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New Finance and Commercial Director for ZB MED

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Gabriele Herrmann-Krotz takes on senior role at Information Centre

On 15 February, Gabriele Herrmann-Krotz was appointed as Finance and Commercial Director of ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences. Drawing on her expertise as an economist, Herrmann-Krotz will be joining Interim Director Dr. Dietrich Nelle at the helm of ZB MED. She will be playing a key role in shaping the organisational and economic aspects of the transformation process that ZB MED is currently undergoing as it strives to chart a new course for the future.

“Gabriele Herrmann-Krotz is exactly the kind of experienced research manager we need,” said Dr. Dietrich Nelle, Interim Director of ZB MED, responding to the appointment. “She has tackled research and foundation management from various perspectives and has already acquired significant expertise in dealing with structural changes and customer focus issues.”

ZB MED’s new Finance and Commercial Director has spent many years working in various management roles in the research and not-for-profit sectors. Her most recent position was Managing Director of the L3S Research Center, which conducts basic and applied research at the University of Hanover, specialising in web science and digital transformation.

Originally from Berlin, Herrmann-Krotz studied economics at Goethe University in Frankfurt. She began her career in banking and international trade, rapidly developing the leadership qualities that have enabled her to successfully implement conceptual and structural change processes.

In the late 1990s, Herrmann-Krotz moved into the education sector, where she was involved in the management of the not-for-profit Hertie Foundation and worked on the executive board of the Karl Kübel Foundation. These roles increasingly gave her an opportunity to forge interdisciplinary links between administrative responsibilities and higher education and research management. She also spent time at the University of Bologna in Italy and Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Boston, where she was able to further enhance her skills in leading not-for-profit organisations.

“I’m looking forward to taking on my new role as the Finance and Commercial Director of ZB MED,” enthuses Gabriele Herrmann-Krotz. “ZB

MED is currently charting a new course for the future. One of the challenges will be digitisation, and another is open science. Taking part in this exciting process and collaborating with everyone involved over the next few years will be a real creative challenge for me, and I look forward to helping make this project a success.”

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Background information: ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences

ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences is a key component of German and European information infrastructure in the field of life sciences. It is also a driving force behind the creation of an interconnected digital ecosystem of knowledge. As one of the leading service providers in its field, ZB MED is the perfect partner for anyone looking to take a more innovative approach to acquiring, processing and exploiting scientific information and research data. The Information Centre offers literature, specialist information and associated value-added services, primarily in a digital format. These are available through its semantic-based search portal LIVIVO and its publishing portal PUBLISSO, as well as at its sites in Cologne and Bonn. ZB MED firmly believes in encouraging a steady supply of high-quality scholarly and scientific resources, which is why promoting and supporting open access (OA) is one of its top priorities. The Information Centre also conducts applied research in the field of knowledge discovery.

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