



#### Creation of the Foundation and Integration of the Library of the HWWA

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 the former library of the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA) is integrated into the ZBW. Simultaneously the ZBW, until then a department of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, was converted into the foundation German National Library of Economics – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics. Thus a unique service centre for economics is created at the two locations of the ZBW in Kiel and Hamburg. The ZBW, the world's largest library for economics even before the integration of the HWWA's library, now holds about 4 million books and other publications and subscribes to more than 24,500 journals.

A corresponding press release titled "The world's largest library for economics expands" can be found at:

[http://www.zbw.eu/e\\_about\\_us/e\\_press/e\\_press\\_releases.htm](http://www.zbw.eu/e_about_us/e_press/e_press_releases.htm)

With the integration of the HWWA library, the ZBW adds new collection emphases in business studies and practical literature for business to its previous emphasis on economics. The ZBW's two buildings, situated next to the Kiel Fjord and the Binnenalster, offer attractive surroundings for users on site.

The information services of the ZBW are accessible worldwide on the ZBW website at <http://www.zbw.eu/index-e.html>, redesigned and made barrier-free at the beginning of the year.

The editing department of the journals *Wirtschaftsdienst* and *Intereconomics* in Hamburg is now also a part of the ZBW. In mid-January the first issue of *Wirtschaftsdienst* appeared with the ZBW logo on its cover.

#### Project Esplanade of the German National Libraries

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the consortium of the German National Libraries met in Hanover. Mr Thomsen represented the ZBW. The meeting's subject was the common project "Esplanade" which the German National Libraries agreed on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Bad Nenndorf. The objective of the project is the formation of a highly integrated product policy for all GNLS.

In the same context Mrs Fingerle met the marketing heads of the other two GNLS in Hamburg on January 18<sup>th</sup>. There were also meetings for cooperation in document delivery on January 17<sup>th</sup> and for common IT development on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Zarnitz represented the ZBW at both meetings which took place in Hanover.





### vascoda

The vascoda working group Content met in Göttingen on January 18<sup>th</sup>, with Mr Meyer representing the ZBW.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, again in Göttingen, the working group Metadata and Standards met. Here Mrs Rühle represents the ZBW.

Mr Thomsen attended the meeting of the vascoda Advisory Council in Hanover on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the vascoda Managing Board convened for its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr Thomsen attended as a board member.

### Leibniz Association

The study group Open Access of the Leibniz Association convened on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Bonn. Mr Thomsen represented the ZBW.

### Other external engagements of the ZBW in January

Mrs Rühle and Mr Weiland met with representatives of the German National Library's project for Cooperation in Long-Term Preservation, kopal, for an information exchange on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Göttingen.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr Meyer travelled to Göttingen to represent the ZBW at a meeting of the editors of the National Licenses Working Group.

Mrs Lorenzen travelled to Rendsburg on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a meeting of the working group preparing the Librarians' Conference Schleswig-Holstein which will take place in September.

### New ECONIS Select lists

The ECONIS Select lists on current topics in economics and economic policy concentrated on EU-related topics in January:

- Bulgaria's and Romania's accession to the EU,
- Euro adoption in Slovenia,
- The German Eu presidency,
- Five years of Euro banknotes and coins – Euro cash changeover and inflation





Other topics were:

- Economic advising in Germany,
- Is regionalization of the German social health insurance constitutional?
- Risks and opportunities of the Resources boom in a globalized world economy.

### Events in the ZBW

At the location Kiel an exhibition of works by painter Thomas Schierbeck ended on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

At the location Hamburg a private view on January 12<sup>th</sup> opened the exhibition Stencils and other pictures by [Matthias Krumbiegel](#). The exhibition will remain open to view until April 13<sup>th</sup>.

