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Letter of Intent

Dear Professor Hinrichs,

we are very happy to support the Consortium text+ initiative again with this letter of intent.

The German Society for Philosophy (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie e.V., DGPhil) is the association of philosophers who work at universities and schools in Germany, as well as all those who wish to participate in the German philosophical intellectual life. With around 2500 members the DGPhil is the largest German philosophical society and one of the largest in the world. It sees itself as an umbrella organization for the entire philosophical life in Germany within and outside of teaching and research at the university and is therefore not bound to any school or direction.

The DGPhil warmly welcomes the text+ initiative within the scope of the NFDI, since language and text are the basis of human communication and, as such, they underlie all aspects of society. This is particularly true for philosophy, which belongs to those academic disciplines that create, access, collect, annotate, analyse, visualize, publish, share, and archive text- and language-based research data, nowadays more and more in machine-readable form. We especially support the focus on critical scholarly editions, which play a major role in philosophy. The working group for philosophical editions (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Philosophischer Editionen, AGPhE) within the DGPhil is particularly concerned with questions and problems of research data handling in the field of philosophical editions.

We strongly support the efforts of text+ to build and expand a comprehensive data and services portfolio and to establish a governance structure that intends to cooperate particularly with the scholarly societies like the DGPhil. We will encourage members of the DGPhil who will actively participate in the work of text+ in joining for example one of the Scientific Coordination Committees (SCC), which serve as expert committees for the thematic branches of the consortium.

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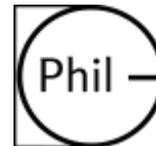
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Moreover, we have the interests of users working in all fields of philosophy at heart. The DGPhil will support the dissemination of the mission of text+ among the DGPhil members and is open for cooperation in the context of conferences, summer schools, research projects etc. We also expect a joint cooperation between the consortium text+ and the Fachinformationsdienst Philosophie as part of the specialized information service program of the DFG.

The DGPhil strongly supports the application of the Consortium text+ within the scope of the NFDI.

Kind regards,

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