

KIT Library Ranks in Third Place in Germany

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The KIT Library is one of the libraries ranked best in Germany. (Photo: Harry Marx)

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The library of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is one of the scientific libraries ranked best in Germany. In the library index (BIX) determined annually by the Bertelsmann Foundation and the German Association of Libraries, the KIT library is ranked in third place of 15 in the category of two-shift university libraries with a Central Library and independent institute libraries.

The KIT Library is given excellent ratings for its infrastructure and cost efficiency. Among the criteria for evaluating the performance of libraries all over Germany also are the utilization rate and development potential. With its third place behind the university libraries of Heidelberg and Göttingen, the Karlsruhe Library improved by one place compared to the ranking of last year. "The good ranking of the KIT Library in the BIX above all reflects the extraordinary commitment of the staff," emphasizes Frank Scholze, director of the KIT Library. The KIT Library comprises both central libraries on Campus North, the former Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, and Campus

South, the former university. It has an inventory of two million books and research reports as well as 28,000 journals. “We jointly participated in and designed the successful merger process and reorientation of our information services for research, education, and innovation at KIT during day-to-day business,” says Scholze.

Together with a network of decentralized partial libraries, the KIT Library supplies 25,000 students and 8,000 scientists with information for research and education. The collection of literature focusing on natural sciences and engineering is also available to the interested public. In 2006, the KIT Library opened the first fully automatic 24 hour library in Germany.

Presently, a comprehensive research information system is established at KIT for the documentation of publications, projects, and innovations. On November 22 and 23, 2011, the KIT Library, together with the Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance and the German Initiative for Network Information (DINI), will organize a workshop on this topic. Experts from several universities and research associations are expected to come to Karlsruhe.

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. KIT focuses on a knowledge triangle that links the tasks of research, teaching, and innovation.

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