

PRESS RELEASE

DINI certificate for ELLiNET publishing service

Seal of quality for service provided by German National Library of Medicine

Cologne, 14 February 2013 – In December 2012 the German Initiative for Network Information (DINI) awarded the latest edition of its “DINI Certificate 2010 for Document and Publication Services” to ELLiNET, the institutional repository of the German National Library of Medicine (ZB MED).

The DINI certificate, which is currently in its third edition, is a prestigious quality seal for Open Access services. It assures the quality of document and publication services that make scientific and scholarly publications available online to a worldwide audience while providing secure archiving.

The goal of the DINI certificate is to create a transparent system of quality control for document and publication services. The certificate defines technical, organizational and legal issues that should be considered when setting up and running a document and publication service. The certificate is only awarded to services that meet certain minimum criteria. For example, the entire service should be available via a Web address. In addition, the operator of the document and publication service must provide publicly accessible guidelines, offer reasonable levels of support to authors and publishers, and operate on the basis of explicit agreements which clearly define how the rights are divided between the author and the publication service. To obtain the quality seal, the service must also fulfil certain technical requirements, such as the ability to safeguard the stored data at all times using backup systems. ELLiNET fulfils all these criteria and was therefore selected as eligible to receive the DINI certificate.

Background information: ELLiNET

ELLiNET (Electronic Literature on the Net) offers authors the chance to publish scholarly and scientific texts from the fields of medicine, health, nutrition, environment and agriculture. In accordance with the principles of Open Access, these electronic publications can then be accessed for free via the Internet. The service focuses in particular on monograph publication by means of self-archiving (known as the “Green Road to Open Access”) – in other words making publications available online which have already been published somewhere else. ELLiNET offers authors the peace of mind of knowing that their scholarly publications will be made permanently available on the Internet. It offers high visibility thanks to its integration in national and international library catalogues and also ensures that publications are reliably citable and securely archived.

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