

# National and Alliance Licenses in Germany: Organisation and Procedures

Backfiles and Archives for Switzerland - 17th September 2013

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- Publicly funded self governing research foundation
- 9.000 peer reviewers from scientific institutions
- 2004-2010: National Licenses
  - Bibliographic Databases (8)
  - Fulltext Databases (63)
  - Journal Archives (59)
  - Compendia (8)
  - E-Book Collections (8)
- 2011-2016: Alliance Licenses
- Negotiations by a group of 8 experienced institutions

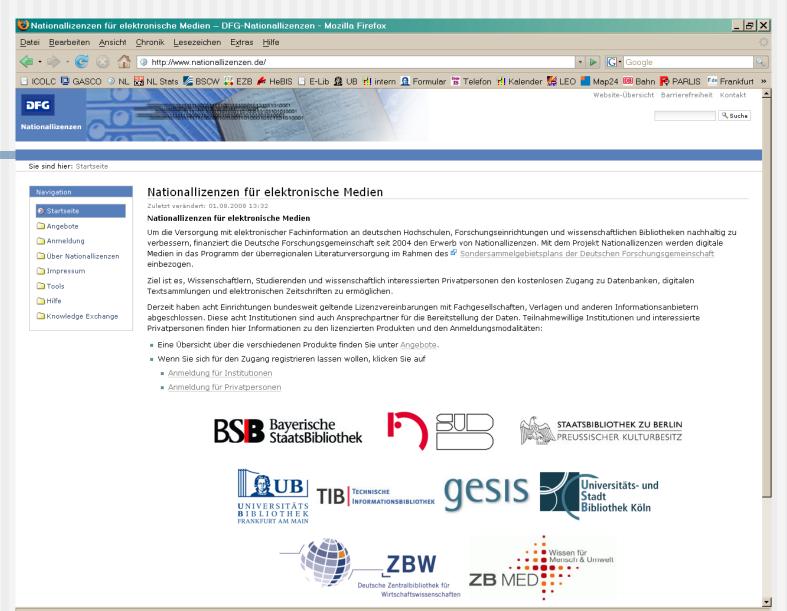
#### Review Process

- Suggestions of Special Collection Field Libraries (94)
- Negotiation and submission of proposals to DFG (50)
- DFG's review process:
  - Review Boards (scientific experts)
     Relevance for science and research
  - Quality of technical solution

    Price performance ratio => ranking
  - 2. Financial votes by Joint Committee (16)
- Sign contracts and pay invoices

## Benefits and Challenges

- + Central funding is crucial for dissemination of content
- + Better prices and conditions as consortia deals
- + Experienced publishers adapt to DFG's criteria
- + Criteria lead to standardisation of license models
- + Purchase of relevant backfiles was completed
- Transparency of the process is crucial
- DFG's criteria do not always meet with library's criteria
- Smaller publishers and aggregators have difficulties in adapting DFG's criteria



## Registration Process

- Upload license details / terms and conditions
- Mailing to universities and scientific institutions
- Automatically generated mailing of registration activities
- Authentification check by negotiating libraries
- Backfiles and archives are "easy to handle" products compared to current content journal packages (Alliance Licenses)

### Metadata

- Collect metadata from vendor (NL team)
- Content check (NL team)
- Analysis of format (GBV)
- Sample sets reviewed (NL team)
- Conversion to MAB 2 / MARC on request (GBV)
- Deliver via FTP server (GBV)
- Human ressources are a bottle neck

## Usage statistics

- Collect / evaluate usage data from vendors and upload to statistic server
- Reports to DFG 2008 (NL) and 2010 (AL)
- Results were integrated in review process
  - Usage of current content increases every year
  - Usage varies depending on faculty's working practice
  - Usage of current content 10 x higher than backfiles
- Development of a national statistic server 2014
- "Handmade" delivery will still be needed

#### Ressources

- UB Frankfurt: 23 National Licenses, 3 Alliance Licenses
  - Negotiation, DFG proposals and reports: 0,5 FTE
  - Administration of licenses and participants: 1 FTE
  - Metadata, statistics, registration support: 1 FTE
- DFG's recovery of cost is 20% of license value
- But: work load depends mainly on business modells and less on the value of licenses



"There is only one thing in the world more expensive than education: no education"

(John F. Kennedy)

Thank you for your attention!