

DDLS Steering group meeting no. 47, 2026

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 9.00 - 10.00

On-site in Life City, Solna Stockholm

Attending members:

Oliver Billker (Umeå University, MIMS director)

Erik Kristiansson (Chalmers/ Göteborg University)

Tuuli Lappalainen (KTH, Royal Institute of technology)

Janne Lehtiö (Karolinska Institutet)

Erik Lindahl (Stockholm University)

Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (Lund University/WCMM. National SciLifeLab Committee chair)

Carolina Wählby (Uppsala University)

Members not attending:

Matts Karlsson (Linköping University)

Sara Hallin (SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)

Other participants:

Jan Ellenberg (Director of the DDLS research program), Chair of the meeting

Margit Mahlapuu (chair, DDLS research area expert group in Cell and molecular biology)

Olof Emanuelsson (DDLS Research school director)

Peetra Magnusson (DDLS Research School director)

Lukas Käll (DDLS Research School director)

Sandra Falk (Head of Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Maria Thuveson (Vice Head of Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Heidi C. Howard (Bioethicist and ELSI Lead at SciLifeLab and DDLS)

Johan Rung (Head of SciLifeLab Data Centre)

Wojtek Potrzebowski (Data Science Coordinator, SciLifeLab Data Centre)

Björn Nystedt (Manager Bioinformatics Support Peer Review track (WABI))

Hanna Kultima (Vice Head of SciLifeLab Data Centre)

Heidi Törmänen Persson (DDLS collaboration manager, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Titti Ekegren (DDLS coordinator, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Ulrika Wallenquist (DDLS coordinator, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Mojgan Seraji (Collaboration manager, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Elvan Helander (DDLS Controller, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Johan Inganni (Communications officer, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Clemens Wittenbecher (DDLS Fellow, Chalmers)

Luisa W. Hugerth (DDLS Fellow, Uppsala University)

Next meeting: May 6, August 26, September 30, November 10, 2026

Agenda 2026-03-25

All documents including presentations from the meeting can be found on NextCloud:

<https://nextcloud.dc.scilifelab.se/s/W23Wd9HEGHwRo9M>

1	Meeting formalities Erik Kristiansson was chosen to attend the minutes. The DDLS Steering group approved of the previous minutes.	<i>Presenter:</i> Jan Ellenberg Appendix: 1. Previous minutes, 28-01-28
2	DDLS Financial Overview – Near- and Long-Term Planning Ahead of Strategy Discussions (See presentation “March 25_DDLS SG”, page 3-14 for details and §2. Background information_DDLS Financial Overview Near- and Long-term Planning) The total DDLS Funds Requisitioned and financial status for ongoing activities in phase 1 and phase 2 was presented together with an overview over funding allocations across the operative areas of the program. The strategic initiatives, funding scheme and total budget for all operative areas were also highlighted. All operations are estimated to be finalized 2 years after the last phase period ends (2032-12-31). Last requisition is expected to be sent to KAW within the first half of year 2035.	<i>Presenter:</i> Elvan Helander Appendices: 2a. Table 1 – DDLS Budget per Phase 2b. Figure 1 - Free resources vs. Strategic Initiatives OA funding
Calls for collaborations with WASP and WASP-HS		
3A	The DDLS - WASP joint call (See presentation “March 25_DDLS SG”, page 15-22 for details) A presentation was given about the upcoming announcement for the third joint call with WASP, highlighting outline, timeline and evaluation criteria. ACTION: The DDLS Steering Group agrees to send the proposal to the SciLifeLab board. Any minor changes can be made by the DDLS director and DDLS co-directors after consultation with the WASP management.	<i>Presenter:</i> Ulrika Wallenquist Appendix: 3a. DDLS and WASP joint call for research projects 2026
3B	The DDLS - WASP-HS joint call (See presentation “March 25_DDLS SG”, page 23-29 for details) The timeline, aim, scope and evaluation criteria for the joint call with WASP-HS was presented. In contrast to previous calls, this time the applications should have a clear scientific contribution for either the life	<i>Presenter:</i> Ulrika Wallenquist Appendix: 3b. DDLS and WASP-HS joint call

	sciences or the humanities and social sciences, or both. The DDLS Steering group comments that the project duration of 12 months is very short and that it might be hard for the applicants to gain any results after such a short time. Such a short project might be used for exploration of ways to use data or policy actions. There will be networking possibilities at the upcoming joint conference in Uppsala 7-8 May. Read more and register here: Research Opportunities at the Intersection of Society, Life Sciences, and Technology - SciLifeLab ACTION: The DDLS Steering Group agrees to send the proposal to the SciLifeLab board. Any minor changes can be made by the DDLS director and DDLS co-directors after consultation with the WASP-HS <i>management</i>.	<i>for research projects 2026</i>
4	Mandate for special assignments in DDLS (See presentation “March 25_DDLS SG”, page 30-35 for details) The presentation included several DDLS assignments that need to be prolonged or renewed. Assignments suggested for prolongation: <u>DDLS co-directors</u>, two years: 2026-04-01—2028-03-31 • Carolina Wählby, UU • Erik Kristiansson, GU/Chalmers <u>DDLS Research School Directors</u>, two years: 2026-04-01—2028-03-31 • Peetra Magnusson, UU • Olof Emanuelsson, KTH • Lukas Käll, KTH <u>DDLS recruitments working group</u>, one year (prolonged if needed): 2026-04-01—2027-03-31 • Carolina Wählby, UU • Oliver Billker, UMU • Tuuli Lappalainen, KTH • Sara Hallin, SLU • Erik Lindahl, SU ACTION: The DDLS Steering Group agrees that the Program Office prepares assignment decisions for the above individuals, with final approval by the Program Director.	<i>Presenter: Heidi T. Persson</i> Appendix: 4. Assignment description DDLS RA expert group

	<u>Research Area Experts groups</u> DDLS RA leads and coordinators: two years: 2026-04-01—2028-03-31 DDLS RA expert group members: two years: 2026-04-01—2028-03-31 New members of the RA expert groups were nominated in a call 2025 and have already been agreed to by the Steering Group and appointed by the Program Director. See slide no. 33 Additional suggested new members after the 2025 call are: <u>Evolution and biodiversity</u> - Hanna Johannesson, Stockholm University - Anna Runemark, Lund University <u>Epidemiology and Biology of infection</u> - Johan Elf, Uppsala University ACTION: The DDLS Steering Group agree to nominate the above additionally suggested members to the Evolutions and Biodiversity RA experts' group and to the Epidemiology and Biology of Infection RA experts' group. Slide 34 – 35 show all names of suggested members in the DDLS RA expert groups during phase 3. Note: The Precision medicine and Diagnostics RA would like to renew the expert's group and nominates Rickard Landberg, Annikka Polster and Ziad Hijazi to the RA experts' group and seeks additional new nominees. ACTION: The DDLS Steering Group agrees to that the Program Office prepares assignment decisions for the individuals listed (slide 34 – 35), with final approval by the Program Director. Taking into consideration the note from Precision medicine and Diagnostics RA above.	
5	Other issues Note: DDLS Annual Conference will be held 9-10 Nov, lunch to lunch at Aula Magna, Stockholm University. The conference we will be followed by the DDLS Steering Group meeting no. 51. No further issues. The chairman thanked all participants for a nice meeting.	<i>Presenter: Jan Ellenberg</i>



Jan Ellenberg, chair of the meeting

Erik Kristiansson, Attending minutes

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