

Mass Digitization of a Monograph-Collection

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The Library of the Veterinary University of Hannover Foundation was granted funds by the German Research Society (DFG) to participate in a nationwide mass digitization project. The aim is to provide an exhaustive repository of monographs in high quality, i. e. resolution and easily navigable layout. In our specific part of the project the digitization of 3790 veterinary monographs published between 1597 and 1890 is being carried out. Our own digitization started on September 5th, 2009 and is developed by a librarian and an informatics specialist. Mass digitisation, file repair, transformation into machine readable text, durable storage and finally, presentation on the Internet require a high performance scanner (capable of a resolution of true, not interpolated 600 dpi), workflow software, presentation software and personnel. The technical requirements were financed by the DFG as well as costs for hiring a librarian and students workers to do the scanning. The digitised monographs will be accessible on the internet in a database called [Central Index of Digitized Imprints \(ZDDD\)](#) and can be viewed with a specially designed viewer, the [DFG-Viewer](#). The paper will focus on the developmental work and the progress within the project. To illustrate it some specimens of our digitized monographs will be presented.