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Prof. Dr. Erhard Hinrichs
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Dear Dr Hinrichs

Letter of Support

The Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford is pleased to express its support for the NFDI-Consortium Text+.

The Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford is the largest university library system in the United Kingdom. It includes the principal University library – the Bodleian Library – which has been a legal deposit library for 400 years; as well as 27 other libraries across Oxford including major research libraries and faculty, department and institute libraries. Together, the Libraries hold more than 12 million printed items, over 80,000 e-journals and outstanding physical and digital special collections, including rare books and manuscripts, classical papyri, maps, music, art and printed ephemera. Online textual materials include the Oxford Text Archive (including material from the Early English Books Online Text Creation Partnership), over 400,000 digitised books and numerous annotated scholarly editions in many languages. The Libraries have a keen interest in supporting access and research activities based on such resources and integrating them with our image and data holdings.

Text+ aims to deliver 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 which aligns well with our own objectives. 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 have considerable, and growing, textual and language data holdings that, for the first time, will be accessible within a consistent distributed infrastructure. In particular, we appreciate the emphasis on making textual data FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) for national and international researchers.

The Bodleian Libraries strongly supports the Text+ initiative, and we look forward to contributing to the work of Text+ through consulting and possible participation in Text+ scientific committees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard Ovenden'.

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