Tools Catalog Group Report 2011/12

Submitted by Andias Wira-Alam, Chair

New Group Members

At IASSIST Conference 2012, we are happy to report that two colleagues volunteered to join our group: Sunny Kaniyathu, Data Services Librarian at University of Saskatchewan in Canada; and David Schiller from the Research Data Center at the Institute for Employment Research in Germany.

New Group Chair

At the end of 2011, Stefan Kramer, a former chair, has resigned from the group. As of January 2012 Andias Wira-Alam, GESIS, Germany, has kindly agreed to take over as chair of the group.

New Tools Catalog

As of March 2012, we are happy to report that the new Tools Catalog is functional and ready to be used by the community. It is accessible at http://www.ddialliance.org/resources/tools. A simple user guide for the DDI developers on how to submit a tool is also accessible at http://www.ddialliance.org/how-to-submit-tool. We thank Michael Iannaccone and Mary Vardigan of ICPSR for helping us to make the new Tools Catalog available.

Future Work

The group is actively maintaining the catalog, reviewing and publishing new submissions, and keeping contact with the developers. The group is also working on making a technical guide for reviewing and publishing new submissions or editing information of published tools.

Group Members

- Andias Wira-Alam, GESIS, Germany (Chair)
- Katherine McNeill, MIT, USA
- Jannik Jensen, Danish Data Archive, Denmark
- Sunny Kaniyathu, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- David Schiller, Institute for Employment Research, Germany