



Agenda for September Open Data Foundation Meeting

Thursday, 13 September 2007

12:00 - 1:00 Informal lunch provided – meetings to last from 1:00 until 5:00

A. Participants introduction

B. Introduce themes of meeting/review mission

Themes include (1) Scope of the organization, including official statistics, economics, social sciences research both qualitative and quantitative, hard sciences; (2) Bringing the business side of data in contact with the technology side, to create common tools; (3) Looking at the potential for a global infrastructure for data and metadata, and what can be done to promote this vision.

C. White Papers

Brief summary of existing and planned white papers for distribution on the site.

D. DDI Foundation Tools Program

Pascal Heus/Arofan Gregory to introduce the initiative, and show the MOU and planning document drafts, etc.

E. DExT Quantitative developments

Pascal Heus to describe progress to date.

F. DeXtris development

Pascal Heus to describe progress to date, and cover future plans.

G. SDMX Browser work

Arofan Gregory to describe progress to date, and include a demonstration of the Flex stuff at the ECB/OECD and plans to integrate.



H. Infrastructure progress and related topics

Pascal Heus/Arofan Gregory to report on general infrastructure including GForge installation. Discussion of liability insurance, etc.

I. NORC Data Enclave

Pascal to report on this work – “Our role is to provide technical assistance to NORC in the area of data/metadata management and ICT for the establishment of a state of the art ‘virtual’ data enclave. The facility is expected to go live in September and will provide access for researchers to sensitive datasets from US organizations such as NIST, the USDA or the Kauffman foundation. ”

J. Conferences

Report on the Metadata Open Forum, IASSIST, and other recent presentations/conferences by ODaF representatives.

K. New project ideas

Discussion and presentation of new ideas for projects including DDI metadata editor, public SDMX registry, potential collaboration for a SDMX project on Evaluating protected areas in Africa with the European Commission Joint Research Centre, etc.

Coffee break will be taken as appropriate.

Dinner starts any time after 7 PM at Tra Vigne, to be determined. ODaF will treat all attendees to dinner.

Friday, September 14, 2007

Meals are all provided: 9:00 Breakfast, 12:30 Lunch, 8:30 Dinner
Meeting will break at 5:00 PM.

A. Swivel

Sara Wood to present on Swivel, and their activities/goals, including work with SDMX.



B. Adobe Flex

Duane Nickull to present what Flex has been up to vis-a-vis SDMX and other standards, and to discuss how this fits in with ODaF activities.

C. Cancer Grid report

Denise Warzel to present remotely on the standards used in the creation of caBIG, a US grid for resource sharing for cancer research.

D. RDC progress

Chuck Humphrey to dial in, giving a status update for this project, and to help us understand how ODaF can help/participate moving forward with the Canadian Research Data Centre Network and their use of DDI 3.0.

E. DEXt Qualitative (QDEX) developments

Louise Corti/Herve Lhours to describe the UKDA qualitative data initiative (QDEX), and where this might be established as a standard.

F. DANS MIXED Project

DANS folks to present their work on the MIXED Archival format for preserving office documents and databases, and how this relates to other standards being used.

G. Open Discussion

How can ODaF help in furthering the goals of these projects? Discussion of any other project ideas which may have come up.

Coffee breaks will be taken as appropriate.

Dinner is scheduled for 8:30 at Brix. ODaF will treat all attendees to dinner.



Saturday, September 15, 2007

Breakfast provided at 9:00. Meeting will end by noon.

Agenda is left open for further discussion, and any official actions which need to be taken pending discussions.

Administrative Items:

There are a small number of administrative items to be dealt with by advisors and directors who are present. These include:

- Update on action items from 2006 Annual Meeting
- Personnel changes to management team and advisory board

Administrative items can be dealt with by needed individuals at any point during the meeting when time is available.