Press release

Tenth international conference "Semantic Web in Libraries" successfully concluded – conference videos and slides now online

More than 150 participants from 25 countries attended the SWIB18 held in Bonn from 26 till 28 November – keynote speakers from the USA and the UK and sold-out workshops at the pre-conference

Kiel/Hamburg/Köln, 7 December 2018. **The tenth international conference "Semantic Web in Libraries" brought together more than 150 participants from 25 countries. Real heavyweights of the field gave the keynotes: James Hendler, founder of the Semantic Web, and Mia Ridge from the British Library.**

150 participants from five continents, many others who followed via livestream, and a lively discussion on Twitter using the #swib18 hashtag – that's the final score of the international conference "Semantic Web in Libraries" 2018. The programme consisted of six workshops held on the pre-conference day and 17 presentations on the two main conference days. The technical developments presented there showed once more promising ways to improve and simplify access to the collections of libraries and other memory institutions.

Here you can find all contents and impressions from the SWIB18 – Semantic Web in Libraries for reading and viewing.

The programme with links to slides and conference videos:
http://swib.org/swib18/programme.html

The speakers:
http://swib.org/swib18/speakers.html

The press photos:
https://www.zbw.eu/de/ueber-uns/presse/pressebilder/veranstaltungen/

The Youtube Channel of the SWIB:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLnEmKaWqtR_4V1CNeK6rQ/feed

About the SWIB:
Since 2009, the ZBW and the North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz) have organised the annual international conference "Semantic Web in Libraries", SWIB for short. SWIB (www.swib.org) addresses topics such as Semantic Web, Linked Open Data and web-based scholarly communication in presentations, discussions and workshops both from a scientific and a practice-oriented viewpoint. Every year it invites high-level international speakers. Since 2012, the conference language has been English. Twitter: #swib18

In 2019, the SWIB will be held in Hamburg from 25 til 27 November 2019.

About the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics:
The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is the world's largest information centre for economic literature. The institution holds more than 4 million media items and enables access to millions of online documents in economics. In 2017 alone, 6 million digital full-texts were downloaded. In addition, the ZBW provides a fast-growing collection of Open Access documents. The repository EconStor currently gives free access to more than 150,000 articles and working papers. EconBiz, the portal for international economic information, allows students and researchers to search among ten million datasets. The ZBW edits two journals in economic policy, Wirtschaftsdienst and Intereconomics. The ZBW is a research-based academic library. Professors in computer science and their international group of PhD candidates do transdisciplinary research on Science 2.0. Research at the ZBW is connected to international networks. The main co-operation partners are engaged in EU projects and in the Leibniz Research Alliance Science 2.0. The ZBW is a member of the Leibniz Association and a foundation under public law. In 2011, 2012 and 2013, the ZBW was honoured for its innovative library work with the international LIBER Award for Library Innovation. In 2014, the ZBW received the German "Library of the Year" award.

About the North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz)
The North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz) stands for knowledge, information and innovation within the library and information science community. It improves constantly on the stability and performance of existing systems. The hbz picks up on innovative trends and technical approaches and offers practical solutions. The union catalogue of the hbz contains more than 20 million bibliographic records and integrates the "North Rhine-Westphalian Bibliography" and all journals of the German Journals Database (ZDB). The hbz maintains DigiBib – The Digital Library, a service currently in use at 267 institutions in Germany.The hbz also offers consortial acquisition of electronic contents, DigiLink, DigiAuskunft, the Open Access platform Digital Peer Publishing (DiPP), library statistics, the Linked Open Data service lobid, digitisation, digital preservation, online interlibrary lending, the evaluation project OLE/FOLIO, the establishment of a OER world map, and document delivery services. The hbz also stores and curates digital objects of any kind, hosts and archives websites, undertakes digital preservation of electronic deposit copies and hosts university papers and document servers.

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