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Speakers’ council represents the interests of the institute’s libraries

Two representatives from each section are elected for 2 years

Acts as a moderator between the libraries and the MPDL as well as between other parties involved in the area of library and information management
Librari(ans)es in the MPS

Wide range of tasks

Our task
supply the scientists of the MPS with the best possible scientific information provision on-site

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None of these could be achieved by local libraries on their own!

Open Access activities

Repositories (eDoc, PubMan)

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• Services of MPDL are additional or complementary to the local services, these couldn’t be provided by the libraries on their own with the same efficiency and cost effectiveness

• MPDL needs the input of the local librarians, because services are always based on the needs of the scientists

Proposals are always vetted against the needs of the scientists

Librarians are in close contact with the scientists in the institutes

• Proposals for new services or the extension of established services are done by either the libraries to the MPDL or via the MPDL to the libraries
Challenges ahead…

- sustainability of Grundversorgung
- integration of Open Access
- integrating resources in one portal
…how to ensure sustainability of Grundversorgung

Challenges:

- specifying objective criteria
- central versus local contracts
- budget limitations

- MPDL provides tools for statistical data analysis
- Roles and responsibilities of MPDL and libraries with regard to the Grundversorgung have been put down in a paper
Open Access – procedures are needed to support the OA workflow at the institutes.
.. integrating resources into a modern library portal

Project new library portal
Trial with open source software

- Library catalogs
- Library catalogs
- Library catalogs
- Library catalogs
- ebooks
- ebooks
- ebooks
- vLib
- vLib
- vLib
- E-journals
- E-journals
- E-journals
- Pubman
- Pubman
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- eDoc
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.. initiated by a group of librarians
.. now a joint project between librarians and MPDL

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Conclusion

• The MPDL has achieved a lot
• The librarians need the MPDL to render the best services to the scientists
• The MPDL needs the input of the librarians to select the resources and to facilitate communication with the scientists
• Librarians and the MPDL work together very constructively
• The libraries need both departments of the MPDL
• The librarians are excited about new projects and challenges
Thank you for your attention!

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