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**GND data service: Start of original script entries
Current GND base content (as of October 2012)**

Dear Sir or Madam

On 2 August of this year we wrote to inform you of the functional expansion of the Integrated Authority File (GND) to include the entry and exchange of **details given in the original script**.

The planned launch for the active entry of original script fields in the GND is **7 January 2013**. In parallel to the active entry, original script names from different library networks will be incorporated gradually into the GND from 7 January 2013 in an automatic procedure.

The first revision service which could contain the original script names of persons, corporate bodies, conferences and geographic entities will be available from week 2 of 2013.

Unfortunately some of the last deliveries of the revision service contained incorrectly (and prematurely) entered original script fields. This data has now been corrected and the fields concerned have been removed.

For further details regarding the entry and provision of original script information please refer to the original mail at

<http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20120802GndOriginalschriftlicheErfassungEN.pdf>

Examples can be found at

<http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20120717originalschriftInDerGndEN.pdf>

Information on test data is available at

<http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20120919GndTestdatenOriginalschriftlicheErfassungEN.pdf>

Updated base content of Integrated Authority File

When the GND was introduced in April 2012 it was planned to make the base content of the GND available for download twice yearly. In October 2012 a full copy of the GND was created which can

be downloaded via FTP or WWW in MARC 21 format. The files have been split into 11 packages on account of the large amount of data (total of approx. 9.7 million data records). Please contact datendienste@dnb.de to obtain the necessary access information.

The text of this circular is also available on our homepage at <http://www.dnb.de/EN/Service/DigitaleDienste/Datendienst/rundschreibenDatendienst.html>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at datendienste@dnb.de or phone us on the usual telephone numbers.

Best regards,

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