Dear Prof. Dr. Hinrichs,

on behalf of the German Academic Association for Information Science (Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft e.V.) I would like to express our support for the Text+ Consortium and its mission to provide infrastructure and services for data curation and management for language and text data.

The German Academic Association for Information Science supports the collaboration and cooperation between education and research organizations in Information Science in the German-speaking countries. Its most important objectives are the coordination of disciplinary curricula, the scholarly exchange between its members and the knowledge transfer between research and professional activities within the field.

Text+ focuses on supporting language- and text-focused disciplines and their data-intensive research efforts. Members of our association are involved with many of such research efforts and we believe that we can contribute our specific disciplinary expertise also to the Text+ Consortium, which does not only encompass text and language processing within the field of Information Retrieval, but also other important areas for developing such an infrastructure such as data curation, research data management and data literacy.

We will gladly participate in building the community network of Text+ in order to support the development of this infrastructure.

Best regards

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