of existing work on metadata by DDI Alliance WG.
Speakers: Arofan Gregory, Louise Corti.

10:00 – 10:30   Use cases from different qualitative data categories:
- Simple, closed qualitative objects (e.g. image and audio files).
- Qualitative objects where file interconnections and sub-file level metadata makes sense (e.g. audio, video and transcription of an interview).
- Encoded and quantified qualitative data.
- Other categories.

Speakers: Larry Hoyle and TBD.

10:30 – 10:45   Break.

10:45 – 12:15   Continuing previous block.

12:15 – 13:15   Lunch.

13:15 – 15:15   How these qualitative data categories (cf. use cases above) are currently described. Each presenter is to bring examples of typical and atypical collections. Brief presentations (~20 minutes each) from archives:
- UKDA
- FSD
- Wisdom
- DANS
- Ensemble
- Timescapes

15:15 – 15:30   Break.

15:30 – 17:00   Discussion and definitions of requirements of qualitative data categories. Which can be addressed using DDI2, DDI-L, TEI, Qudex or other existing standards?

Thursday 8th December: Day 2
What we have and what we need (the metadata and tools gap)

09:00 – 10:30   Which needs cannot be addressed by current metadata structures?

10:30 – 10:45   Break.

10:45 – 12:15   Continuing previous block.
High-level-discussion: which structures can be the solution?

12:15 – 13:15   Lunch.

13:15 – 15:00   Review of the structure of DDI-Lifecycle (DDI 3 branch).
Work on the detailed technical report on recommendations for modifying and improving the current DDI-Lifecycle Specification (Version 3.1, October 2009).
Break-out group begins the work on the best practice paper.

15:00 – 15:15   Break.

15:15 – 17:00   Continuing previous block.

Friday 9th December: Day 3
Metadata structure and best practices

09:00 – 10:30   Continuing from Day 2 afternoon.

10:30 – 10:45   Break.

10:45 – 12:15   Continuing previous block.

12:15 – 13:15   Lunch.

13:15 – 14:45   Continuing previous block.

14:45 – 15:00   Break.

15:00 – 16:00   Status of work on the technical report and on the best practice paper. Discussion of open issues, detailed description of next steps. Next steps, future meetings?

16:00   Closing.