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## Letter of support

Dear Prof. Dr. Hinrichs,

the Mediävistenverband represents researchers and teachers from all disciplines concerned with the Middle Ages. Through its focus on co-operative interdisciplinary work, it hopes to achieve a better understanding of this period and its diverse cultures. The Mediävistenverband is the largest society of medievalists in Germany with over 1,100 members from different countries representing a broad range of subjects encompassing disciplines such as archaeology, history and art history, cultural studies, literary studies, musicology, philosophy, theology and many more.

The Mediävistenverband highly appreciates the concepts and goals of the consortium Text+ to be submitted to the German Research Foundation (DFG) under the NFDI program. We sincerely welcome the initiative of Text+ which covers a broad range of topics within the planned Scientific Coordination Committees (SCCs) on collections, dictionaries and editions.

These areas have been fields of interest in medieval studies for a long time and medievalists have contributed pioneering works to the development of textual editions, dictionaries, grammars, and linguistic resources, also in digital form. We acknowledge that these venerable traditions have undergone digital transformations during the last few decades, which at the same time pose challenges as they open up possibilities. As a member organization representing the needs of a large community of researchers we are highly interested in tackling these challenges in a joint effort.

Therefore, we declare our willingness to support the Text+ consortium, both by contributing to and engaging in the governing body of Text+, as well as through further activities in areas such as training, dissemination and workshops for the community. The continuous exchange with our members gives us the opportunity to communicate the demands of current research in medieval studies and especially to introduce our interdisciplinary perspective into the Text+ consortium. At the same time, participation in the consortium will give us the possibility to spread future innovations and developments of Text+ within our communities in order to ensure that research in medieval studies will benefit from the work of the consortium.

Prof. Dr. Wolfram Drews