



Documentation And Library Associations in Germany During The 20th Century - A Short Analysis

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information scientist Rainer Kuhlen:
publishes „Schisma der Bibliotheken“
(schism of libraries)

Scientific Council of Germany criticizes
German university libraries

Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare (VDB)

- 1897 Foundation of a **Section of German Librarians** in the **German Association of Philologists**
- 1900 **Association of German Librarians**
1900: 68 members;
1925: 600 members

Hermann Beck (1879-1919)

- 1905 "Internationales Institut für Sozio-Bibliographie" [**Social Sciences Bibliography**]
- 1908 "Internationales Institut für Techno-Bibliographie" [**Technology Bibliography**]
- 1912 "Aufruf zur Gründung eines **Deutschen Archivs der Weltliteratur**" [**Propagation for the Foundation of a German Archiv of the World's Literature**]

Verein Deutscher Ingenieure

- 1916 **Technische Zeitschriftenschau**
Association of German Engineers (VDI)

[abstracting service with 58 American
47 English 39 French journals]

Adolf von Harnack (1851-1930)

- 1905 Director Königliche Bibliothek Berlin
- 1911 President Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft

[Ist die Drucklegung überhaupt noch das richtige Mittel, um Werke von geringerer Auflage zu veröffentlichen? Müssen wir hier nicht zu einer anderen Art mechanischer Vervielfältigung übergehen? (1911)]

[Is printing still the right means to publish small editions? Do we not need to use another kind of multiplying?]

Karl Dziatzko (1847-1903)

- University Library Breslau, developer of new rules for alphabetical cataloguing (1899)
-> Preußische Instruktionen
- First Professor for Bibliothekshilfswissenschaften [**Library Science**] in Göttingen (1886)
- Strong support of librarianship in close connection to the humanities and philologies

Science journalists

- 11.1.1929 Technisch-Literarische Gesellschaft (**Science Journalists' Association**)
- world-wide the oldest association of technique and science journalists

Albert Predeek (1883-1956)

- 1929-1945 Director Technical University Library Berlin (Abstracting Service)
- 1947-1951 Director University Library Jena

[Definition of Documentation: Documentation is the ability to solve a given information problem by using all kinds of own or other information sources]

Hugo Andres Krüss (1879 - 1945)

- 1907-1925 Prussian Ministry for Culture (Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft and Notgemeinschaft der Deutschen Wissenschaft [Science Foundation])
- 1925 Director General of the Prussian State Library Berlin
- 1927 Chairman of the Standardization Committee for Librarianship (until 1945)

Deutscher Normenausschuss [German Standards Committee]

- DNA founded during World War I
- 1927 Fachnormenausschuss (FNA) für Bibliothekswesen [Standard Committee for Librarianship]
- 1929 FNA Buch-, Bibliotheks- und Zeitschriftenwesen [Standard Committee for Books, Librarianship, and Periodicals]

□ FNA Buch-, Bibliotheks- und Zeitschriftenwesen

- 4 Committees from 1929 on
 - Blanks for libraries
 - Size of journals
 - **Structure of journals** (Fritz Prinzhorn)
 - **Classification** (1932 German Short Edition of DC)
- 1934 **central office for documentation** and German representative in international negotiations

FNA Buch-, Bibliotheks- und Zeitschriftenwesen

- 1937 about 250 „Schrifttumsauskunftstellen“ in the Directory of documentation offices
- 1937 World Congress of Documentation
- 1937/38 ISA Committee 46 Documentation
- 1939 „Dokumentation und Arbeitstechnik“
- Committee for Photographic duplication

Georg Leyh (1877-1968)

- Director University Library Tübingen (1921-1947)
- Editor Handbook for Libraries

Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare (VDB)

- 1934 Ministry for Culture and Education
- 1935 President Georg Ley (University Library Tübingen, editor of the journal Zentralblatt für Bibliothekswesen)
- 1936 and 1938 Annual Meetings Predeek and Prinzhorn gave talks on documentation

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation (DGD)

- 28.5.1941 Foundation of the **German Association for Documentation** initiated by the Minister of Science and National Education Bernhard Rust and the FNA (Prinzhorn)
- 21.-24.9.1942 Meeting in Salzburg "**Issues Of Documentation**"
- 1.12.1943 Zentralnachweis für ausländische Literatur [**Directory of foreign literature**]



Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Technisch-wissenschaftlichen Bibliotheken



- 1946 Working Group of the Technical-Scientific Libraries initiated by business companies and industry

(renamed in Working Group of Special Libraries later)

The Immediate Post-War Period

Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare (VDB)

- 1948 Re-establishment of the **Association of German Librarians**
- Representative of **all scientific libraries**

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation (DGD)

- 1948 Reactivation of the **German Association for Documentation** initiated by the **German Organization for Standardization**
- 1950 Nachrichten für Dokumentation
- 1954 First course on documentation at Technical University (TH) Darmstadt
- 1957 Information and documentation lectures at Free University Berlin

Hanns W. Eppelsheimer (1890-1972)

- 1946 Director of the University Library Frankfurt am Main
- 1946/47 Lectures on documentation
- 1947-1959 General Director of the Deutsche Bibliothek [**West-German Archive Library for German Literature**]
- 1951-1955 President of the DGD



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation (DGD/DGI)



- 1959 „Automatic Documentation in Action“ in Frankfurt am Main (Erich Pietsch)
- Committee „Dokumentation“ in the Gemeinschaftsausschuss der Technik (Federation of Technical Associations - GdT)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Spezialbibliotheken (ASpB)

- 1961 opening for **University Libraries**
- 1968 **Working Group of Special Libraries** (ASpB) with participation in the Deutsche Bibliothekskonferenz (**German Round Table of Libraries**)
- 1971 President **Paul Kaegbein** (TU Berlin)
- 1974 **German Library Federation** establishes **section 5 Special Libraries**

Deutscher Bibliotheksverband [Union of German Libraries]

- 1949 **Deutscher Büchereiverband**
[Union of German Public Libraries]
- 1973 **Deutscher Bibliotheksverband e.V.**
[Union of German Libraries];
interdisciplinary organization of the German
libraries, including scientific libraries
- 1964 **Deutsche Bibliotheksverband GDR**
- 1991 merger of the two organizations
Deutscher Bibliotheksverband e.V.

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Helmut Arntz (*1912)
(Former President of DGD and FID)

„So drehte sich bis 1960 das Rad der Dokumentation nur im Kreis der wenigen Utopisten, die ihr einen nationalen Rang voraussagten...“ Arntz (1974)

[Thus the wheel of documentation turned only in the circle of the few utopians until 1960, who forecast it a national rank...]

Cooperation

- 1974 **ABD-Kreis**
 - Round Table for Archives (VDA), Libraries (DBV) and Documentation (DGD)
 - Ernst Lutterbeck, President of DGD
- 1977 **Berliner Arbeitskreis Information**
 - Regional Working Group of DGD, VDD and ASpB (Paul Kaegbein, President of ASpB)


National Programs

- 1973 Bibliotheksplan [**Library Plan**]
- 1974 IuD Programm [**I&D Program**]
of the German Federal Government

German National Bibliography

A joint project in the 1970s by

- Deutsche Bibliothek (German National Library)
Director Prof. Pflug
- Zentralstelle für maschinelle Dokumentation
(Central Institute for Mechanized Documentation)
Director Klaus Schneider

DGD / NfD  DGI / IuW

- 1999 Renaming of DGD and NfD
 - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Informationswissenschaft und Informationspraxis
[The German Association for Information Science and Information Practice]
 - Information – Wissenschaft und Praxis
[Information - Science and Practice]

A new trial - optimistic outlook

- BDB - Bundesverband Deutscher Bibliotheksverbände (Federation of German Library Associations) and DGI are negotiating on the establishment of a **Federation of German Library and Information Associations**, in which DGI would become a member.



Thank you for your interest.

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