

# **ACTIVITY REPORT of**

(DNB)

Report period 09/2006–11/2006

| WP nr & name                          | Task nr. & name (according to the "Description of Work") |
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| WP1 "Integrated workspace"            | T1.3 – Upgrading of databases & tools                    |
| WP2 "Enhancing content usability"     | T2.1a - Textual watermark description standard           |
| WP4 "Contextual resources for paper   | T4.4 - Bibliographical referencing of data               |
| history"                              | T6.? - Handbook  |
| WP6 "Accessibility, Dissemination and |  |
| Sustainability"                       |  |

## Work accomplished / results

- Schema of bibliographical database
- Listing of geographical data (work in progress)
- Use cases for bibliographical and watermark research
- Bibliographical data for expertise and image processing
- Contributions to handbook

### <u>Dissemination activities</u> (papers, talks, collaborations, advertisements...)

- Website DNB: http://www.d-nb.de/wir/projekte/bernstein.htm
- Newsletter Deutscher Arbeitskreis für Papier (DAP): 210 digital copies, 170 paper copies (prepared November, sent December 2006)

### Materials bought / subcontracting (only in relation to this project)

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#### Global evaluation in relation to the project's objectives

 Difficulties in cooperation with IT department of DNB: Bernstein did not get the priority in autumn 2006 (like necessary); IT will start in February 2007 to bring the content of our existing bibliographical database in our central bibliographical database (PICA-ILTIS); this will open access for integration.

#### <u>Improvements proposals / Comments</u>

- There is a strong feeling that the participants of the Bernstein project have different opinions in aspect of some main tasks of filigranology. The fact that "watermarks are twins", the fact of variations of the same watermark, the fact that similar looking watermarks belong to different mould are not respected in a proper way.
- There is not enough intention to open the project to other institutions or watermark

projects (e.g. no communication with Basle – Dr. Tschudin, M. Kluge – and other initiatives like in USA).

- There is not enough intention to open structures to watermarks and papers from 17th and 18th century – otherwise the problem of marks and countermarks would be treated in another way.
- It is a pity that the Twiki platform is not in use for transparent and cooperative work.