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transregional, national**Frankfurt University Library joins the Biodiversity Heritage Library**

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The University Library will enhance BHL's corpus of biodiversity literature by contributing content from its rich Biology Collection. By enabling free access to Central European biodiversity literature, the Library will significantly enhance discoverability of knowledge contained in a segment of literature which is not yet satisfactorily represented online.

The University Library's Biology Collection comprises excellent holdings of historic and modern biodiversity literature, representing some 400,000 volumes on the entire spectrum of biological science. UB JCS has a long history of collection digitization and provides access to a large corpus of digitized literature through its "Digitale Sammlungen" portal, including a notable collection of German botanical journals from 1753-1914. In 2017, the Specialised Information Service Biodiversity Research project (BIOfid; co-funded by the German Research Council DFG) was established to enhance access to the Biology Collection. Through continued digitization of literature and the development of new services including text mining tools to mobilize data within the literature, the project aims to build a bridge between historical holdings and modern biodiversity research. The BIOfid project is conducted by the Library in collaboration with the Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung and the Text Technology Lab of the Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main.

For further information:

- Biology Collection: http://www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/biologie/home_en.html
- BIOfid: <http://www.biofid.de/en/>
- BHL-Blog Post "Welcome the University Library Johann Christian Senckenberg":
<https://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2018/04/bhl-welcomes-the-university-library-johann-christian-senckenberg.html>
- BHL-Portal: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/>

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About University Library Johann Christian Senckenberg

The University Library Frankfurt am Main, with its extensive collections and holdings, is one of the most important academic libraries in Germany. It combines the function of a university library with numerous national tasks, an academic library for the city of Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main area, and one of core libraries concerning supraregional supply of literature and information in Germany.

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