

Cooperation of the German National Libraries – GOPORTIS: workshop in Reinbek

The directors of the German National Libraries and the members of the GOPORTIS working groups met for a workshop in Reinbek near Hamburg at the beginning of October. The working groups presented the latest achievements in the building of a joint portal and document delivery system.

Several new working groups met for the first time in Reinbek: Licences from publishing houses will be negotiated jointly by the working group Licences, and the working group Law and Organisation covers the legal aspects of the cooperation.

The participants of the workshop praised the progress achieved in the GOPORTIS project and in particular the trustful atmosphere in which the workshop took place.

New editor-in-chief for *Wirtschaftsdienst* and *Intereconomics*

In October a new editor-in-chief was found for the journals "*Wirtschaftsdienst*" and "*Intereconomics*" which are published by the ZBW. Before she joined the ZBW, Ms Brigitte Preissl worked as Senior Economist for the section "Corporate Academic Relations" at Deutsche Telekom. Prior to that she spent 21 years with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin researching Economics of the Information Society, Telecoms Regulation, Innovation and Services. She received a PhD in 1984 at the Frankfurt University for a thesis in Economic History. She also spent several years abroad in England, Italy and the USA.



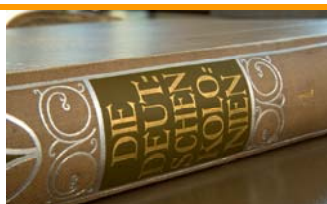
Events at the ZBW

Meeting of the ZBW Advisory Council

The ZBW Advisory Council had its meeting on 22 October in Kiel. The main points on the agenda were the report of the director and the presentation of the programme budget division Information Services and of the GOPORTIS project.

The future of commissioned search: workshop

On 16 and 17 October, the ZBW hosted the workshop "The future of commissioned search in publicly financed institutions". Participants from six institutions of the Leibniz Association shared their experiences with offering fee-based search services. Demand for such services is falling due to competition from online-databases with pay-per-view options and user-friendly search interfaces, as well as from the increasingly easy way to find information by yourself through internet search engines. This poses a problem for commercial providers of search services as well as for publicly financed institutions.



The workshop was well-received and inspired the participants to look at commissioned search within the context of their entire range of services.

Subject Repositories: vascoda workshop

The workshop "Subject Repositories" held by vascoda attracted 43 participants to the Kiel branch of the ZBW in October. They discussed topics such as aspects of infrastructure, harvesting of contents for subject repositories or the integration of document servers into the services offered by libraries. Mr Weiland reported his experiences with the document server of the ZBW.

Art exhibition: Tagtäglichkeiten

Since 10 October, works by the artists' group [Weib sart](#) can be viewed in the ZBW Kiel. The artists practice "experimental painting" and explore the "process of making paintings" which capture the creative moment, the things that cannot be planned or foreseen. Mr Weskamp, on behalf of Mr Thomsen, welcomed the visitors of the vernissage and expressed his delight at the numerous art exhibitions. They are enjoyed not only by visitors; they also brighten the everyday working life of the library's staff.

Success through better communication and organisation: series of lectures

Since 11 October, the Hamburg branch of the ZBW presents a six-part [series of lectures](#) entitled "Success through communication and organisation". Once a month lectures are held by trainers from the Institute of Training Development and Methodology (INtem). Attendance is free. The introductory lecture "Inner communication guarantees success" by Uwe Sockel explained the basics of successful communication. In November Detlef Jansen will lecture on "Effective self-management – turning desire into measurable and motivating targets".

Fairs and lectures

- 8 October: Mr Thomsen and Ms N. Krüger gave lectures about the ZBW and its projects EconBiz and EconDesk at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.
- 08-12 October: joint stand of the ZBW and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy at the annual meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik.
- 9-15 October: joint presentation of the German National Libraries at the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- 10.-12. October: DGI online. Mr Flohr and Mr Lüth held lectures entitled "Network of European Economists Online – A European Open Access Project for Economics" and "Subject indexing by users: Results of a test with internet resources in the Virtual Library EconBiz".





- 22 October: The ZBW presented itself at a welcoming event for freshman students at Kiel University.

Other external engagements of the ZBW in October

- 8 October, Berlin: German Research Foundation Information Event Digitisation. Attendees from the ZBW: Mr Thomsen, Mr Siegert, Mr Toepfer
- 8-10 October, Warnemünde: 8th Annual Meeting of the Study Group Libraries and Information Institutions of the Leibniz Institutes. Attendees from the ZBW: Ms Süssenbach, Mr Meyer
- 23 October, Dortmund: 5th Meeting of the Speakers' Council of the Study Group Equal Opportunities of the Leibniz Association. Attendee from the ZBW: Ms Grabsch

Study Group Libraries and 2008 Meeting of Subject Librarians in the ZBW

In September 2008 the ZBW will host two events:

The Study Group Libraries of the Leibniz Association will meet in Hamburg from 17 to 19 September.

The biennial Continuing Education Conference for Subject Librarians in Economics within the Association of German Librarians (VDB) will be organised in Hamburg by Mr Bachofner.

ZBW-Insights: family-friendly working conditions *Emergency daycare for ZBW kids*



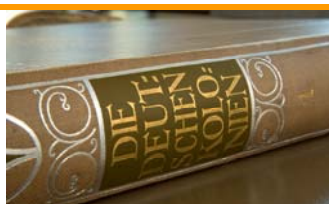
Ms Fingerle with her son Bennet

Every working parent knows the stressful situations when professional engagements or unexpected gaps in the daycare arrangements occur, and family commitments collide with the job. In order to help staff members combine family life and work, the ZBW offers standing support through [Company Kids](#) where parents can make emergency daycare arrangements for children aged 0 to 13.

It works like this: the ZBW buys a fixed contingent of hours. A simple call before 8 pm guarantees the child will be looked after on the following day – and it is available at both branches.

Ms Fingerle, head of directorate staff section Marketing and Public Relations, has availed herself around six times of this service.

"My son was almost a year old when I first took him to





Company Kids," she recalls. "We'd had a look at the facilities during an Open Day, but it was a strange environment for him, so I felt a little uncomfortable leaving him there. But I needn't have worried, my son has always been happy there. He enjoyed meeting all the other kids, and I'm favourably impressed with the teachers. The ratio between teachers and children is good so they have very intensive and individual care."

The upshot: a service wholeheartedly to be recommended!

