

DACHELA - Ex Libris Users Group of the German speaking countries – Report for INUG 2011

Membership:

In 2011 we have achieved 50 member institutions (plus 2 extraordinary members – with non-voting membership); the Membership fee remains the same with EUR 50.- for IGeLU members and EUR 100.- for others.

General Activities:

National User Group Organisation – DACHELA

DACHELA Members met for their annual meeting in St. Gallen (Switzerland) from the 4th to the 5th of April this year.

Trying to serve all German speaking users and cover the different Ex Libris products, the range of presentations – altogether more than 20 – was very interesting and lots of discussions were on the way. Besides talks about Alma and cloud computing from Ex Libris and other institutions, there was a concentration of themes on Primo and Aleph. Different best practice studies as well as implementation reports opened the way for intensive discussions on a variety of themes including bX, Metalib and SFX. The mixture of participants – either new or experienced users of Ex Libris products – was very successful.

Also, after the two year term, we had to run an election for the members of the Executive Committee at the DACHELA-Meeting. The new (and mostly also former) members of the DACHELA Executive Committee are now the following:

Chairperson – Ester Straub, IDS Verbundkoordination,

Coordinator of Product Specific Working Groups – Dr. Mathias Kratzer, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Bibliotheksverbund Bayern / Verbundzentrale

Secretary – Ralf Matalla, Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Düsseldorf, Dezernent Bibliotheks-IT

IGeLU Liaison Officer – Dr. Silke Schomburg, Hochschulbibliothekszentrum des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen Cologne

Treasurer – Mag. Wolfgang Hamedinger, Die Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service Gesellschaft m. b. H. Wien

Ongoing Special Activities:

New Website / wiki for the DACHELA members (exclusively) – With a lot of development and administrative effort from the chair of DACHELA, we successfully migrated to a new website-system just in time for our annual DACHELA-Meeting. You can have a look at the public area of our German site at: <http://www.dachela.org/DACHELA>

We decided to host the following mailing lists:

- aleph -> communication on Aleph in German (including the archive of the old list aleph-dach@obvsg.at)
- primo -> communication on Primo/Metalib in German

- rosetta -> communication on Rosetta in German
- sfx -> communication on SFX in German (including the archive of the old list smug-dach@zib.de)

Moreover, we have introduced a new general mailing list for announcements and discussions of more user group than product related issues which is open to members of DACHELA only. Also exclusively available for DACHELA members the new website hosts the presentations from the user group meeting in St. Gallen as well as of the future meetings, e.g. next year in Berlin which will take place either in spring or autumn 2012.

On behalf of the user group:

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