

## Press release

### **Eleventh international conference “Semantic Web in Libraries” closes successfully – Conference videos and slides now online**

More than 160 participants from 26 countries met in Hamburg for the SWIB19 from 25 til 27 November

**Kiel/Hamburg/Köln, 5 December 2019. The eleventh international conference “Semantic Web in Libraries” brought together more than 160 participants from 26 countries. The first keynote by Saskia Scheltjens, Head of Research Services at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, bridged the gap between the worlds of libraries and museums. Marcia Zeng, professor of Information Science at Kent State University (USA), used her keynote to build a connection between the much-hyped topic of Big/Smart Data and knowledge organisation in libraries and digital humanities.**

More than 160 participants from Europe, Asia, North America and Africa, numerous onlookers via livestream, active debates on Twitter at #swib19: that’s the final score of the international conference “Semantic Web in Libraries” 2019. The programme consisted of five workshops on the pre-conference day and 16 presentations on the main days. The technical developments on show once again offered promising new ways of easing and improving access to the collections of libraries and other memory institutions. Participants also used lightning talks and breakout sessions to put up their latest developments and ideas for discussion.

**You can find all contents and impressions of SWIB19 – Semantic Web in Libraries for viewing and reading here.**

Programme with links to slides and conference videos:  
<http://swib.org/swib19/programme.html>

Speakers: <http://swib.org/swib19/speakers.html>

Press photos:  
<https://www.zbw.eu/de/ueber-uns/presse/pressebilder/veranstaltungen/>

SWIB YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7fMsenbLiQ3FnY59f-nrIHpmY2z5Nmtc>

#### **About SWIB:**

Since 2009, the ZBW and the North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz) organize the annual international conference “Semantic Web in Libraries”, SWIB for short. SWIB ([www.swib.org](http://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: #swib19. In 2020, SWIB will be held in Bonn from 23 til 25 November.

#### **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 2018 alone, more than 6.5 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 170,000 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 an international group of PhD candidates carry out transdisciplinary research on the digitisation of the science system. 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 Open Science. The ZBW is a member of the Leibniz Association and a foundation under public law. The ZBW has been honoured repeatedly 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. In 2019, the ZBW celebrates its 100th anniversary.

#### **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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