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Integrated Authority File (GND) data service: Original script entries

Dear Sir or Madam

When the Integrated Authority File (GND) is launched it will soon be possible to enter and exchange original script information. This will finally see the implementation of a long-requested functional addition to the international authority file.

Launch of "Original script entries" in the GND is scheduled for 1 October 2012.

The Latin form of the name remains the **Name form in field 1XX**. There is only one 1XX field and this is not duplicated for the original script preferred name for non-Latin script names of persons/corporate bodies/congresses/works/geographical information.

In repeatable **7xx** fields the **authorised preferred names are in non-Latin script**. The preferred name in the original language and original script is labelled "Original" in field 7XX subfield \$9v:.

All **other name forms** are given as equivalent name forms in the repeatable **4XX** fields.

Information about the script and language of the information in non-Latin scripts is exchanged in MARC 21 in subfields \$9U: (script) and \$9L: (language).

Basic information and further details regarding the changes to the PICA format and the GND-MARC-21 format, plus examples, can be found in the attached file.

The first test data can be entered in our database at the end of August. The test data is scheduled to be available on our servers and via the OAI interface from the beginning of September. All necessary details will be provided shortly.

The first change services which contain the new subfields are scheduled to be rolled out at the beginning of October. Concrete dates will be posted here as soon as they become available.

This applies exclusively to the Integrated Authority File data service. The GND will be provided in MARC 21 format. Comprehensive documentation regarding the GND format can be obtained from our website at <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/DNB/standardisierung/gndMarc21Datenformat1.1Version2011.pdf>

The attachment and the text of this circular are 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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