

**Between Cultural Management and Research:  
Special Collections in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Organisation, Services, Resources**

**Zwischen Kulturmanagement und Forschung:  
Sondersammlungen im 21. Jahrhundert. Organisation, Dienstleistungen, Ressourcen**

*Date :* 22. - 25. November 2005  
*Venue :* Weimar, Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek (HAAB), Studienzentrum,  
Platz der Demokratie 4  
*Organizers :* HAAB in cooperation with the Initiative Fortbildung für wissenschaftliche Spezialbibliotheken und verwandte Einrichtungen e.V. and the University Library of Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen

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The future of special collections is emerging as a key issue for research libraries in Europe, North America and overseas. Once often regarded as somewhat marginal, in recent years special collections have increasingly been recognised as central to the research and teaching missions of major libraries. The renewed interest in their potential has raised a wide range of questions about the role and management of special collections. What do we expect of special collections and their curators? What level of resources should be allocated to them? How should those resources be managed? How can additional funding be obtained to develop them and services based upon them? How can the collections be better integrated into research and teaching programmes? What role should special collections play in the digital library environment? In this workshop, specialists from Germany, the Netherlands and from the English-speaking world will describe innovative solutions and share their expertise in the field. A key aim will be to encourage an exchange of ideas that might lead to practical co-operation.

***Programme*** (simultaneous translation from German to English will be available)

**Tuesday Nov. 22**

- 12:00 h Conference office opens
- 14:00 h Welcome address: **Hellmut Seemann**, Präsident der Stiftung Weimarer Klassik;  
**Dr. Michael Knoche**, Direktor der HAAB
- Facilitators: **Graham Jefcoate**, Director of the University Library,  
Radboud University Nijmegen;  
**Dr. Jürgen Weber**, Stellv. Direktor der HAAB
- 14:30 h Guest Lecture: Wie denkt Kulturmanagement? (The „thinking“ of cultural management) - **Prof. Dr. Armin Klein**, Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Inst. für Kulturmanagement
- 15:15 h Key Note Address : The critical role of special collections in the research and education enterprise - **G. Jefcoate**

- 16:00 h *Coffee break*
- 16:30 h Sondersammlungen in deutschen Bibliotheken: Ergebnisse einer Umfrage  
(Special collections in German libraries: results of a survey) - **Dr. J. Weber**
- 17:15 h Free time
- 19:00 h Evening lecture open to the public:  
,Die mannigfaltigen und unentwickelten Schätze, die ich mir gesammelt'.  
Über das Sammeln (Multifaceted and random treasures, which I gathered. About  
collecting) - **Prof. Dr. Jochen Brüning**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Inst. für  
Mathematik)  
Followed by reception and buffet

### Wednesday, Nov. 23

#### **1: 'To Have and To Hold': Collection building**

Collection building has often been regarded as a key "core" activity for special collections, and one that has changed little over time. Former certainties are now being challenged. De-accessioning, for example, has become a topic of sometimes heated public debate. In an increasingly networked world, the need to "hold" physical material at all is questioned; those institutions holding special materials may feel they have a particular obligation to share them with others.

- 09:00 h Collection building for special collections (**Chantal Keijsper**, Head, Dep. of  
Information & Collections, Koninklijke Bibliotheek – Nationale bibliotheek van  
Nederland)
- 09:45 h Digitizing and sharing: one approach to the ethics of owning international  
collections - **Dr. Alice Prochaska**, University Library, Yale
- 10:30 h **Collection building: Issues and Challenges** – the speakers will lead into the  
**discussion ...**
- 11:00 h *Coffee break*

#### **2: 'Setting out the Wares': Collection description and collection access**

Networking technologies and innovative formats provide new opportunities for opening up access to collections. Now that the retro-conversion of the conventional catalogues of major research libraries is largely complete, new solutions to problems of collection description and collection access are being pioneered. Of particular interest are methodologies that allow improved access to "hidden collections" or open up full-text access to rare materials.

- 11:30 h Collection-level description: why and whither - **Ronald Milne**, Acting Director  
of University Library Services and Bodley's Librarian, Oxford
- 12:15 h Der zweite Schritt: die Vernetzung digitalisierter alter Drucke (The second  
step: networked digital access to early printed material) - **Dr. Thomas  
Stäcker**, Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel
- 13:00 h *Lunch break*

- 14:30 h Die "Virtuellen Fachbibliotheken": Bausteine im DFG-System der über-regionalen Sammelschwerpunkte („Subject-Based Virtual Libraries“: buildingblocks within the German Research Foundation's programme) - **Dr. Maria Effinger**, Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg
- 15:15 h **Collection Description and Collection Access: *Issues and Challenges*** – the speakers will lead into the **discussion** ...
- 16:15 h free time or, city tour (optional)

### **3: Taking Responsibility for the Past: Cultural Inheritance in Weimar**

It was no coincidence that the National Socialists chose to build their concentration camp at Buchenwald on the outskirts of a city that had come to symbolise not only the classical tradition in German literature, but also the Bauhaus and the eponymous Weimar Republic. As an historical and cultural location, Weimar acknowledges a dual responsibility for its rich and complex traditions, including their most uncomfortable associations. How can cultural institutions respond to the challenge?

- 18:00 h Sammeln in Buchenwald (Collecting in Buchenwald) - **Prof. Dr. Volkhard Knigge**, Stiftungsdirektor der Gedenkstätte Buchenwald
- 18:45 h Die Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek nach dem Brand (The Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek after the fire) - **Dr. M. Knoche**
- 20:00 h evening meal together - an option

## Thursday, Nov. 24

### **4: For the Benefit of Users – Redefining the Role of Special Collections: User service**

Almost universally, research library strategies will stress the need to place the interests of users at the forefront of their plans. But what are the interests and concerns of teachers and researchers? And what does the commitment to users mean in practical terms for special collections, for their organisation and planning and for the resources they need?

- 09:30 h From Treasure Rooms to Research Center: The Changing Role of Special Collections in the United States - **Dr. Alice Schreyer**, Director of the Special Collections Research Center at the University of Chicago Library
- 10:15 h Forschungsinteressen und wissenschaftliche Sondersammlungen (Scholarly research and special collections) - **Prof. Dr. Bénédicte Savoy**, Technische Universität Berlin, Institut für Geschichte und Kunstgeschichte)
- 11:00 h *Coffee break*
- 11:30 h Erlebnissräume, gebaut aus Erinnerungen. Die Sondersammlung als "Teaching Library" (Glimpses into the past. The lure of special collections

as “teaching libraries”) - **Dr. Hans Zotter MAS**, Universitätsbibliothek Graz)

12:15 h **User service : *Issues and Challenges*** – the speakers will lead into the **discussion ...**

13:00 h *Lunch break*

### **5: Resources and Resourcefulness: the Need of Additional Funding and Future Skills**

If special collections are developing new agendas – and new organisational forms or technical solutions to address them – then what additional resources will be needed to realise the vision? That special collections will need to exploit the opportunities offered through fundraising is a truth universally acknowledged, but what will this mean in practical terms? And what skills and competencies will be required of the 21<sup>st</sup> century special collections curator?

14:30 h Fundraising for special collections - **Richard Ovenden**, Keeper of Special Collections and Western Manuscripts at Bodley's Library, Oxford

15:15 h Panel : **Competencies / Education and Training for Careers in Special Collections** - **G. Jefcoate**, together with **R. Ovenden, A. Prochaska, A. Schreyer, Th. Staecker, H. Zotter**

16:00 h *Coffee break*

16:30 h Conference wrap-up - **G. Jefcoate**

17:00 h End of day three

### Friday, Nov. 25

09:00 - Visit the collections of the Buchenwald Memorial. Guided tour, led by  
12:00 h **Justus H. Ulbricht**, Stiftung Weimarer Klassik und Kunstsammlungen

Afternoon Make your choice for the afternoon (**and please indicate your choice when you register for the conference**)

14:00 - “Repeated Reflections”. Guided tour of the classics exhibition of the Goethe

15:30 h National Museum **or**  
Goethe's House **or**

14:00 h Depart for Schloss Friedenstein, Gotha (including guided tour of the Ekhof Theatre) – max. tour size is 40 people

Evening meal in Gotha

*Registration* : with Evelin Morgenstern – “Initiative Fortbildung ... e.V.” –

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*Registration* Due to the support of Fritz Thyssen Foundation:

Fees : Early bird rate: EURO 60,--; registration deadline is 14 October 05, after that, full conference fees of EURO 90,-- will be charged.

We have made arrangements for special rates with

- Hotel „Am Frauenplan“; Brauhausgasse 10; 99423 Weimar, Tel. : (0 36 43) 49 44-0;

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Tel. : (0 36 43) 2 34-0; Fax : ...-44; E-Mail : [weimar@hotel-kaiserin-augusta.de](mailto:weimar@hotel-kaiserin-augusta.de);

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