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Letter of support of the *Gesellschaft für Angewandte Linguistik* (German Association for Applied Linguistics – GAL) for the NFDI-Initiative *Text+*: Language- and Text-Based Research Data Infrastructure

Dear Prof. Hinrichs,

as president of the *Gesellschaft für Angewandte Linguistik* (German Association for Applied Linguistics – GAL) and on behalf of the board of the association, I would like to express the support of GAL for the *Text+* initiative.

According to membership numbers, GAL is the largest association for Applied Linguistics in Europe and the second largest world-wide. We strongly believe that our members working in various subfields of Linguistics and Applied Linguistics would greatly benefit from the realization of *Text+*.

Several members of GAL-DIAL (**D**igitale **I**nfrastrukturen für die **A**ngewandte **L**inguistik – Digital Infrastructures for Applied Linguistics), a research group focusing on digital infrastructures for Applied Linguistics, founded in 2018, would like to cooperate with and contribute to the Scientific Coordination Committees planned as part of the governance structure of *Text+*.

Additionally, GAL can and would help to spread the word about *Text+* in our community. Organized by the GAL-DIAL research group, last year's annual GAL conference featured a "market place" of more than a dozen use case presentations of digital infrastructures in Applied Linguistics; similar events are planned for future GAL conferences. Our annual conferences, the GAL-DIAL section of the GAL website and the monthly GAL newsletter are just some of the possibilities that could be used for the dissemination of information on *Text+*.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Markus Bieswanger