

Free DOI registration for academic institutions

New service offered by German DataCite members

Cologne, 15 January 2013 – A new service has been introduced this year offering academic institutions free registration of Digital Object Identifiers, or DOIs, which guarantee the persistent identification and citation of electronic publications and research data. The decision to offer the service for free was taken by the German members of the international not-for-profit organisation DataCite e.V. at their general meeting in December 2012, namely the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, the German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB), the German National Library of Medicine (ZB MED) and the German National Library of Economics – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics (ZBW).

One of the goals of DataCite e.V. is to make research data permanently citable and accessible on the Internet. This is achieved using the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) system. A DOI is a unique and persistent digital identifier for digital resources which is comparable to the ISBN number used for print publications. In Germany, DOIs are assigned by the four German DataCite members ZB MED, GESIS, ZBW and TIB.

“We have decided to make DOI registration free for academic institutions in Germany with immediate effect” says Jan Brase, Managing Agent of DataCite. “Our aim is to give a further boost to the research community and, above all, to promote the easy access and citation of research data in Germany. We hope that more and more research institutes will decide to publish their data on the Internet in a permanently citable format.”

About DataCite:

DataCite e.V. is an international not-for-profit organisation that offers services and know-how relating to the management, referencing and citation of research data. The German members of DataCite are the German National Library of Medicine (ZB MED), GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, the German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB) and the German National Library of Economics – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics (ZBW).

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