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To: DDI Scientific Board

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# 'Homework' for Scientific Board members

What follows is my outline of what I feel is important to prioritize.

### Working Group plans

* **Training library coordination**: Training is essential for uptake and re-use of DDI. The Training working group has been very productive over the past year, especially by laying a framework for creating a training library. It would be useful to collaborate among all working groups to identify and prioritize new training materials that should be developed.
* **Training for new users**: DDI continues to be perceived as complex and specialized, with a high bar to entry. The more the DDI community can create resources to train and assist new (and potential) users, the more the community will grow and succeed.
* **Controlled vocabularies promotion**: This presentation received the most questions from the Scientific Board at the March 9th meeting. CVs should be promoted and further developed.
* **Technical Committee support**: As more products are created and managed by the Alliance, the Scientific Board should consider how best to support maintenance and development, especially by the Technical Committee.
* **Working groups for developing products**: How best should the Scientific Support developing products for eventual publication and support?

### Scientific Plan

* **Standards maintenance**: There continues to be a need to provide ongoing support for the user community and to keep existing standards relevant, especially with DDI-Codebook and DDI-Lifecycle.
* **Ensure interoperability and portability**: Enable mapping and re-use of elements of other specifications.
* **Research and development**: Foster an ongoing development line to explore new features and technical platforms. This would be separate from the concerns of creating stable specifications.