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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 March 2017 2016[2] 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. 13.7 million data records).

This basic stock includes the records of the entities persons and of the entities congress of the Swiss National Library incorporated in the GND in October 2016.
When the authority data were imported, about 13,000 new records for persons [Tp records, MARC field 079 (Authority data-specific encodings, subfield $b (Type of Entity) = "p"] were produced and approximately 3,500 records were merged with existing ones.
Furthermore, about 8,500 new congress records [Tf records, MARC field 079 (Authority data-specific encodings, subfield $b (Type of entity) = "f"] were produced and approximately 7,700 were merged with existing ones.
The newly imported data are recognisable from the MARC Organisation Code beginning with **"CH-001821-6"** in MARC field 040 (Cataloguing Source) subfield $a (Original cataloguing agency) and subfield $9r: (ISIL).

In the period since the extraction of the last basic stock, extensive data manipulation has been carried out:

- The cataloguing level (MARC field 079 Authority data-specific encodings subfield $c) of work records (Tu data records) of music which are not RDA-compliant and have not been used for subject cataloguing has been changed from level 1 to level 3 (109,000 records).

- Removal of "berc/beru" from MARC field 550 (See also from tracing - Topical term) $94: (GND code for relationships):
  In personal records (Tp records) it is planned to enter MARC field 550 (See also from tracing - Topical term) (Pica + 041R) with $94: "berc" no more than once per record and the other professional information to be encoded with $94: "beru". Divergent entries are being corrected in approximately 480,150 records. The processing is not yet complete.

- Removal of homonyms within a GND data record: of the approximately 81,000 records affected, about 40,000 records had already been amended at the time of the extraction.

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[1] http://www.dnb.de/EN/gnd
[2] http://www.dnb.de/EN/dataservice

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 website[3].

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 homepage[4] you will find the valid documentation of the GND.

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 website[5].

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,
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[3] http://www.dnb.de/EN/gndaenderungsdienst
[4] http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21
[5] http://www.dnb.de/EN/lds