

Usage statistics and metrics

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The presentation focused on the activities undertaken by DIPF during the past months.

DIPF provided controlled vocabulary for the educational sciences in German and English with 9000 terms in all and a set of 1600 core terms. This terminology can be applied in several contexts:

- multilingual text analysis
- support retrieval by multilingual query expansion: a monolingual query in the EERQI search engine provides documents in all available European languages
- support webcrawling by using educational terminology to discern research documents from non-research
- clustering of research documents: creating term networks for thematic areas to facilitate the retrieval of similar documents

The usefulness of metadata as quality indicators has been discussed by DIPF in previous sessions. Although only the peer review status of a publication can allow more or less direct conclusions about the quality other metadata categories and structural characteristics should not be abandoned in general but stay in the view of further research.

The DIPF database German Education Index (FIS Bildung) is one of the biggest sources for bibliographic information about the educational sciences in Europe. This collection of data has partly been integrated in the EERQI database in the form of metadata and links to available full texts. In addition, DIPF provided expertise about European and international educational resources on the web to support webcrawling.