

The following information policy of the ZFMK has been developed in cooperation with the IT-department of the Germanisches Nationalmuseum (GNM) in Nuremberg.

Information Policy

Declaration of the *Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig* (ZFMK)

Preliminary remark

The *Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig* (in the following ZFMK) understands his future, new role as scientific information provider in the world wide web. In this respect the ZFMK guarantees free access to primary and secondary sources of information according to the "Berlin declaration" from October 22, 2003. In medium terms the ZFMK will expand these digital resources.

Self-conception

Scientists of ZFMK perceive themselves as part of a new growing national and international scientific network. The ZFMK supported the evolving knowledge-network by

- making information accessible in high quality
- providing free access to information for non-commercial purposes
- exploring possibilities of knowledge presentation
- participation at the scientific network
- exploring the new media in terms of museal purposes

Responsibility

ZFMK feel constrained to provide information cost-effective for scientific use and to use the new technology as far as possible profitable for research.

All ZFMK scientists bind themselves to gain access to digital information and furthermore to guarantee authenticity of all in the Internet published information.

Regarding the preparation all ZFMK scientists bind themselves to the same carefulness as generally used in the "analog" scientific world.

ZFMK feel constrained in the following 10 years to acquire and to provide more digital information.

Expectations and Rights

All ZFMK scientists expect fair use of provided information as usual in the scientific world and described in the following data sharing protocol.