Management system for doctoral researchers and postdocs (Doktoranden und Postdoc Verwaltungssystem, DPVS)
Web-based service ‘DocCount’

Dear doctoral researcher,

last year, the law governing higher education statistics (Hochschulstatistikgesetz) was revised in the attempt to create a valid database to support qualification of young scientists. As a basis to solid argumentation advocating an increase in university funding, reliable data regarding the number of doctoral researchers, funding and duration of the doctoral projects is crucial. The university is therefore obliged to annually provide elaborate data on its ongoing doctoral projects to the State Statistical Office in Kamenz (Statistisches Landesamt), starting December 1st.

In collaboration with the university computer centre (URZ) and the Research Academy, the Studentensekretariat has launched a web-based service named ‘DocCount’ through which you may submit the data required by law. The intended data acquisition is limited to the information stated in the aforementioned law and has been approved by the university data protection officers (both the University and Medical Faculty officials). Due to the missing ordinance on personal data in higher education, disclosure is currently voluntary.

In addition to the provision of data for the higher education statistics, the record will further be used as database to the management system for doctoral researchers and postdocs (Doktoranden und Postdoc Verwaltungssystem, DPVS) at your faculty. This service was designed in collaboration with all faculties in order to facilitate any administrative process during the doctoral project (from the first entry in the doctoral candidate list to organising correspondence during the formal doctoral procedure) and is currently undergoing final technical adjustments.

I would like to ask you to log into DocCount (https://DocCount.uni-leipzig.de) and enter the requested data concerning your doctoral project and academic career, in the period from 1.11.2017 to 30.11.2017. Please check already existing data and correct false information, if needed. All required fields are to be filled in correctly, as only complete data records can be forwarded to the State Statistical Office in an anonymised form. Due to the missing ordinance on personal data in higher education, disclosure is currently voluntary. In case of refusal, no legal difficulties will occur as a result thereof. A uni login is required for registration. If you already have a uni login, you will receive an email until 31.10. confirming that the status ‘Doctoral researcher’ has been added to your account. If you do not have a uni login, you will be sent initial access data to
your private email address, if known. If neither applies to you, please send an email to doccount@uni-leipzig.de after 1.11.2017 stating the following information:

- First and last name (according to IDM)
- Faculty and doctoral supervisor (higher education statistics)
- Topic of your thesis according to the doctoral candidate list (higher education statistics)
- Phone number in case of further queries
- University email address, if known

We will strive to provide your account data as soon as possible.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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