Vocabularies WG 23 February 2022

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In Attendance:

Dan Gillman, Arofan Gregory (note taker), Hilde Orten (SB liaison), Steven Richards, Jane Fry, Nathalie Gendron, Flavio Rizzolo

1. Introducing Hilde Orten as our liaison to the Scientific Board

- She is vice-chair of the Scientific Board

- SB has become more active in recent months

- Provides coordination to the working groups

- Scientific plan released in 2021 (Vocabs WG not represented)

- Liaisons are here to ensure good communications

- WG contacts are supposed to not be members of the group

- Liaisons available to help with answering any questions, publications, resource requests, etc.

- The Vocabs WG should write a brief description of what they are doing and plans for the next few months - just a couple of paragraphs (in lieu of what went into the scientific plan for other groups, since we didn't exist when that was written last year)

- For reviews and so on, Hilde can act as the point person

- Next meeting of the SB is March 8

2. Review of last meeting

- Some issues about inclusion criteria came up, notably acronyms

- Acronyms for DDI products (SDTL, XKOS, etc.) could be included as terms

- We could keep a "sister" list of other acronyms - for now, keep a running list at the bottom of the document

- Intention is to fill in some gaps in list now, and then start putting in new terms - iterative process

3. Identifying Gaps

- We could identify which DDI documents we are looking for terms in (Steve has been adding these to Confluence)

- How deep should we go? Probably not too deep for starters

- Steve has included terms from CDI

- Add Study, Classification, Unit Type, Universe

- What about DDI URNs? Include at least a mention of the DDI URN, possibly other terms to help avoid confusion - can link to definitions of generic URIs, distinction from URLs

- Do not get into "unit of study" and "unit of amalysis" yet - possibly in future

- Add "unit of measure"

- Add the variables levels from the cascade. link to other models (GSIM, Neuchatel, ISO 11179): Instance variable, Represented variable, Conceptual variable - also, add Variable since this is what DDI-L calls an Instance Variable. The Variable entry will need to be glossed with contextual labels, and include links.

- Indicate part of speech? ("Classification" can be both a verb and a noun). Put in where necessary.

- Have both Classification and Statistical Classification

- We are now focused on the "flagship" specifications (Codebook, Lifecycle, CDI) and only really mention the other work products. We mention these. Is this OK? The decision is that this is good for now.

- Add Questionnaire and Instrument (Survey Instrument) - look at Lifecycle - ask Wendy? Dan will ask.

- Survey, Questionnaire, Study - disambiguate this cluster of terms

4. Looking ahead:

- Turn to definitions of terms