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First library to have an international research group in computer science

First meeting of the International PhD Summer School 2012 at the German National Library of Economics discusses semantic technologies, the social web and management of research data

Kiel/Hamburg, 4 June 2012: The ZBW is the first library in Germany to establish an international research team working primarily on semantic technologies, the social web and the management of research data. Professor Klaus Tochtermann initiated a meeting of PhD candidates from India, Russia, Iran, Malaysia, Macedonia and Germany at the first International PhD Summer School which was held in Kiel from 29 May to 1 June 2012 in cooperation with the department of computer science of Kiel University.

Excellent science requires excellent scientific infrastructure. This is why the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre of Economics concentrates its efforts on application-oriented research in computer science for the development of new services. The main areas of activity here are semantic technologies, the social web and the management of research data.

The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics and the department of computer science at Kiel University organised an international PhD Summer School in order to give PhD candidates from India, Russia, Iran, Malaysia, Macedonia and Germany an opportunity to discuss their research projects and compare notes. It was held at the Kiel branch of the ZBW from 29 May to 1 June 2012 and was the first event of its kind at a German library. The young scientists presented and discussed their research and participated in workshops guiding them through the various stages of preparing and finishing a dissertation.

The summer school assembled eight international professors, twelve PhD candidates and four post docs from the following institutions:

- Kiel University
- MIMOS Malaysia
- Polytechnic University Hong Kong
- [South East European University Macedonia](#)
- University of Passau
- ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics.
- [ZPID – Leibniz-Institute for Psychology Information](#)

Seven of the twelve candidates are tutored by ZBW director Professor Klaus Tochtermann, who holds the chair for media informatics at Kiel University.

After the scholarly kick-off meeting on the premises of the ZBW overlooking the Firth of Kiel, the next PhD Summer School of the ZBW will be held in 2013 in Skopje (Macedonia). It will take place in Hong Kong in 2014.

The programme of the PhD Summer School 2012:

<http://www.zbw.eu/veranstaltungen/vortraege/docs/2012-phd-summer-school.htm>

About the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics:

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