Web Science at the European Knowledge and Information Society

The L3S Research Center focuses on fundamental- and application-oriented methods and innovative technologies in the field of WebScience.

In recent years, L3S work and resources have been used strategically in promising areas of research. Since its inception in 2001, the L3S has grown dynamically and the trend is continuing in 2016. Third-party funding was continuously and successfully increased. The L3S is still within the target range of its requirement to raise a significant portion of the L3S funding to more than 60% per year of third-party funding. With a significant portion of third-party funding being contributed by the European Commission and the European Research Council, the L3S projects are also supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWI) and the industry. The research concentrates on the interdisciplinary extension of the L3S since the increase of the current core funding by the Lower Saxony Ministry for Science and Culture in the year 2011 – as a result of a positive L3S-evaluation of the German Research Council (WR) in 2010. In addition, the Leibniz Universitaet Hannover supports the L3S research center by providing the infrastructure on campus on a cost-neutral basis. Summarily, since it’s foundation the L3S has been endowed with third-party funding amounting to more than EUR 60 million and more funds are already in prospect for the future. Furthermore, the number of employees at the L3S has increased significantly in recent years. This makes clear that the L3S research institution as a whole has a very good reputation in the scientific community. L3S offers a very interesting place to work, which is also reflected in the fact that more than two-thirds of employees (PhD students and PostDocs) are from abroad. The success of the L3S can be attributed to the high level of motivation, enthusiasm, and the competence attributed to all members, researchers and staff. More than 70 researchers at Ph.D.- and PostDoc positions from 27 different nations provide an interesting environment for “cutting-edge” research. These are just some of the reasons that make working at our institute so exciting. Thus, the L3S the right place to turn to for advanced research and innovative ICT solutions.