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## Letter of Support for Text+

Dear Professor Hinrichs,

With this letter, I want to express my strong support for the Text+ consortium and at the same time my willingness to become a member of the Text+ Operation Committee (OC), which is foreseen as an element of the consortium's governance structure.

As President and CEO of FIZ Karlsruhe – Leibniz Institute for Information Infrastructure, I am leading an institution that makes significant contributions to the information infrastructure, thereby supporting researchers in science, humanities and industry worldwide. Our mission is (i) to provide information to science and industry, (ii) to develop respective services and (iii) to support international knowledge transfer. We curate and index very large amounts of publications, patent information and research data from heterogeneous sources. To keep our services cutting edge in times of the highly dynamic digital transformation, we conduct research in close collaboration with academic and research organizations. We hold two innovative professorships at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), which are combined with organizational entities at FIZ Karlsruhe (see below). Thus, we are a sought-for and experienced partner in national as well as European research projects.

Based on the activities in our e-Research department as well as in our research division Information Service Engineering, I see relevant contributions for the design of the upcoming Text+ infrastructure, especially concerning the following (often generic) aspects:

- Research data management, digital long-term archiving
- Metadata: standards, mappings and crosswalks
- Semantic web technologies, knowledge discovery, ontological engineering and exploratory search.

Other topics may become important, too, such as legal aspects. Our research division Intellectual Property Rights in Distributed Information Infrastructures has built up expertise on issues like intellectual property, data privacy and data security.

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FIZ Karlsruhe is a member of further consortia currently preparing for NFDI applications. These consortia comprise scientific and technical communities. In the humanities, we are actively engaged in the NFDI4Culture, NFDI4Memory, and NFDI4Objects consortia – the latter two planning to apply in 2020. I am convinced that Text+ can benefit from work being done in those and other consortia as well as vice versa. My colleagues and myself, we will actively participate in collaborative and bridge-building activities, aiming at a research-oriented portfolio of (basic) services, according to the NFDI idea.

On behalf of FIZ Karlsruhe, I hereby express our great interest in the success of the Text+ Consortium and at the same time emphasize our interest in participating in an SCC, OCC or thematic working groups as well as in contributing our advice and expertise to Text+ expert events.

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Johannes H. W. ...', is written across the page.