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## Letter of Support for the Text+ Operations Committee“

Dear Mr. Hinrichs,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my interest in joining the Text+ Operations Committee. In my position as Deputy Director General of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (SBB) I am responsible for the development of the library in the digital space. This includes strategic aspects as well as concrete service and project development. As Chief Digital Officer of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, I emphasize the potential of cross-departmental cooperation in conceptual and technical terms. Through my direct involvement in projects, a number of evaluation and consulting tasks, for example for the information infrastructure of Switzerland or as a member of the International Advisory Board of CLARIN, I am involved in a number of ongoing national and international developments.

In addition to technical projects, which are mostly carried out in cooperation with research institutions, the State Library focuses its activities on the development and operation of text and reference oriented systems. One focus is on four FID, for which the SBB is responsible, as well as on reference and presentation systems for special materials (manuscripts, sheet music, research environments for special materials, newspapers, other autographic material collected in Calliope). In this way, for example, the world's largest Feodora instance with numerous data mining services has been created. Furthermore, various tools for data enrichment and data analysis have been developed, e.g. tools for pre- and post-processing of digitized material, for layout analysis and for data enrichment by identifying relevant entities. Finally, the State Library is also a major corpus supplier and provides about 5 PB of data on a sustained basis.

Based on this broad data and corpus plateau and a close collaboration with a number of partners of the text+ consortium as well as a broad experience in this field, I am interested in integrating the results of the SBB and the Foundation directly into the text+ environment and, vice versa, in letting the SBB benefit from the results of the consortium, thus supporting the development of a research-related scientific infrastructure in the field of corpora, editions and dictionaries in an advisory capacity and with concrete institutional contributions. I look forward to serving the consortium with my expertise.

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