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Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Kunst- und Museumsbibliotheken (AKMB)

Die Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kunst- und Museumsbibliotheken (AKMB) wurde 1993 als Verein für die Interessenvertretung und Beratung der in der Regel kleinen und mit wenig Personal ausgestatteten Kunst- und Museumsbibliotheken im deutschsprachigen Raum gegründet. Ziel der AKMB ist es, die Leistungsfähigkeit der Kunst- und Museumsbibliotheken und Dokumentationseinrichtungen durch verstärkte Kooperation zu verbessern. Inzwischen...
The story of the three sisters
AKMB

• “Working Group of Art and Museum Libraries”
• kind of German ARLIS, but includes museum libraries
• founded only in 1995
• independent (“Verein”), but networking!
• around 250 institutional and personal members
A little garden
AKMB aims

• to enable the exchange of information and experience between art & museum librarians (via web, web 2.0 and direct contacts, our journal...)

• to support art & museum librarians in their daily work as well as their institutions

• to provide education and training

• to represent the interests of this special type of library (via lobbying, marketing etc.)
Well structured
AKMB structure

An elected board of seven members and special interest groups, actually

• “Fachgruppe Standards” (special interest group quality management)
• “Fachgruppe EDV” (special interest group data processing)
• just relaunched! “Fachgruppe Museumsbibliotheken” (special interest group museum libraries)
• **AKMB-news** (printed journal since 1995)
All you can eat
AKMB meetings, workshops, seminars

• once a year a members meeting, normally in the context of the annual German librarian’s conference “Bibliothekartag”, together with a public accessible presentation of papers

• a two day lasting “Herbstfortbildung” (Autumn Workshop of the AKMB) in cooperation with the Initiative Fortbildung für wissenschaftliche Spezialbibliotheken und verwandte Einrichtungen (IF)

• more seminars and workshops are offered by the IF..., for example library management in special libraries, information retrieval in the field of art...
Growing together
AKMB networking

• other library organizations & initiatives & universities
• specialized networks, like “art libraries.net” (meta-catalogue) and “arthistoricum.net” (virtual library for art)
• museum organizations & initiatives
• IF...
• international contacts: the ARLISSES, study tours (London, Paris, Rome, New York and Washington and viceversa), participation in conferences of colleagues in the U.S., the U.K. and France
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initial point

since 2010 discussion about the future of the site: www.akmb.de
relaunch much needed

• more technical possibilities
• more shoulders to carry
• no extra-money or special funds
• AKMB-members only (group Data Processing)
Planting & watering needed
AKMB @ arthistoricum.net implementing - transfer

• end of 2012: invitation to participate in arthistoricum.net

• solution!

• keep our adress: www.akmb.de

• aim: to be online before the Bibliothekartag 2013 in Leipzig (march)

• thanks to 2 very special people, it worked!
How to grow an Indian garden
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challenges

Still a lot to do:

• English version
• relaunch of content
• more cooperation/ networking
• start to explore the possibilities and chances...
El camino se hace andando
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chances / possibilites

- more direct contacts to the art (libraries) community (search, publishing, digital repository, blog)
- more cooperation with special projects
- more contacts and cooperation with the museums/libraries) community, the digital art history community, the digital humanities community
Thank you!