Becoming a source in the Central Index of WorldCat

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Dear Librarians of Kunsthistorisches Institut,

Christa’s New York is undergoing some research on the following Gerhard Richter: Abstract Bild (802-2), 1994 (Full details and image below). The work appears to be mentioned in the following book:


WorldCat indicates that you library is in possession of a copy. It would be extremely helpful for our research if you could send us scans of the pages where this Richter is mentioned in the book, as well as the cover and publication page. You are one of the rare libraries in the world to have this book.

Thank you very much for your help and I look forward to your response.

Best Regards,


Artist & Date: Gerhard Richter (b. 1932)
Title: Abstractes Bild (802-1)
Details: signed, dated and numbered twice '1994 802-1' (on the reverse)
Picture medium: oil on canvas
Picture Size: 40 1/8 x 44 1/8 in. (102 x 112 cm.)
Other Details: Painted in 1994.
Meta Data

- Library records
- Artikel citations (ArticleFirst, BLISS, ...)
- Provider collections (EBSCO, JSTOR, ...)
- OA Repositories

Services

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Holding information provided by the cataloguing source in a separate table
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Holding information based on title level description and linked via ISSN
Possible scenario

kubikat records (journal articles) will become a source in the article citations sector of the Central Index

[agreement with OCLC; processing of data by OCLC]

Based on the ISSN, all libraries in the ADGC with holdings on a journal would be displayed
Some principles of processing data in the Central Index

Based on agreement with OCLC article citations in distinct collections can be
- either in WorldCat or in the Central Index
- in WorldCat and in the Central Index

OCLC can edit data (i.e. merge, deduplicate) only when they are in WorldCat and when they are in OCLC’s ’possession’

Clustering of redundant records from different sources in the Central Index is possible when the citation format is identical
Advantages

• Better overview of holdings → better access to literature

• Much better overview of holdings when older literature is concerned (example)
Journal available in 20 art libraries in ADGC
442 libraries in WorldCat
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- Better overview of holdings -> better access to literature
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- Step towards clustering additional information (example)
Journal held by 730 libraries in WorldCat and Online-Edition available via JSTOR
Disadvantages / Problems

• No ISSN?
• No exact holding information, only title-based (can be misleading)
• Clustering / merging of non-OCLC data not possible (Print<->Electronic)
• Articles from collected writings?
Requirements / „Desires“

• Better documentation of holdings on journals
• A more flexible recognition and resolution (clustering) of duplicates on article level
• Interconnection of articles and superordinate titles for collected writings (ISBN/ISSN)
• One day (in a very far future?) shared indexing on international level could be possible
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