



Welcome Address

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Irina Sens is Director of Library Services at TIB – Leibniz Information Center for Science and Technology since 1999. She is actively involved in the development and sustainable operation of information infrastructures such as DataCite, where she heads the secretariat, arXiv and ChemRxiv. Her responsibilities also include the transition to open access. She led the German project “Registration of Scientific primary data” which was responsible for the introduction of DOIs for research data. She is strongly involved in the German National Research Data Initiative (NFDI). She obtained a PhD in chemistry and subsequently completed training as a senior librarian.

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Previously, he worked for the archives and records section of the UN's International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT) in Arusha, Tanzania, as well as an earlier 7-year assignment with the IAEA. He holds a Master's Degree in Information Technology from the University of Denver.

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Keynote Address

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Prof. Dr. Sören Auer is Director of TIB – Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology since 2017. He has made important contributions to semantic technologies, knowledge engineering and information systems. He is the author (resp. co-author) of over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications. He has received several awards, including an ERC Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council, a SWSA ten-year award, the ESWC 7-year Best Paper Award, and the OpenCourseware Innovation Award. He has led several large collaborative research projects, such as the EU H2020 flagship project BigDataEurope. He is co-founder of high potential research and community projects such as the Wikipedia semantification project DBpedia, the OpenCourseWare authoring platform SlideWiki.org and the innovative technology start-up eccenca.com. Prof. Auer was founding director of the Big Data Value Association, led the semantic data representation in the Industrial/International Data Space, is an expert for industry, European Commission, W3C and member of the advisory board of the Open Knowledge Foundation.

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