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Press release

ZBW adopts Open Access Policy

A team of experts provides legal and organisational support for ZBW researchers in the digital publication of their works

Kiel, Hamburg November 20, 2012:The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics has resolved upon an Open Access policy which aims to publish research findings from the institution as soon and as freely as possible.

The number of publications from the ZBW increases along with the rising share of application-oriented research at the ZBW. Between 2003 and 2012, the publication output increased fourfold. At the same time, the ZBW is committed to the principles of Open Access. At LeibnizOpen, the Open Access portal of the Leibniz Association, it provides the infrastructure for publications from economics and expert advice on digital publishing and usage rights for member institutes of the Leibniz Association.

This expert advice is now to be offered to authors at the ZBW itself. To this purpose, the ZBW has adopted an Open Access policy to ensure that ZBW authors safeguard the best possible usage rights for their contributions and thus enable a direct or at least early publication in Open Access.

Professor Klaus Tochtermann, director of the ZBW, says: “Lately we have begun to investigate questions of new publication and research processes within the context of Science 2.0. Free and open access to research findings, including our own, plays a major role in this and requires a clear positioning within scholarly communication. Our Open Access policy provides such a positioning.”

Olaf Siegert, head of Electronic Publishing, adds: “For many years, we have been providing Open Access services for economics such as our publication server, EconStor, which bundles the publications from German research in economics and makes them available in Open Access. The intensification of our research activities has increased the number of our own publications and thus also the need to position ourselves within scholarly communication. Our Open Access policy is a clear statement of this.”

ZBW Open Access policy: http://www.zbw.eu/e_services/e_open-access/e_open-access-policy.pdf

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The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is the world’s largest information centre for economic literature, online as well as offline. Today the institution holds more than 4 million volumes and subscribes to 33,500 periodicals and journals. In addition, the ZBW provides the fastest-growing collection of Open Access documents on the internet: EconStor, the digital publication server, currently gives free access to more than 50,000 articles and working papers. EconBiz, the search engine for international economic information, allows students and researchers to search among nine million datasets. The ZBW edits two journals in economic policy, Wirtschaftsdienst and Intereconomics, and in cooperation with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy produces the Peer Review Journal Economics based on the principle of Open Access. The ZBW is a member of the Leibniz Association and has been a foundation under public law since 2007. In 2011 and 2012, the ZBW received the international LIBER award for its innovative work in librarianship.