

“Sächsische Biografie“

The biographical dictionary of the Institute of Saxon History and Cultural Anthropology (Dresden)

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The web-based dictionary “Sächsische Biografie” records biographies of noteworthy Saxons from all walks of public life whose influence transcends the local level. Since June 2005, the dictionary has been available online and is currently offering more than 820 detailed biographical articles (as of February 2010) as well as research opportunities on almost 9600 individuals. Both the amount of articles and the number persons to be included in the dictionary are constantly growing.

A Microsoft Access database serves as the basis for selecting new individuals to be included in the dictionary as well as for the subsequent drafting of the individual articles. For each article, this database holds information on biographical core data, selected references and sources as well as on the stage of the editorial process. So far, a unique sequence number has been generated for the articles, which is used, e.g., for hyperlinks within the “Sächsische Biografie” and to automatically link different web-based projects of the Institute of Saxon History and Cultural Anthropology.

In an effort to meet internationally accepted standards for hyperlinking, however, since August 2009 the corresponding PND-ID issued by the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (or a new individualised PND-ID, respectively) has been assigned to each subject in the “Sächsische Biografie”. Currently, we are preparing the linking of our dictionary to the German biography gateway “NDB & ADB-online” (www.deutsche-biographie.de) using the permanent links generated from the PND-IDs and, in the long term, cross-linking within the European “Biographie-Portal” (www.biographie-portal.eu).