Virtual Research Environments in Germany

Funding Activities of the German Research Foundation

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The DFG

- serves all branches of science and the humanities
- fosters scientific excellence through competition
- supports international cooperation in research
- advises political and social decision-makers
- supports the transfer of knowledge between science and industry

Funding in 2011, by scientific discipline

- Engineering Sciences €451.9 million (21.8%)
- Life Sciences €808.1 million (38.9%)
- Natural Sciences €498.8 million (24.0%)
- Humanities and Social Sciences €318.3 million (15.3%)
Funding an Innovative Information Infrastructure for Research

Funding in 2011

- Nationwide Library Services: €23,934
- Cataloguing and Digitisation of manuscripts and printed books: €13,573
- Electronic Publications: €3,818
- Information Management (incl. Virtual Research Environments, Research Data): €14,778

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DFG-funded since 2004 with 34 projects (16 Mio €/ 20 Mio $ in all)

Focus: Building and dissemination of VRE's in all disciplines
Actual focus: Sustainability
Future focus: Modularity

2 types of VRE's: subject, topic oriented VRE (‘bottom-up’)
   special case: VRE in a Collaborative Research Center
   disciplin oriented VRE (‘top-down’)

Requirement: teamwork of infrastructure experts and researchers - do we need new structures?
The Following Presentations

Dirk Riemann, Steffen Vogt:

Tambor.org as a New Tool for Collaborative Work in Historical Climatology and Environmental History

Connecting researchers nationwide and internationally

Thomas Burch, Yvonne Rommelfanger:

FuD: A Virtual Research Environment for the Humanities

Connecting researchers within a Collaborative Research Centre
Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit

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