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The Schreibmotorik Institut in a nutshell

- The Schreibmotorik Institut is a unique institution in Germany. It carries out independent research in the field of graphomotor skills and writing ergonomics, links relevant institutions in the field of writing and brings together experts who have spent years examining the theory and practice of efficient writing. In short: the Schreibmotorik Institut compiles the whole specific knowledge concerning learning to write by hand.
- It is mainly the written form which is at the centre of public discussions. The systematization of graphomotor skills however is surprisingly neglected. And yet it is tremendously important as writing problems are mainly concerned with motor skills.
- Children should have the opportunity to learn how to write quickly and legibly without getting tired – an important basis for later learning success. The Schreibmotorik Institut offers teachers and educators scientifically proven modules for successful writing lessons.
- The Schreibmotorik Institut is an independent and non-profit institute. It was founded in autumn 2012.

- The scientific advisory committee stands for the vast professional competence of the Schreibmotorik Institut: The motor skills and handwriting expert Dr. Christian Marquardt has been researching the basic motor skills of writing for more than 20 years. Prof. Dr. Ralph Bruder, director of the renowned Institute of Ergonomics (IAD) at Darmstadt University of Technology was head of the Institute for Ergonomics and Design Research at the University Duisburg-Essen that was founded by him in 2002. Karl Söhl, head of an academic seminar focusing on teaching people with speech and language impediments is author of numerous specialist articles and teaching materials on graphomotor skills.
- The Schreibmotorik Institut has an open mind about cooperations with project sponsors and educational establishments. It offers competent advice and professional exchange on the topic „learning to write“.
- The Schreibmotorik Institut is directed by pedagogue and art therapist Daniela Westner. It is based in Franconian Heroldsberg (Bavaria). Apart from the three-person executive board it employs five staff members.