

Cooperation of the German National Libraries – GOPORTIS

The German National Libraries are pressing ahead to build a common document delivery system for Goportis. To this end meetings were held on the following dates:

On 06 July in Berlin, a concept for settlement of payments was discussed with the Central Regulation of subito e.V. Ms Clasen represented the ZBW. Mr Thomsen took part in a joint meeting of subito and Goportis in Hanover on 03 August.

The working group Document Delivery met in Hanover on 23 and 24 August; the ZBW representatives were Ms Zarnitz, Ms Clasen and Ms Krannich. One subgroup of the working group Document Delivery is concerned with quality management. Ms Krannich assisted at a meeting of this subgroup in Hanover on 24 July.

The working group Organisational and Human Resources Development met in Hanover on 18 July. Ms Pianos and Ms Lipka represented the ZBW.

The working group Prices met in Hanover on 07 August; Ms Lipka participated.

Mr Thomsen went to Hanover on 07 August for a joint meeting of the library directors and the working group Marketing. They discussed the website design of the Goportis Portal now in preparation.

On 31 July and 01 August, the working group Marketing met in Kiel. Ms Fingerle participated in this meeting.

At the end of July, the German National Libraries were chosen to organise the 11th Interlending and Document Supply Conference of IFLA in Hanover in 2009. The IFLA section Document Delivery and Resource Sharing unites libraries from all over the world that aim to improve and extend information supply and document delivery and to build networks.

Other external engagements of the ZBW in July and August

Mr Meyer attended at a meeting of the vascodea working group Content on 09 July in Berlin.

Mr Meyer held coordinating talks with the EconBiz-cooperation partners of the University and City Library Cologne.

On 31 July, Mr Meyer attended at a meeting of the working group National Licences of the German Research Foundation in Göttingen.

Colleagues from the libraries of the Common Library Network (GBV) met in Göttingen on 07 August to discuss new drafts for chapters 6 and 7 of the Resource Description Access RDA, an international rulebook for creating authority files in library catalogues. Mr Pisani represents the ZBW in this forum.

On 24 July in Hamburg, Ms Pianos held preparatory talks with the companies implementing a study into the use of the Virtual Libraries. It is planned as an online user survey within the VifaSys project under her stewardship, meant to find out how



much Virtual Libraries and other subject gateways within the remit of vascoda improve the information supply for research and tuition.

Mr Lewerenz, the data protection officer of the ZBW, attended the summer academy of the Independent Centre for Data Protection of the Land Schleswig-Holstein on 27 August, which had as its topic "Open Information Society and the Fight against Terror – a Contradiction?"

Fairs

Between 19 and 23 August, the World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council was held in Durban, Republic of South Africa, under the theme of "Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships". The German National Libraries presented themselves at a joint stand run by the colleagues from the German National Library of Science and Technology in Hanover. The ZBW shared a stand with the Institute for the World Economy at the Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association and the Econometric Society European Meetings, EEA-ESEM. Mr Flohr and Mr Michel represented the ZBW at the stand. This year, the meeting was held in Budapest between 27 and 31 August.

Events in the ZBW

Workshop

On 03 and 04 July, vascoda held a workshop entitled "Usage evaluation and Usability" on the premises of the ZBW Hamburg. The first part was concerned with the usability of websites, the second with instruments of evaluation and usage statistics. Ms Pianos of the ZBW organised and moderated the event, which some colleagues from the ZBW also attended.

Exhibitions

For one month, starting on 16 July, works of Matthias Krumbiegel could be viewed in Kiel under the heading "Mr Eko wants to fly!" Subsequently the artist Monika-Maria Dotzer exhibited her paintings of "Flowers and Fruits". These works can be viewed in the ZBW until 02 October.

Protection of monuments

On 17 August, the Hamburg senator for finance, Mr Michael Freytag, and the counsellor of the Hamburg culture board, Mr Detlef Gottschalck, mounted the first Hamburg Monument Protection Plaque on the building of the ZBW on the Neuer Jungfernstieg, the so-called Esso House. It was built in 1908 and before housing the Hamburg branch of the ZBW in 2007 it was home to the Hamburg Institute of International Economics from 1968 until 2006. Before that, the building was the seat of the German-American Petroleum Company (DAPG), later named the Esso AG.





Training

Ms Schnee, master bookbinder of the ZBW, held apprentices' qualifying examinations for bookbinders from Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg from 05 to 07 July. Two ZBW trainees for Media and Information Services Specialist, Library Section, spent the day of 10 July at the Berlin State Library – Prussian Cultural Heritage.

Current ECONIS Select lists

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

- The flexicurity model – balancing flexibility with social security
- 50 years of Law against Restriction of Competition
- Telecommunication
- Current forms of company financing: leasing, factoring, ABS etc.
- 50 years of the Deutsche Bundesbank
- EU enlargement and the free movement of labour
- A two-speed Europe?
- Crisis management

Selected products and projects of the ZBW

National licences

The number of [national licences](#) on offer, whose acquisition is sponsored by the German Research Foundation, rises continually. Currently 77 databases are available. The ZBW, represented by Mr Meyer, leads negotiations for the field of economics. National licences permit the free use of electronic full-texts and journal archives not only to universities and other research institutions; individuals with academic interests who are resident in Germany can also use them without charge after [registration](#). On offer for electronic use are e.g. the Country Reports 1996-2009 of the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and journal articles from the database Berkeley Electronic Press Journals which have passed the peer-review process very quickly.

