Development

The service is based on the literature database geodesy, photogrammetry and cartography (GEOPHOKA), which is maintained by the Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie, Branch office Leipzig. Since 1984 there are stored literature entries. They cover the whole subject of geodesy, cartography and photogrammetry and the neighbouring files. Every year 2500 new entries are included into the database.

Objectives

In addition to the Fast Bibliography within the IAG Newsletter of the Journal of Geodesy the IAG Bibliographic Service serves mainly to inform the geodesists who are associated in the IAG about current geodetic literature from all over the world.

For the IAG Bibliographic Service geodetic journals and other periodicals, publications of research institutes, manuals and text books as well as congress papers are analyzed. The documentalists choose such sources for the service which are relevant to the activities of the Sections, Commissions, Special Commissions und Special Study Groups.

These literature sources are available either in the library of the Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG)(library symbol F128 or L191) or in the library of the Deutscher Verein für Vermessungswesen (library symbol B729).

The topicality of the sources recorded in the IAG Bibliographic Service is dependent on the date of their arriving at the library of the BKG. German-language literature und conference proceedings on geodesy are processed as a rule within 3 weeks after receipt.

Each literature record contains:

- The bibliographic description of the source according to the commonly known rules.
- The descriptors in German. They inform about the content of the recorded source.

- In most cases an abstract, if possible in English. The abstracts are often taken from the source or are processed by the documentalists on the basis of the summary, the conclusions, or the list of contents of the source.

If the geodesists need a retrieval covering a longer period of time (more than a year) they can turn to the BKG, Branch Office Leipzig. There is a search mask available directly on the internet for retrieval on records.

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