

# DDI Developers Group 2011/12

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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 two meetings during the past year. 29 developers from 16 different organizations have participated in the meetings.

The community had a one-day meeting before the 37th IASSIST conference in Vancouver, Canada, on May 31, 2011. 18 persons from 12 different organizations participated.

Topics discussed:

- DDI 3.2 Identification
- Subversion of DDI 3.2 schemas
- Breakout session discussing XML database and RDB issues
- Metadata integration/discovery
- Multilinguality
- Interoperability between applications
- DDI web services - OAI-PMH
- New DDI Tools Catalogue

A second meeting was held after the 3rd European DDI Users Group Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, on December 7-9, 2011. 18 persons from 12 different organizations participated.

Topics discussed:

- Demonstrations of tools and services using DDI
- DDI Fragments
- DDI Tools Catalogue
- Availability of DDI Examples
- DDI 3.2 and keeping up with TIC
- Agency Registry
- Single namespace
- Ideas for tools
- DDI and Datacite

The DDI Developers community will have a one-day meeting on June 5, 2012, before the 38th IASSIST conference in Washington DC, USA.