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Curriculum vitae

- Born in 1956, Stuttgart, Germany
- Studied *History and German Literature* in Stuttgart and Freiburg im Breisgau; *MA in History*, University of Freiburg im Breisgau (1982); Postgraduate program of Information Science in Berlin and Constance; *Diploma in Information Science*, University of Constance (1986); *PhD in Information Science*, University of Constance (1992): Thesis: "Electronic Document Delivery in the Age of Electronic Publishing"
- Professor at Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Information Science (since 1994)
Subject: "Applications of IT in Information Science"
- Sales employee for a software provider (1986 – 1988); lecturer and executive director at the *Institute of Documentation* in Frankfurt (1988 – 1991)

¹ German version "Oßwald"; the German letter "ß" is transliterated to "ss" (international version).

- Freelance consultant in the field of Library and Information Science, specially in library automation and workflow management (1990 – 1994)
- Assistant Professor at Universities of Applied Sciences in Cologne, Stuttgart, Marburg (Germany) and Chur (Switzerland)

Focus of professional and teaching activities

- IT-based workflows in library and information science institutions, focusing on library automation, discovery services, and cloud-based services
- Value-added features of IT-based information services
- Electronic publishing and electronic document delivery
- Curation and preservation of digital objects
- Personal Digital Archiving

Functions within the Institute of Information Science

- Dean (1997 – 2001)
- Deputy Dean (2001 – 2002)
- Executive Director of the [Zentrum für Bibliotheks- und Informationswissenschaftliche Weiterbildung \(ZBIW\)](#), an Institute for Further Education at Cologne University of Applied Sciences serving the LIS community (9/2007 – 8/2011)
- Manager of the part-time Master program [Library and Information Science \(MALIS\)](#) (since 2002)
- Head of the [IT-Lab](#) (1995 – 2012)
- Member of the executive committee at the Institute of Information Science, Cologne University of Applied Sciences (1997 – 2011)

Editorial board memberships

- [Zeitschrift für Bibliothekswesen und Bibliographie](#) (since 1992)
- Hochschulverband für Informationswissenschaft e.V. [Schriften zur Informationswissenschaft](#) (since 1992)
- [LIBER Quarterly](#), The Journal of the Association of European Research Libraries (since 2010)

Extra curricular work as committee member and advisor

- Coordinator and advisor to the "[Programme supporting application-oriented research and development at Universities of Applied Sciences \(aFuE\)](#)" of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany (1998 – 2003)
- Member of the LIS "Think Tank" supporting the [British Council](#) in Germany (2001 – 2007)
- Member of the board of several research projects of the LIS community in Germany (since 1994)
- Advisory expert to [GIZ](#) (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), formerly *inwent* (Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung gGmbH) (since 1999)
- Member of program committees of national and international conferences in the field of information science including
 - [International Symposia on Information Science \(ISI\)](#) (since 1994) ,
 - European Conference on Research and Advanced Technologies for Digital Libraries (ECDL; 2003 – 2004)
 - International Conference on Semantic Web & Digital Libraries (ICSD; Bangalore 2007)
 - International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics (Bangalore, 2012)
 - [International Conferences on Preservation of Digital Objects \(iPRES\)](#) (since 2007)
 - 11th International Conference on Knowledge, Economy and Management (Istanbul, 2012)
- Academic counselor („Hochschulrat“) of [Fachhochschule Worms \(2004-2013\)](#)
- Member of the advisory board of the Swiss [University of Applied Sciences HTW Chur](#), Institute of Information Science (since 2010)
- Member of the advisory board of the Austrian "[Interuniversitärer Universitätslehrgang: Library and Information Studies \(MSc\)](#)", a cooperative program of the Austrian National Library, Vienna University Library, Graz University Library and Innsbruck University Library (since 2009)
- Advisory expert to [ACQUIN](#) (Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute) and [OAQ](#) (Organ für Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung der Schweizer Hochschulen)
- Advisory expert to the University of Madras, Chennai, Department of Library and Information Science, India and other Indian Universities (about 20 PhDs)

Member of the following professional organizations

- [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Informationswissenschaft und Informationspraxis \(DGI\)](#) (1985-2017)

- [American Society for Information Science and Technology \(ASIST\)](#) (since 1986)
- [Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft e.V.](#); (Member of the board since 2004; deputy president since 2009)
- [Arbeitskreis Information Rheinland](#); Member of the board 1995 – 2004

Selected research projects

- [2MN](#) Module für die multimediale netzbasierte Hochschullehre (Modules for multimedia-based teaching in academic teaching)
- Project "Social and economic inclusiveness: the role of cultural and memory organisations" in cooperation with ECOTEC Research & Consulting
- [Evit@](#) Evaluation elektronischer Informationsmittel (Evaluation of electronic information resources)
- [HyPR](#) Hypermedia- Informationsmittel (Hypermedia-based information resources)
- Research term during winter term 2006/07: Visiting scientist at [Documentation Research and Training Centre](#), Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, India, working on open access repositories in India
- [nestor](#) : Qualification activities for long-term preservation of digital objects; speaker of the nestor HE institutions qualifying in the field of digital preservation
- Project partner of the European Research Project [DigCurV](#) (Digital Curator Vocational Education Europe Project), representing the nestor HE institutions
- Research term during winter term 2011/12 working on digital preservation activities of information science institutions in Europe

Publications

- More than 170 publications in the field of library automation, electronic publishing, document delivery, digital preservation, education and training in the LIS field
- View publications of Achim Osswald at https://www.iws.th-koeln.de/personen/osswald/osswald_publ.php

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