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Letter of Intent for a Membership of the Operations Committee of Text+ Consortium

Dear colleagues

Thank you for considering a position for me in the Operations Committee of Text+. As director of the library of the Humboldt-University Berlin (since 2011) and honorary professor for library and information science at the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam (since 2014), and as chair of the German Library Association (Deutscher Bibliotheksverband, May 2019 until to April 2021), I can offer my subject expertise in the context of Digital Humanities at the library of the Humboldt-University and libraries at the national and international level.

A pivotal role in this context is played by the Fachinformationsdienste (FID, "Specialised Information Services Programmes") funded by the DFG: The FID cover a broad spectrum of services according to the specific demands and needs of their communities like information provisioning, platforms and portals, repository for data and texts, digitization of resources relevant for the community subjects - s. https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/infrastruc-ture/lis/funding_opportunities/information-service_science/index.html

To develop and to establish their services the FID are discussing their ideas and objectives with the representatives of their communities. In 2018 the FID published a statement about their RDM activities and their willingness to support NFDI consortia - s. https://wikis.sub.uni-hamburg.de/webis/images/a/a1/AG_FID_zu_NFDI.pdf In

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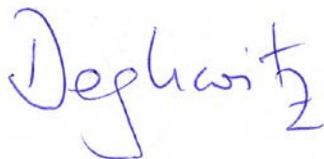
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the light of the ongoing changes of requirements concerning the information infrastructures for research and education the FID decided to commit themselves to improve their cooperation and their self-organization. The existing challenges and the intended tasks to complete this mission are summarized in a statement that I have the privilege to lead and align with the DFG and that will be published in 2019.

In view of the above, I am very interested in achieving a stronger integration of the FID in the NFDI consortia wherever this is useful and meets the requirements. My membership on the operations committee of Text+ would be a perfect opportunity to start a generic point to integrate the FID in the NFDI – not just for Text+, but for all NFDI consortia. Such relationships between research and community driven infrastructure will be very fruitful and fostering the cooperation of the consortia.

Sincerely



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