



The ZBW in  
September 2007

## Fairs, conferences and lectures

### *Schleswig-Holstein Librarians' Conference*

At the Schleswig-Holstein Librarians' Conference in Rendsburg on 19 September, the Minister-president, Peter-Harry Carstensen, visited the stand of the ZBW where he acquainted himself with its services. He tested the online reference service EconDesk and tried his hand at chatting.



Mr Thomsen presents ZBW information brochures to Mr Carstensen



The Minister-president tries his hand at chatting

In a lecture entitled "The ZBW as an example for libraries incorporated as foundations" within the thematic block "New developments in libraries" at the Schleswig-Holstein Librarians' Conference, Mr Thomsen spoke about the experiences with the ZBW's new legal form.



The members' assembly of the Association of German Librarians (VDB), Section Northwest, heard a lecture by Mr Meyer about "EconDesk – The online reference service for economics! Function and uses of the central information service of the ZBW".

### ***Austrian Documentalists' Conference***

The Austrian Documentalists' Conference ODOK took place from 19 to 21 September in Graz, where two colleagues from the ZBW gave lectures. Ms Nicole Krüger introduced the online tutorial LOTSE: "LOTSE – an integrated approach to online impartation of information competence". Ms Pianos' lecture was entitled "Flower meadow versus usability – Virtual Libraries and other subject gateways within the context of vascoda and opportunities of homogenisation". She gave an update about the project VifaSys and the efforts which the 30 gateways integrated into vascoda undertake to homogenise their offers.

### ***Alliance of Specialist Libraries***

Seven colleagues attended the conference of the Alliance of Specialist Libraries (AspB) in Berlin from 24 to 28 September. The ZBW was present at the joint stand of the German National Libraries, and also contributed the following lectures:

- "VifaSys – Offer und use of the subject gateways within vascoda" (Ms Pianos)
- Subject indexing by users: Results of a test with internet resources in the Virtual Library EconBiz (Mr Lüth)
- "ZBW document server: a subject-specific repository" (Mr Weiland)
- "NEREUS – a network of European libraries in the field of economics" (Mr Siegert)
- "Academic LinkShare – Cooperative indexing of electronic resources" (Mr Meyer)

### **Cooperation of the German National Libraries – Goportis**

Staff from the German National Libraries met in September for meetings of various working groups:

The working group Information Technologies met on 4 September at the ZBMed in Cologne, where Mr Schröder represented the ZBW.

The working group Long-term Preservation and Digitisation met in Hanover on 18 September. Mr Weiland represented the ZBW.



Several meetings took place on 25 September in Hanover: Mr Thomsen and Ms Grabsch, the Equal Opportunities Commissioner of the ZBW, participated in a staff assembly of the German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB) introducing Goportis. Mr Thomsen and Ms Lipka assisted at a meeting of the working group Organisational and Human Resources Development. Ms Grabsch also met for an exchange of experiences with the Equal Opportunities Commissioner of the TIB.

### **Common Library Network (GBV)**

On 11 and 12 September the GBV's 11<sup>th</sup> Network Conference took place in Bremen. The ZBW was represented by nine colleagues. The 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the working subgroup Journal Processing of the GBV followed on 13 September, which Ms Wöhler and Mr Pisani attended.

### **Vascoda**

The Coordinating Committee of vascoda met on 7 September in Hanover with Ms Pianos attending for the ZBW. She also attended the meeting of the vascoda working group Marketing held in Hanover on 13 September.

### **Other external engagements of the ZBW in September**

On 3 September Ms Lorenzen went to Rendsburg to assist with the preparation of the Schleswig-Holstein Librarians' Conference.

Mr Flohr and Mr Siegert attended the kick-off meeting for the EU-sponsored project "Network of European Economists Online" (NEEO). They also attended other meetings of the NEREUS network of European libraries which runs NEE0. All meetings were held at the University of Tilburg.

Mr Thomsen, a member of the Committee on Scientific Library Services and Information Systems of the German Research Foundation (DFG), took part in a committee meeting in Trier on 27 and 28 September.

The DFG working group National Licences – Knowledge Exchange met in Frankfurt-on-Main on 17 and 18 September to assess the offers from publishing houses which had been invited in an international call for tenders. Mr Meyer represented the ZBW.

The study group IT of the Leibniz Association, where Mr Schröder represents the ZBW, met in Dresden from 26 to 28 September.





### Events in the ZBW

On 11 and 12 September, the ZBW hosted the meeting of the EconBiz Advisory Council.

### Current ECONIS Select lists

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

- Highly-skilled workers and immigration law in Germany
- Ownership Unbundling of Energy Companies
- Piracy and Counterfeiting
- Subprime Crisis
- Energy and Climate Policies of the Federal Government

### Selected products and projects of the ZBW

#### *EconBiz Events Calendar*

A particularly popular service for science within EconBiz, the Virtual Library for Economics and Business Studies, is the [Events calendar](#). It is found regularly among the portal's ten most called-up modules. In the EconBiz Events calendar economists can find announcements for upcoming events in economics such as conferences, workshops and summer schools. At present, almost 450 events can be searched for by subject, date, country or type of event. Result lists can be sorted by the deadline of call for papers. This promotes the search for interesting events and the submission of papers. A RSS-feed subscription is available for keeping up-to-date. The EconBiz Events calendar also maintains an archive listing events back to 2004. This retrospective availability of information about events also facilitates scientific work by giving easy access to lists of participants or papers.

An event can be included in the Events calendar if it has an economics-related subject, is open to the public and of international interest. New events are submitted by economists and the organisers of the events themselves. ZBW staff members also take note of upcoming events while indexing journals. These events are listed by the colleagues of the EconBiz team. Another way of finding events is by systematic search of relevant websites which is made by ZBW staff.

