

Dear members of IAS,

At the General Assembly in Würzburg we confirmed the previous decision to convert the Arthurian bibliography into a open access database. It has not been easy to negotiate the obstacles, because we had to construct an editing system for the data of all branches, and few financial means are available. The former analogue entries are now broken down into individual fields according to library standards. These can be processed well and will provide long-term use.

The resolution in Würzburg also included the suspension of the printed bibliography. The publisher De Gruyter has asked us to publish a final edition containing the entries of the year 2015. This request gave us some challenges, but finally we have been successful. One month ago the last volume was published. You can retrieve it through the usual homepage <http://www.internationalarthuriansociety.com> after a login. With this volume ends an almost 70-year-old series.

At the same time, the new database has been launched. You can get access to it at <http://bias.internationalarthuriansociety.com>. It is still not perfect at its front end and there will certainly be some bugs in the next few weeks, but the bibliographic team in all branches has been able to replenish most of the data up to 2017. We sincerely thank all national bibliographers for this. At the end of 2019, the 2015 data will also be released, so that you then will be able to view all the entries for the years 2015-18 online.

In the future, a further expansion of the database functions, including the digitization of all old volumes, is planned as soon as we find funding for it. We gratefully accept suggestions for further development. We would also be happy if you could promote the new database in your scholarly organizations.

Kind regards,

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