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Letter of Support

The HathiTrust Research Center (HTRC) is pleased to express its support for the NFDI-Consortium Text+.

HTRC conducts research and builds infrastructure, tools, and services to support computational analysis of the HathiTrust Digital Library collections. HTRC, based at Indiana University with leadership and staff from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the HathiTrust, is a collaborative research center established to help meet the technical challenges researchers face when dealing with massive amounts of digital text. HTRC develops cutting-edge software tools and cyberinfrastructure to enable advanced computational access to the growing digital record of human knowledge. The Center is breaking new ground in the areas of text mining and non-consumptive research, allowing scholars to fully utilize HathiTrust content while preventing intellectual property misuse within the confines of current U.S. copyright law.

The Text+ Consortium addresses similar challenges in Germany, and it is therefore of high interest, to further research in the field of machine processing of text, that Text+ establishes as a national hub. The services provided by Text+ to support text-based research data will encompass a layered set of infrastructure protocols and services that will ensure the seamless integration of research data and services from different data and service providers within the consortium. The Goettingen and State and University Library and the German National Library together with the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Leibniz-Institute for German Language and the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts are offering massive and constantly growing resources of textual and language data. For the first time these data will be accessible within a distributed infrastructure. The HTRC welcomes in particular the approach to make

textual data FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) for national and international researchers. The HathiTrust Research Center strongly supports the Text+ plus initiative, and we look forward to furthering the work of Text+ by *inter alia* providing expert advice to the Executive Board of Text+.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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