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Second Leibniz Licence Day

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New task fields and closer connections

Experts from more than 40 Leibniz Association research institutions gather in Berlin to discuss the challenges of Open Access and the repercussions for licensing journals, electronic books and databases.

Use permissions and limitation provisions, offsetting agreements and journal flipping, contributor identification and contract controlling – what reads as a smorgasbord of specialist library jargon to outsiders is merely a reflection of the diversity and topicality of the issues addressed at the second Leibniz Licence Day in Berlin. Participants from more than 40 institutions gathered at Leibniz Headquarters in Berlin on 16 May 2017 to discuss and find out about the latest developments on the information market, and their repercussions for one's own licensing management.

The first part of the event was devoted to the concrete effects of the amendment of copyright, as well as the transformation towards Open Access, as fostered and promoted in science policy. The second, more practice-oriented part, focused on exchanging information about experiences and knowledge in connection with licensing electronic media in non-university research institutions, and on sounding out a host of potential solutions. The participants then formed small working groups to develop different approaches towards cost-benefit analysis, which they subsequently presented in plenary.

The conclusion drawn from the event was that new fields of work and requirements are emerging, especially in connection with the transformation to Open Access, e.g. in publication compilation. In addition, the licensing of electronic media enables and encourages closer connections between libraries and Leibniz Association information centres, ensuring efficient, needs-oriented information provision for researchers.

The Leibniz Licence Day was organised by the three German National Libraries, the Technische Informationsbibliothek (TIB) – German National Library of Science and Technology, ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences, and ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics, in consultation with the Libraries Working Group and information centres of the Leibniz Association.

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