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Data Service: Current basic stock of the Integrated Authority File (GND)

Dear Sir or Madam

The new basic stock / full copy of the Integrated Authority File (GND, <http://www.dnb.de/EN/gnd>) scheduled for February 2015 (<http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservice>) is available for downloading in the format variants MARC 21 and MARC21-xml via WWW servers. One file was created for each GND entity on account of the large amount of data (total of approx. 10.8 million data records).

The "Umlenk_Loesch_GND..." file with abbreviated data records is being provided for the first time as an additional service to track all redirects ("x" in position 5 of the leader in MARC 21) and deletions ("d" in position 5 of the leader in MARC 21) made since the previous full copy of the GND. This file is useful for customers who used the check number in MARC field 001 to determine the valid GND number for redirects when transferring the GND data.

The file is not relevant for customers who synchronise their GND collection with the GND, i.e. who constantly track redirects and deletions via the OAI interface or the weekly change service.

Further information on the procedure for redirects and deletions can be obtained from <http://www.dnb.de/EN/gndaenderungsdienst>.

Please contact datendienste@dnb.de to obtain the necessary information on accessing a full copy of the GND.

At <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21> you will find the valid documentation of the GND.

The new basic stock of the GND will also be accessible via the Linked Data Service in RDF/XML and Turtle formats soon. Further information on this service and the link for downloading can be obtained from <http://www.dnb.de/EN/lds>.

The text of this circular is also available on our homepage at <http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservicesnews>.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at datendienste@dnb.de or phone us on the usual numbers.

Best regards,

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