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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)¹ scheduled for October 2016² 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. 13.3 million data records).

The "Umlenk_Loesch_GND..." file with abbreviated data records is being provided 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 control 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 our website³.

Please contact datendienste@dnb.de for the relevant log-in data to obtain a complete delivery in MARC 21 or MARC21-xml format, stating the required option.

At our homepage⁴ you will find the valid documentation of the GND.

¹ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/gnd>

² <http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservice>

³ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/gndaenderungsdienst>

⁴ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>

The provision via the Linked Data Service takes place at a later date and will be announced accordingly. Further information on this service and the link for downloading can be obtained from our website⁵.

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

Yours faithfully,
on behalf of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)
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⁵ <http://www.dnb.de/EN/lds>