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General revision of bibliographic data in the German Union Catalogue of Serials (ZDB) on August 22/23, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As announced at the ZDB User Meeting¹ during the 104th Bibliothekartag in Nürnberg, the automatic retrospective assignment to PICA3 field 4024 (dates of publication in machine-readable form) or MARC 21 field 363 (normalized date and sequential designation)² is being implemented for all bibliographic data in the ZDB.

In future, this retrospective assignment of approx. 1.5 million bibliographic data records will enable reliable secured comparisons of holdings information, title history and title relations in the new ZDB catalogue³.

The general revision is scheduled to take place on August 22/23 (weekend).

Please note:

These corrected records will be delivered neither in the course of the weekly data delivery service⁴ in the following week, nor will the changes be made available immediately via the API OAI-PMH⁵. Acquisition via the OAI-PMH is only possible subsequently by resetting the harvesting period. We will be pleased to notify you of the necessary date stamp upon completion of the change run by e-mail request.

All data records changed in the course of the general revision are contained in the ZDB full copy⁶ 2015/2; anticipated time schedule:

- | Friday 25 September 2015 (CW 39), availability of ZDB full copy
- | Monday 28 September 2015 (CW 40), availability of "ZDB for Libraries"

The text of this circular letter can also be found on our homepage at
<http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservicesnews>.

In the case of further questions, please contact use by e-mail to datendienste@dnb.de.

¹ http://www.zeitschriftendatenbank.de/fileadmin/user_upload/ZDB/pdf/anwendertreffen/ZDB_Anwendertreffen_Nuernberg_2015.pdf

² <http://www.zeitschriftendatenbank.de/de/erschliessung/arbeitsunterlagen/zeta/4024/> or
<http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>

³ <http://www.zeitschriftendatenbank.de/ueber-uns/projekte/zdb-opac>

⁴ <http://www.zeitschriftendatenbank.de/services/datendienste>

⁵ <http://www.zeitschriftendatenbank.de/services/schnittstellen/oai>

⁶ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservice>

Yours sincerely,
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