



Cooperation of the German National Libraries

The Steering Committee of the GNLs had a meeting in Bad Nenndorf on 3 and 4 April. Ms Lipka, Ms Pianos and Mr Siegert represented the ZBW.

German Research Foundation

As mentioned in the March newsletter, the DFG – and with it the ZBW – participates in the international network Knowledge Exchange to make licensed electronic products available for science and research. The 30th Conference of the United Kingdom Serials Group, which Mr Meyer attended on 16 and 17 April, offered a platform for negotiations with publishing companies.

Scientific Advisory Board of the TIB Hannover

Mr Thomsen directed the meeting of the Advisory Board of the TIB on 24 April in Hannover.

vascoda

Mr Meyer is a member of the vascoda working group Content which coordinates the licensing of electronic journals. He attended a meeting on 26 April in Frankfurt-on-Main.

DBV Schleswig-Holstein Regional Association

The working group Information Brochure of the Schleswig-Holstein Regional Association of the German Library Association (DBV) met in Kronshagen on 27 April with Mr Seusing attending.

QuestionPoint

EconDesk, the online reference service of the ZBW, uses QuestionPoint software. On 24 April, Ms Nicole Krüger attended a meeting of German users in Frankfurt-on-Main to put forth the ZBW's suggestions for improvement.

Field excursion of trainees

Two ZBW trainees for Media and Information Services Specialist, Library Section, took part in a field excursion of their vocational school to the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz on 11 April.





Current ECONIS Select lists:

Literature lists were compiled for the following current topics in economics and economic policy:

- Corruption and its prevention in business
- Corporate tax reform
- Hedge funds
- Employment effects of environmental protection
- Bank Merger in Europe
- "Cold Calls" – Telemarketing and consumer protection

Selected products and projects of the ZBW

The online-reference service for economics, EconDesk, is increasingly appreciated by users. By e-mail and chat they ask mainly for definitions of scientific terms, statistical data, industry and country information. Not all information may be passed on freely; content from licensed databases e.g. is excluded. But at the very least, those seeking information are shown where and how they can find it. The sources named have been verified for quality. The long-established literature search service of the ZBW, which provides individually compiled lists for a user's choice of topic, has been integrated into the EconDesk product range as EconTitles. It is subject to charges. The number of users increased steadily during the last six months. In April, on average four requests were submitted per working day.

